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WEEK'S RESULTS SHOW CAMPAIGN GOING OVER FINE

Lee Battle, Faculty, and Macon Join to Swell Pledges as First Period Ends

\$25,000 GOAL REALIZED

Future for Mercer Looks Bright as Alumni Came to Aid of Alma Mater

Lee Battle, faithful cook who has served Mercer for 27 years, has promised to contribute \$10 to the University's Centennial campaign. Lee has seen the University grow from an institution of two or three hundred students to its present enrollment of 1100. Lee says he cannot pay the \$10 at present but hopes to be able to present it as a Christmas gift.

Officials of the Centennial Campaign will end a busy week of solicitation tomorrow. The work of obtaining subscriptions began in Macon Tuesday and at the end of the first day Roy Smith stated that \$25,000 had been pledged. This amount is one-fifth of Macon's quota for five years.

Dr. Weaver reports that \$11,500 has been subscribed by the Mercer faculty with prospects of this amount being raised to \$13,000. Gifts of 2 1/2 per cent of salaries were suggested by the faculty. W. P. Hunt, who looks after the repair work on the campus, has pledged \$50 to the campaign. Lee Battle has promised \$10.

College Parades

The campaign began Monday morning with a parade by the Mercer faculty and student body. The march began in front of the Administration building where the line was formed with four abreast. Escorted by a squad of policemen, Mercer's band led the way and was followed at a short distance by the faculty dressed in their black flowing robes and tassled caps and with their hoods of various colors waving in a stiff breeze that brought the first cold weather of the year. Behind the faculty came the graduate students who were followed by the law students. Then came the Senior, Junior, Sophomore and freshman classes in the order named. Mercer's freshman and Varsity football squads dressed in their uniforms marched between Junior and Sophomore classes.

Interpersed from the beginning to the end of the line were numerous banners and posters carried by the students, which represented the various departments and organizations of the University. As the wind blew these swayed backward and forward in the hands of the students who carried them.

By Wesleyan, Naturally

The line left the campus at 11:15 o'clock and moved across Tattall Square Park towards Wesleyan. From here the parade turned down Georgia Avenue and marched into Mulberry Street, at the end of which it turned towards the Terminal Station and began the march up Cherry at noon. Here the line spread so as to cover the street. As the end of the procession passed the Terminal Station the band was nearing Cotton Avenue. The parade was nearly a half mile in length.

Spectators lined the streets and crowded the office windows as the procession passed. All seemed impressed by the number of Mercer students, as shown by the long line. The parade ended at City Hall at 12:15.

Final plans were made for conducting the drive at a banquet held at the Hotel Danmore by the local campaign committee last Monday evening. Much business was done. Short speeches were made by John B. Hart, president of the campaign and also

A Letter

October 29, 1926.

Mr. Recent Alumnus, United States.

Dear Al:

This week the editor of The Cluster received a letter which set the staff thinking. The letter, a surprise, was from a woman who is not familiar with campus scenes and faculty faces as you are, yet she liked the pictures The Cluster presents each week and she wrote: "Why not let the folks back home have the pleasure of reading your publication? Here's a check for \$1.50 for the year's subscription which I shall thoroughly enjoy. Yes, my boy is a freshman, over in Sherwood Hall, and I want to keep up with student activities."

"(Mrs.) Adelia Routh Brown, Dalton."

Mr. Alumnus—or, as Mercer men, let us waive formalities and make it simply Al—don't you find your thoughts straying pretty often back to the campus, especially around week-ends when games are played? Don't you wonder how the boys are feeling and acting? How they celebrate victories? Maybe you know some of the boys; maybe you have been out of

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Intersectional Games Banned On Football Schedule for 1927

Coch Moore Says Publicity Such Contests Brings not Worth Price of Probable Crippled Team

Mercer's football team will not play an intersectional game next season, according to information given out by Coach Bernice H. Moore.

There are several reasons for this. Mercer would want to play a team which is prominent and a hard game like this might cripple the team for the remainder of the season. If a small northern or eastern eleven is played it would not give the Bears any more publicity than an ordinary southern game. Publicity is the only thing to be gained, since the feature of the game would be the close score to which Mercer held the faraway eleven.

