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## QUINTET FORGES TWO MORE LINKS TO SOLID CHAIN IN SPORTS ARENA

### Vanderbilt and Albany "Y" Fall Before Attack of Mercer

### COMMODORE GAME CLOSE

### Josh Cody Brings Strongest Outfit That Has Met Locals This Season

To the casual and uninterested observer, the Macon Sports Arena seems to be only a drab and unpretentious structure, but to the group of Bears who wear the Orange and Black jerseys, it must have indeed inspirational qualities. It is never wise to boast of success in the past or to prophesy victory in the future, but one fact is uppermost in the minds of Mercer students: Men of Mercer have never seen their basketball team go down in defeat on the floor of the local sports arena.

On last Friday night the Bears encountered one of the smoothest quintets ever to cavort on the local courts. The outcome of the struggle was Mercer 31; Vanderbilt 30. Gil Reese, All-Southern gridiron performer, led the offensive attack of the visitors. He has many characteristics of the proverbial dynamite. Crook Smith attained those heights in defensive work for which he is famous. Morgan Blake, and other eminent sport writers are obviously correct in their assertion that he is the greatest defensive player in the game.

### Skinner Leads Scoring

Bunce Skinner was the leading point-getter for the Bears. He made several goals which recalled the shades of George Harmon. It was a basket from his hands that tied the score, and his sinking of four consecutive foul shots near the end of the game that made this possible.

Shorty Green, Skinner's lod mate of high school days, was in excellent form. Red Simmons was given a rest during the latter period of the game, but his reinstatement furnished the impetus which started the rally that finished with Mercer on the heavy end of the score.

King Dunn has experienced considerable difficulty in finding his proper element. He is not content to run about the floor, but does most of his playing up in the air. He is very adept at the art of breaking up passes, and is hence a tower on the defense.

The Y. M. C. A. of Albany, Georgia, seems to have acquired the habit in the past of defeating the Bears at every opportunity. This has been going on for so long that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. On Monday night, Captain  
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## BEARS WANT GEORGIA TO GIVE RETURN GAME

"You can put this in your pipe and smoke it," said Coach Tink Gillam. "We are not going to play Georgia in basketball this year in Athens unless they give us a return game in Macon."

Georgia has refused to come to Macon this year to play the Bears, but have offered to play Mercer either one or two games in Athens toward the middle of February.

As "Parson" Chandler says, "It looks a-s-suspicious."

## SOPHS AND RATS CLASH SATURDAY

### Game to Decide Inter-Class Gridiron Champions of 1925

Oh, Fate, with whom will you flirt this time?

When the Soph-Frosh struggle gets under way at Alumni Field tomorrow afternoon, each team determined to get revenge for injuries, whether moral, physical or mental, which they received at the beginning of the fall term, there promises to be one of the most thrilling events that have occurred on this campus since that memorable day that Mercer licked that Florida Gator.

If the sophs get there, the frosh say, referring to the goal line, they will do so by physical force. Their grounds for making such broad statements are none other than they do not intend to give an inch of ground and to yield only a few. The "Invincible" sophs reply that the first year men need not give, but they must yield.

### JuniorSenior Today

This afternoon will bring with it when the sophomores and freshmen of two years ago, now called the telling of another sweet story, juniors and seniors, will debate their strength on the grid.

These games should be of more interest when it is remembered that they will determine the two teams which will clash to solve the great problem of championship. The sophs and juniors now have a clear record, each team holding one victory and one tie. The juniors have two defeats and no victories to their credit, while the first year men stand on the half-way mark with a 500 per cent average.

The freshmen celebrated their great victory over the juniors last week, but they were not able to hold eleven spirited seniors last Monday when the fourth year men triumphed gloriously to a 6 to 0 victory. It was not until the closing moments of the game, however, that the seniors were able to bring the ball near the freshmen's line.

