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## DIXIE CAGE CHAMPSHIP IN DOUBT

### University Fathers, in Meet, Call Greek Letter Sons Back Home

#### OFFER TO GIVE COLLEGE LAND FOR BUILDINGS

Fraternity Chapter Houses Must Move Near Campus, Say Trustees

#### NEW PROFESSOR ADDED

After September, 1925, chapter houses of Mercer's Greek letter fraternities must be restricted to an area adjacent to the present campus, it was decreed by the board of trustees in a quarterly meeting last Friday afternoon.

The university fathers went on record, however, as approving the installation of chapter houses in that they offered college ground to any fraternity that would agree to erect a headquarters thereon.

Under no consideration, it was further stipulated, in the houses on the campus or off, would fraternities be permitted to conduct any but rooming houses that there are to be no dining halls allowed.

Also, beginning with the next year, the executive head, meaning the president, of any student organization must be taken from the senior or post-graduate class. This, of course, does not apply to fraternities.

Four new professors were added to the faculty for 1925-26, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Mercer president, announced after the meeting and resolutions of commendation were passed upon the work of the present administration.

**Professors Added**  
Riley B. Plymale, A. B., for several years professor of mathematics and treasurer at Locust Grove Institute, will become assistant professor of mathematics here and director of dormitories.

Charles Weston Williams, A. B., of Howard college; B. Lit. of Oxford University, England, and a graduate student of the University of Sweden, will become professor of business administration. He is the son of Dr. Charles Bray Williams, of the theological seminary faculty.

John H. Barber, A. B. of Mercer; M. A. of University of Alabama; Th. D. of the Southern Baptist theological seminary, and present pastor of the Cherokee Heights Baptist Church, Macon, is to be professor of missions and evangelism.

Hugh Rainey Awtry, A. B. of Mercer, now studying in France, will become assistant professor in French. Awtry withdrew from Mercer during Christmas to study in French universities. He will return next summer.

Gower Latimer, A. B., A. M., B. D., of Mercer, was promoted to assistant professor of Greek and Hebrew.

Loy J. Bowen was promoted to assistant professor in accounting.

Prof. Henry Louis Batts, A. B., of Mercer, professor of religious education, was given leave of absence for a half year to enter the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy to do graduate study.

Dr. Weaver, in his annual report, showed that since he had taken charge of Mercer's affairs in 1918, the enrollment has increased from 303 to 1,154; that the assets have increased two and a half times, or more than a million dollars; that the income from students has increased thirteen and a half times; that the total income is five and a half times greater, and that during his five years of service the university has operated without spending or current expenses any of the money given by Georgia Baptists.

Following this report, the following resolution commending the work of Dr. Weaver and the religious and educational policy of the Mercer administration, was passed by the trustees.

Your committee feels that this

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORD	
Skinner	28
Green	28
Simmons	14
Smith	13
Ellison	6
Dunn	11
Total	100

#### DR. FOX LEAVES FOR NEW FIELD

To Take Position With United States Bureau of Entomology

#### LOCATE IN NEW JERSEY

Dr. Henry Fox, former head of Mercer's biology department, will leave Macon either today or tomorrow for Riverton, N. J., where he is to become special investigator in the laboratories of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology.

Until next summer, his family, consisting of a wife and daughter, will remain in Macon. The daughter is a student at Wesleyan College.

**To Close Dismissal**  
The departure from Macon and Mercer of Dr. Fox will bring to a nominal close one of the foremost topics of discussion among Southern Baptists and educators.

Opposition to his connection with Mercer developed early in the fall among the university trustees and denominational supporters because of his religious and scientific views. After much agitation and debate the biologist was requested to resign from the Mercer faculty.

This he refused to do, but a conciliation was reached when he agreed to withhold himself from his classroom for the remainder of the session. Prof. G. L. Carver, formerly of the science department of Lanier high school then was named his successor.

