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BEARS TO MEET BULLDOGS IN HARDEST GAME OF 1927 SEASON

MERCER QUINTET IN FIRST FOREIGN CLASH OF YEAR

Result of Georgia Contest Will Have Effect on State Basketball Championship

BRUINS OUT FOR REVENGE

Mercer's Bears will be opposed Saturday night in Athens by the Georgia Bulldogs as the Bruin basketballers attempt to keep their supremacy in the indoor sport. The Bruins will enter the tilt remembering the defeat by a one-point margin that Georgia administered last season. The Bears will be out for revenge.

After a week of strenuous preparation, the Bruin cagers should be in the best of shape and ready to gain vengeance. In a close game last season, Mercer was defeated on the Athens court by a 37-36 count. At the half, the Bruins were trailing 31 to 19. In the closing period, the big guns of Mercer began their work and eighteen points were tallied by the Bruins while Georgia annexed only six.

In that game both "Phoney" Smith and Captain Malcolm "Shorty" Green tallied twelve points each. The varsity then was composed of Smith and Captain Jackie Dunn, forwards, Green, center, Oscar Long and John Parks, guards. The game played in Athens was the only tilt staged between the Bears and Bulldogs last season.

The game Saturday night will be the only one to take place between the two teams this season. Two consecutive defeats at the hands of Mercer in the season of 1925 has placed Georgia in such a position that they will not accept basketball games to be played here.

According to the Mercer authorities, innumerable attempts have been made to bring Georgia to MACON to meet Mercer. The Bulldogs prefer to play the Bears on their home court. To the offers made by the Mercer athletic heads, Georgia makes no answer save to refuse to meet Mercer here.

Mercer's stock has risen steadily since the beginning of the season. With only three letter men back about which to build a quintet, the future of the team was an unknown quantity. A defeat by a three-point margin at the hands of Vanderbilt, and victories over such teams as the Albany "Y", Oglethorpe and Chattanooga, coupled with an overwhelming defeat of Milligan, proves that Mercer has a dangerous team and a capable coach.

The same line-up that downed the Albany "Y" will start against Georgia, according to Coach Moore. One forward position is in doubt and either Sam Guerry or Harold McCarty will fill this. Eight men will make the trip to Athens.

Coach Albert Sidney Johnson's freshmen have borne the brunt of the Bears' attack throughout the past week. Scrimmages have marked practically every drill and the rough spots in the varsity's performance will be smoothed out in readiness for the Bulldogs. Especially noticeable has been the improvement in the Bruins' passing game.

Georgia will present a team that has lost several games, yet it will be the strongest quintet which Mercer has faced this season. The Bulldogs have dropped a couple of games to Tech, one of which was played on the Doggies' home court. Furman has been among the teams which Georgia has beaten.

A large majority of the student body will be present in Athens Saturday night as the referee blows his whistle for the beginning of the battle. Mercer, no doubt, will be represented by a large delegation. All who attend may expect a thrilling battle as usual.

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PRESIDENT BACK

President Rufus W. Weaver returned from Vero, Florida, Wednesday, where he and Mrs. Weaver, have been visiting their son, H. P. Mason Payne. Mrs. R. I. Mason and Charles Mason, brother and sister-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Rufus Weaver, accompanied them on the trip.

During the trip, the party visited other points in Florida, including Miami.

LOSER ELECTED MERCER'S ADONIS

Star Quarterback on Gridiron Team Chosen Best-Looking Man for Wealeyan Annual.

L. Buchanan Loser, star quarterback on Mercer's varsity football team, who hails from Nashville, Tenn., is the best looking man of Mercer University, according to a recent ballot that was cast to determine the man who would represent Mercer in the beauty section of the Vetteropt, Wealeyan's annual.

Bill Freeman ran Loser a close race, but was beaten for first place by a few votes. Pierce Bradley was third and Charlie Stapleton ran fourth.

The ballot was taken at the request of the fair editor of the Vetteropt, so that Mercer's best looking man could grace the pages of the annual, together with pictures of best looking men from Georgia Tech, Emory and Oglethorpe.

It was emphasized by the editor of the Vetteropt that one of the reasons that the annual was running pictures of best lookers from various universities over the state was for the girls to see the type of men that other men thought handsome.