The schedule for next year is rapidly being brought to a close and contracts are on the way to prospective opponents for signatures. At present, five games are sure. They are with Citadel, Florida, Furman, Oglethorpe and Howard. Florida is the only game outside of the S. I. A. A.

Immediately the same dates as they were played this year, but the places will be reversed, with the exception of Oglethorpe.

Athletic officials state that Georgia will not be played if the game cannot be arranged other than the first game of the season. Auburn is dickering for a game and it is probable that this

team will be played rather than Georgia. Mercer has not met an Auburn football team in six seasons.

As the football season is rapidly coming to a close, basketball prospects are the topics of discussion. Coach Moore has not yet given out any definite information about the basketball schedule this winter. Trips are being contemplated which take the quintet into Florida for a series of games with Florida, Rollins, Stetson, and probably an amateur team.

Coach Moore, varsity football mentor, will have charge of the basketball squad. He says that he will not start practice for a week or ten days after the football season ends in order to give the football men who play basketball, a rest as well as himself.

Prospects are brighter than ever for another championship five this year. There are only two members of last year's team who are lost either by

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WELL, WELL! DO TELL!

The Howard Crimson, in its issue before the game last Saturday, contained the following paragraph:

"The little Baptist School down in the heart of Georgia spent its all to ship the Florida hurricane, and now they take on a more formidable foe in the form of the crimson and blue machine from the East Lake kennels, and oh, boy, it is going to be some scrap if the writer's opinion may be given."

Not for the world would The Cluster engage in controversy with the paper of "the little Baptist school" in Alabama. Mercer answered the above paragraph last Saturday. Sounds like "the little Baptist school" in Alabama is suffering from growing pains, and hasn't learned how to act when it finds itself with a good football team.

HOWARD BULLDOG CLAWED BY BEAR

Conquerors of Petrels, Cadets and Teachers Lose to Mercer in Close Game

BRUINS PLAY CLOSE GAME

There was once a Bulldog who had conquered innumerable foes. In a single fall he triumphed over a flock of Petrels and defeated a crew of Cadets. He journeyed to Jacksonville and won from a group of teachers. He became confident and fought a Tiger, and came near winning until the last few minutes of the contest. Then with his teeth aching for a tougher foe, he decided to sharpen them upon Bear hide. But there he met disaster.

And so the Howard Bulldog, after defeating Oglethorpe, Marion Institute, and Jacksonville Normal School, was stopped on his way to the S. I. A. A. championship by the Mercer Bruin. The Howard Bulldog had high hopes before the battle Saturday, but the Bear that whipped the Alligator could not endure a defeat inflicted by a Bulldog. So the Bear had to win.

It was a great battle that the two put up and it was anyone's win until the last few minutes of the struggle. Twilight was slowly creeping over the scene of the contest and the sun was descending behind the western hills around the Centennial Stadium when Mercer, symbolized by the Bear, staged a heroic exhibition and won, 3 to 0.

In the closing minutes of the struggle (Continued on page 4)

BRUINS TO SCRAP WITH DOUGHBOYS AT FORT BENNING

Bears Enter Soldier Battle With Two Victories to Their Credit

ARMY BEATEN BY LOYOLA

Mercer Reserves to See Service in Game Saturday While Regulars Rest

Mercer now looms on the schedule of the remaining opponents as a dangerous foe. Contrast this situation with the way that the Bears were looked upon three weeks ago, after the Citadel game and then one can appreciate the strides Coach Moore's eleven has made.

Tomorrow Mercer plays Fort Benning in Columbus and it will be only the full before the storm, for the next week the schedule calls for a game with the Furman Hornets in Greenville, South Carolina, known and respected as the outstanding team of the Association.

But to get back to the Soldier game tomorrow, three years ago Mercer played Benning here in Macon. The score was 7 to 0 and the Bears had one of the best teams in their history that year. Since then Benning has acquired several West Point stars from various sources and have become a powerful combination. With Smythe and McQuarrie as the bulwark, both All-Americans at the New York stronghold, they have beaten some of the best college and service teams in the country.