#### BALL PRACTICE BEGINS MONDAY SAYS ROBINSON

Season of '25 Will be Best Since 1918 is Opinion of Mentors

#### FIRST GAME MARCH 23

The crack of the ashen bat on the old horsehide will be heard Monday afternoon for the first time under the watchful eye of Coach Stanley Robinson.

Strenuous practice will be the order of things on account of the late start, which will give only thirteen days of preparation for the first game with Florida, in Gainesville, March 23.

Prospects are good for Captain "Shorty" Poore to lead a winning aggregation on the field this year. There is the most promising material on hand since 1918, when Mercer won the championship of the South.

**Practice Hitting**  
Coach Robinson states that he will lay especial stress this year on hitting and running. Fleetness of foot and an eagle eye win more ball games than any other factor is his belief, so he will drill the men from early till late along these lines.

One of the most radical changes from last year's lineup reported, is the shifting of "Red" Lawrence from an outfield position to the infield. When Bobby Pinkston was absent because of sickness last season "Rusty" stepped in and filled the gap at second admirably. He will tryout for third base this season.

A merry scrap is anticipated for first base. "Crook" Smith has been holding this sack down for the past three years, but he will have keener competition this year than ever before, with "Red" Adams, Charley Stapleton, and "Hank" Alford stepping out against him. More than one

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COACH M. P. GILLAM

The Napoleon of Southern Basketball is the title earned by "Tink" Gillam for coaching the Mercer Quintet to two consecutive S. I. A. A. championships.

#### Zenith Attained In New Jersey

WMAZ Programs Reach Welcoming Audience in Far Off States

#### BROADCASTS TOURNEY

WMAZ, Mercer's broadcasting station, is attaining zenith rapidly. Last week, replies from programs were received from Maine to Texas, and from New Jersey to Colorado.

Bob Gamble, use to battle for Mercer on the courts, was confined to the hospital during the tournament, but he followed the ball over the courts by means of a receiving set. The following telegram was received from him: WMAZ, Care of Sports Arena, Macon, Ga.

Game coming in fine, nurse holding left hand, nurse holding right hand, everything chicken, give 'em hell Mercer.

Signed Bob Gamble.  
Bob never misses a Mercer game, especially the tournament, if possible. It was inevitable that he would miss it this year. He was worried so about it that it seemed that he would suffer a set back. The radio solved the

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#### Seniors Fall for Rat's Prank

Everett and Dorough Seeking Business Opportunities

Bill Everett, dignified senior, picked up the phone and said in his well modulated voice, "Hello, this is Mr. Everett."

"So glad to get you, Mr. Everett. I am the representative of a large Atlanta corporation. I am looking for intelligent college men for responsible positions, and you have been recommended to me as the very man for the place. Mr. Everett, will you be so kind as to meet me in the lobby of the Hotel Dempsey this afternoon at 5 o'clock? I will be there at exactly 5. My name is A. N. Smith. Thank you, Mr. Everett."

W. O. Dorough, dignified senior, picked up the phone and said in his well modulated voice, "Hello, this is Mr. Dorough."

"So glad to get you, Mr. Dorough. I am the representative of a large Atlanta corporation and you have been recommended to me as the very man for the place. Mr. Dorough, will you be so kind as to meet me in the Tattnell Square Pharmacy tonight at ten o'clock? I will be there exactly at ten. My name is A. N. Smith. Thank you, Mr. Dorough."

As the freshman hung up, the receiver he broke into a gale of laughter. He fell upon the bed, where two other frosh were also howling with glee, and joined them in their side-splitting mirth. As the rain pattered upon the roof, the freshmen rolled upon the bed and laughed about the revenge they had gotten for the

prank. They disturbed his slumbers at night. They insisted on sharing his Sunday night lunch. They gnawed the ends off his strings, and wrought havoc generally.

Dennis was worried. He sat down to study a way out of his trouble. At last he found it. He didn't waste time shouting Eureka, etc. He went straightway and borrowed a mouse trap.

#### Rats Meet Death on Campus

Soph Slaughters Them "Goin' an' Comin'" in Dorm

There are few rats in Gambrell Hall. Their chances to stay there are small.