A series of passes by the winners once brought the ball to the freshmen.  
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## MANY OPENINGS IN JOURNALISM, ATLANTA EDITOR TELLS STUDENTS

### James B. Nevin Says Profession Needs Men With Real Personalities

### CALLS FOR HARD WORK

### Second Speaker in Series Talks to Journalists of Wesleyan and Mercer

"If you are sent to get a story, get it," was the advice of James B. Nevin, editor of the Atlanta Georgian and the second of a series of American journalists to lecture to students of the Mercer and Wesleyan schools of journalism, in his lecture given Thursday night in the university chapel.

"Do not let anybody tell you that you can't get it. There is a road and a legitimate road to every man's door. If you are smart enough to find it, then you will succeed as a journalist."

Further Mr. Nevin advised the students not to suppress their personalities while they were writing the story. "Write just as you are," he told them. "Personality counts for much in engaging writing. Do not copy cut the other fellow—be captain of your own newspaper soul—strive always for accuracy and, above all things be fair."

### Schools Important

In speaking of the training necessary to be a newspaper man Mr. Nevin said that he had once been skeptical as to the value of schools of journalism but that now he has completely dissolved all primary doubts and that he knows that they serve a splendid purpose.

Beside the training received in the schools of journalism, Mr. Nevin said that any man who wanted to rise in the newspaper game had to first be a reporter, and a reasonably good one.

"I sometimes think that the best and worthiest title in the newspaper profession is that of reporter, for he is the backbone of the press. Without him and a discharge of his duties, newspaper work would be fruitless and profitless," Mr. Nevin said.

### Must Work Hard

"I have never met a newspaperman who could be considered a genius in the work who was not a hard worker. It is an exacting profession. News must be written thoroughly, accurately, fairly and squarely and at a high speed. It is particularly important that you learn to think fast and to think straight. If you think otherwise, be sure that your sins will find you out and you never will become a real newspaper man."

One of the qualifications that Mr. Nevin set forth as an essential for a newspaper man, was that he should not drink whiskey. In connection with this he said:

"If at any time you want to lose your job, take a drink of liquor, go to the city editor and blow your breath in his face. You will be fired, so quickly that it will make your head swim."

### Offers Fine Field

Mr. Nevin told the students that newspaper work would furnish them a fine field of endeavor. That it was an honorable profession and mostly honorably conducted. He also said the newspaper "crook" was as rare, and sometimes rarer, than the crook in any other profession. "Newspaper work carries so much responsibility that it engenders in a man who is able to think straight, a sense of obligation that carries him through over and beyond many temptations to step aside."

Prof. Fork introduced Mr. Nevin to the student body and reminded them of the fact that it was through the love of Thomas J. Hamilton, editor of the Augusta Chronicle, for his Alma Mater, that the series of lectures by prominent American journalists had been put on for the benefit of the journalism students.

## WORK OF EXCAVATING FOR \$100,000 STADIUM IS BEGUN THIS WEEK

### Contract Calls for Completion by Middle of July; To Be Dedicated by Georgia Game.

Erection of Macon's athletic bowl beyond Alumni Field is under way.

The process of scooping a giant horseshoe out of Gray's Hill began Wednesday after several days had been consumed in placing tool houses and surveying. The stadium contract calls for its completion by July 14.

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## SINGERS PLEASE G. S. C. W. GIRLS

### Glee Club Leaves Today For Americus and Dawson

After taking Milledgeville by storm with the presentation of two performances in that city last week-end, Greater Mercer's Greatest Glee Club will leave this morning for Americus where they will entertain tonight. They will give a performance at Dawson tomorrow evening.

The program tonight will be sponsored by the American Legion, for Americus, and tomorrow night the club will appear in the Dawson theatre. Reports emanating from Milledgeville, where the club entertained last week end are to the effect that the biggest hit of the season was made there. Milledgeville correspondents have this to say about the singers in that city:

"The Mercer Glee Club here Friday night and Saturday covered itself with glory. At 8:30 Friday evening the curtain at the Opera House rose on the first act of a performance which the town has been anticipating all fall."

On Saturday evening a special program was given for the G. S. C. W. girls and here is what the correspondent said about that:

"Needless to say the young women and even the faculty of the college showed even more enthusiasm for the numbers and the performers. The two programs have seemed to touch the peak of excellence and another year is added to Mercerian success."