Consoling Thought

However there is one consoling thought, the soldiers can be beat and they can be licked bad. Last Sunday, Loyola College of New Orleans took their measure by a 46 to 0 score. But that should not bring an overconfidence, for the Wolves have also beaten Detroit University by a larger score than the Navy was able to roll up and took the measure of Baylor University, also.

Another thing to Bear's favor is that regardless of the outcome, the game will have no effect on the title race for S. I. A. A. laurels. Because of this reason, the game will be played mostly by men who have not yet taken part in the previous games. There is a possibility of the varsity taking the helm near the end of the second half, but this is a slight one.

Even though the men who will play Benning tomorrow may not have been fortunate enough to get in the games, so far, they have had instilled into them by Coach Moore the fight and the knowledge to make them get in and give Benning all they have. Mercer will make an effort to win the game and it will be a big effort.

Work For Furman

After tomorrow's game the team will get down to work for the shot at Furman the following week. Mercer has never won the title in football, although the Bears have beaten year after year, the best in the Association. But always there has been some twist of fate to cut them out of the title. This year Mercer means to have it and the Bears mean business when they get in that mood. Coach Moore will do as Oglethorpe did for Furman. Last week the Petrels played Arkansas Poly out in Arkansas and the first team was held out of the game. Tomorrow the two teams, Furman and Oglethorpe, clash in Atlanta and regardless of the outcome, win one or the other, Mercer is preparing for them both.

So next week, after the Benning game, win it or lose it, the Bears will be ready with a varsity in first class condition and a determination to keep clean that ring of victories Mercer holds over the Hornets. We can beat Furman, and we can beat Oglethorpe. Think what a victory over the champions of Tech and Georgia will mean to Mercer!

Cauldron Week Is Observed To Increase Sale of Annual

"Cauldron week" is being observed by the staff of the Cauldron, Mercer's annual publication. Beginning with a program in chapel on last Wednesday, the staff set out on an intensive campaign to last for one week, the object being to sell a 1927 Cauldron to each Mercer student.

The chapel program was presided over by Charlie Walker, President of the student body. Alfred Pullen led the devotional exercise. The speakers for the occasion were, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, J. E. Cook, John Parks, T. D. Cobb, Wm. B. Freeman and Kay Tipton.

The purpose of the program in chapel, as the speakers showed in their discussion, was to urge each student to purchase a Cauldron and thus make the publication a success. The book will be a financial failure unless all students buy a copy, according to the staff, because the advertising has been cut short this year on account of the University's campaign to raise considerable funds in the city.

In order to make the sales force as efficient as possible, the staff has been divided into three teams, with a captain over each team. Wm. B. Freeman, Business Manager, will be general chairman and all reports will be made to him each night during the week.

The teams are as follows: Team one, Frank Twitty, Captain, Robert L. Guaneli, Eugene Cook, Wm. B. Freeman, Courtland Gilbert, and Herbert Calhoun.

Team two is composed of Alfred Pullen, Captain, T. D. Cobb, Kay Tipton, Carl Daw, Roy Hale, and Andy Robertson.

Team three is composed of, Robert Gilbert, Captain, Bill King, J. E. Trigg, Habernicht Cassons, Ed Kiser, and Will Ed Smith.

The Editor in Chief, Kay Tipton, stated that all students should go to Metro Studio at the earliest possible date and have their pictures made. "Snap early", said the editor, and avoid the Christmas rush.

TWO MEN SUFFER LOSS IN FAMILIES

The Mercer student body and faculty join in extending their sympathy to Roderick McRae and Wink Walker in the loss of members of their families last week.

Dr. Hugh C. Walker, Jr., Wink's brother, was killed in an automobile accident in Augusta last Wednesday night. He was riding in a coupe with two friends when the door opened and Walker fell out, fracturing his skull. He died Thursday morning about nine o'clock.

Dr. Walker finished the pre-medical school at the University of Georgia in 1920. He was attending the medical school at Augusta and would have graduated in June.

Roderick McRae has been absent from school several days on account of the death of his father, Mr. Duncan L. McRae, of Macon.