This simple little couplet reminds the reader of two things, no doubt. The Pied Piper of Hamelin, and the first three weeks of the Fall term, when freshmen are fresh and sophs are rash. But this is one time that the readers are fooled. For, it is neither.

Last week Dennis Pierce, a sophomore who helps to pay the rent on Gambrell Hall, suddenly became aware that his room was infested with rats. Not of the genus Freshman. Not of the class of first year fame. These would-be roommates of Dennis were of the rodent class.

The members of this class never "cut" it, but they cut just everything else that was cuttable in Dennis' room. Many costly textbooks were marred by these little pests.

Dennis did not like his squeaky little roomies. They disturbed his slumbers at night. They insisted on sharing his Sunday night lunch. They gnawed the ends off his strings, and wrought havoc generally.

The record of Dennis and the wee mouse trap to date follows: Time spent on setting trap: ten minutes. Profits reaped thereby: safety to his textbooks, and unlibbed lunches. Bait used: one square inch of banana peel. Results: ten dead mice.

#### N. C. DECLINES TO PLAY BEARS FOR THE HONOR

S. I. C. Victors Tell S. I. A. A. Winners They Can't Miss Classes

#### CITADEL PLAYS GOOD GAME

Mercer will not get a crack at the University of North Carolina for the basketball championship of the South.

Coach Stanley Robinson, immediately after the Tarheels won the flag in the S. I. C. tournament, issued a challenge to them to meet Mercer for the championship, agreeing to play anywhere, anytime, and under any financial conditions.

The coach of the S. I. C. champs quickly refused, giving as his reason the statement that his team could not afford to miss another day from classes.

There is a possibility of the Bears entering the national tournament, to be played in Kansas City in about ten days. Local authorities have received an invitation from the national tourney officials and are now dickering with them regarding expenses.

Mercer, 31; Citadel, 24.

This score fails to tell the tale of the game of last Friday night when Mercer won her second consecutive basketball championship by virtue of defeating the gamest little team to take the floor against the Bears this season.

The game was for the championship of the S. I. A. A., and Citadel was leading with only five minutes left to play, when Captain "Crook" Smith, "Red" Simmons, and Sidney Ellison, ably assisted by Green and Skinner, started one of the most sensational comebacks ever pulled by a Mercer team.

Douglas and Weeks, a pair of babyish looking Citadel forwards, had played rings around Mercer's six-footers. Defeat seemed inevitable when Green dropped the ball into the basket, tying the score. From then on the Bears were not headed, scoring eight points to one for Citadel.

#### Green Stars

To Greene goes the credit for Mercer's offensive rally. This long, lanky forward exuded fire from every inch of six feet, two inches. It was his three goals, tossed in rapid succession, that brought the bacon home. His ability to follow up his shots and make them good for two points was uncanny. He was high point man of the evening with twelve points.

"Crook" Smith, "Red" Simmons, and Sidney Ellison put up some neat guarding in this encounter, holding Citadel to one field goal in the second half.

Citadel has a team that is a high school team in stature and professional in ability. Douglas, a flashy forward, was the outstanding player of the tourney in the eyes of sport writers. The other members of the squad were not far behind Douglas, rounding out a well-balanced team.

To this team of Cadets goes the palm for being the cleanest, hardest fighting team faced by the Bears this season.

**Line-up and summary:**  
Mercer: Skinner (10) F, Douglas (6) G, Green (12) F, Simmons (3) C, Smith (4) G, Ellison (2) G.  
Citadel: Douglas (6) G, Weeks (8) G, Weinberg (5) C, Sanders (5) G, Wagner (5) G.

**Substitutions:** Mercer, Dunn for Green; Green for Simmons; Citadel, McDowell for Wagner. Field goals: Mercer 12; Citadel, 11. Foul goals: Mercer, 7 out of 10; Citadel, 2 out of 7. Score at end of half: Citadel, 19; Mercer, 13. Referee, Bernier (B. A. C.) Umpire, Graves (A. A. C.).