The people of Americus and Dawson are awaiting the program of this season, remembering the one that was given them last year. These two cities have been on the annual schedule of the club for a number of years.

"Why did you go driving with that young fellow? Weren't you good and cold?"

"Yes, Mother, good and cold."  
—The Technique.

## It Takes a —er Mighty Good Man To Make a Good Lady on the Stage

(Clank Burghard)  
So declared "Hank" Hall, retiring president of the Mercer Dramatic club, and "Bill" Cook, "Hank's" room mate and also a club member. And if there are any who know how to be a successful actress these two are they. Hall, as president and director of the Players, knows everything—and it was Cook's playing of the French maid in Adam and Eva last year which caused people to ask if Mercer had become Co-ed.

"Being a lady on the stage isn't simply a matter of a blonde wig and a dress. Oh, no! There are several other requisites. The ordinary college boy walks with an exaggerated swagger. His shoulder motion is the swaying of the last boxcar on a fast thru freight. Such is very unseemly in a modest lady.

"Further, he must learn to hold his elbows in against his sides, get

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Running southwest from the intersection of Dempsey Avenue and Adams Street, on the hill just beyond Alumni Field, the stadium will have an inside dimension of 616 feet in length and 334 feet in width. Its seating capacity will be 12,500.

### Field Beyond Stands

The general horseshoe effect, or outer surrounding of concrete stands, surrounds only a portion of the field. The blue prints indicate that 92 feet are to project beyond the arms of concrete.

Six streets will lead to the stadium. Nineteen entrances through ramps or inclines, running from the outside, will enable those attending games to gain admission without being crowded. A sidewalk is to surround the stands, and these ramps or inclines will run from the walkway to the outside. The ramps are to reach the inside to an aisle which will run around the horseshoe the entire length of the bowl.

The stands are to be raised above the ground twelve feet, and on the inside will be lined with twenty tiers of seats, ten above and ten below an aisle running midway of the length of the stands. This arrangement, providing nineteen sections for entrance, will eliminate any crowding regardless of the number that may be in attendance at a game; it is believed.

### Outer Seats Woodan

Seats inside the stands are to be of wood and raised on a platform, affording advantages for watching the plays that are considered next to excellent. Spectators will be able to pass in and out during games without the slightest interference to anyone else.

No provision has been made for a covering for the stands under the present plan. A former plan provided for a canopy to cover a choice portion of the seats, but when the bids on this plan were found to be beyond the

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## Oo-o-o! Ghoul Hanted Tryon Hall Kept Sleepless by Eerie Noises

Leonard W. Williams  
Bloodcurdling noises! Distorted shapes of human figures! An alley-cat's offspring, wide-eyed and scared. Nightly for a week, Preacher Layton and Dee Roney, Tryon Hall roommates, had tried to sleep in peace, only to be petrified with fear. Between 12 and 1 o'clock ghastly sounds within their habitat chilled the very marrow of any who entered.

The fire, that before had burned innocently enough, then tossed a strange silhouette here and there on walls, a misshapen, bent old man staggering over white ceiling.

A chair in the middle of the room, with no one near, jumped sideways, spun slightly on a leg, and flopped heavily to the floor.

From the hearth the first night, a scruffy, brindled kitten, half starved and glassy eyed, stared as the light was jerked on. No one had seen it before. It disappeared the next day. Soft, squaky footsteps eased across the floor. Later a thin ephemeral

pitter-pat flapped from one end of the room to another.

Raucously, a harsh blow began, first low in an outer wall, then following the zig-zag fashion of lightning, apparently ended a mile away, but most likely in a far corner.

At the same time, each night, in the same room, the affair was repeated. Always the same light, the same squashing and blasted racket.

Layton reached the quitting point. Roney wasn't much better. The recollection that twenty-five years ago an old man climbed into a chair in this room, tied a rope to his neck, then to a chandelier, and kicked the chair from under him as he hanged there, didn't add much to the comfort of having the suicide site for a sleeping place.

This lasted until last Tuesday night. Should you care for the sequel it may be that Layton and Roney would give you the names of several super-fresh upper classmen who could furnish the rest.