Loser is a member of the sophomore class in the school of Arts at Mercer and is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The picture of Loser will be taken from that one which has been on display at the Metro Studio for the past few days, and has caused so much comment from members.

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Ancient Veteran Students Form Mutual Aid Society

Sole Survivors of Class of 1898 Organize Club to Protect Selves and Other Grandpas

"And, aged Mercerians, let's make this an organization which stands for the protection of ignorant college men who have been here at least six years," concluded Grand Dragon Bill Freeman, his solemn voice echoing through the dusty hallways of old Penfield.

Slowly eighteen men rose and filed out of the ancient dormitory. Silently they ambled to Sherwood Hall, their robed figures attracting much attention.

No, this was not a meeting of the K. K. K. It was the founding of a new organization, which bids to become the largest and most influential on the campus. This organization is composed of men who have aided Mercer University financially and otherwise for more than the collegiates' allotted four years.

This new organization is known as

the "Antique Club." A glance at the names of the members enrolled will show why such an ancient name was adopted by the club.

It was understood before the meeting that seniority would determine the choice of officers. There was some discussion as to whether "Judge" Evans or Bill Freeman would be Grand Dragon. A glance through the records of the university for the year 1898 showed that Freeman signed his name to the college records one hour before Evans.

The following is the complete organization of the club:

Grand Dragon—Bill Freeman.
Assistant to the Grand Dragon—"Judge" Evans.
Club's Answer to a Maiden's Prayer—Charlie Stapleton.

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SONGBIRDS LEAVE ON TEN DAY TOUR

Orchestra in Good Condition for Annual Winter Term Trip to North Georgia

The Glee Club leaves today for Athens, its first stop in their annual ten-day winter term tour. Other stops will include points over north Georgia.

After weeks of practice all is in readiness to put over an even more successful trip than the fall term trip, if such is possible, was the opinion of officials early this week. The orchestra that was at first thought to be shot to pieces, has reorganized and after over a week's practice, is in shape to play all the jazz that can be desired.

Bob Lee, the orchestra leader, has recovered from injuries received at New Year's, in an automobile wreck that fatally injured John Murray, the glee club drummer, and is again at the helm of the Collegians. Arnes, Benton, and Middlebrooks also have recovered and will make the trip.

In fact the whole orchestra is back

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CLASS CLUSTERS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Freshmen to Put Out First Issue in Competition for Loving Cup

In which of the four classes are the liveliest and most original journalists on the campus? Are they freshmen, Sophs, Juniors, or Seniors?

This will be determined in the near future after all the classes have put out an edition of the Cluster. The four editions will then be compared by three judges, most likely Bob Clifton, Macon News, Ben Johnston, Macon Telegraph, and Wilton Cobb, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. In making their decisions the judges will consider the liveliness and originality of the issues. The class whose edition embodies these qualities more than any other, will be awarded a silver loving cup.

The freshmen will begin the contest next week when their edition will appear. The Sophomores will have charge the following week and so on until all the classes have edited the paper.

Editors Chosen

The freshmen elected their editor and assistant last Wednesday. Editors and assistant editors of the Junior and Senior editions were chosen last Tuesday. June Ellis will be in charge of the Junior issue with Tom Cobb as assistant. The Seniors elected J. H. Reddick as editor with Julian J. Ushaw as assistant.

The Sophomore class won the cup last year. Theirs was a flaming red edition. The freshmen had their edition printed in green ink, the Juniors chose blue and the Seniors purple. The cup is not a permanent possession. The judges of last year's contest were: Dr. Weaver, Mark Ethridge, managing editor of the Macon Telegraph and R. L. Clifton, managing editor of the Macon News.

SALTER ELECTED BY CICERONIANS

Fred K. Salter was elected president of the Ciceronian Society at its regular weekly meeting last Monday night. Other elections were: W. K. Settle, vice-president; Dewey Barden, chaplain; Frank Jordan, reporter; W. E. Smith, critic; Gene Renna, janitor. The new officers are to serve for one month.

The question for debate was: Resolved, that the Ciceronians should...
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MERCER PLAYERS HE-LADIES 'N' ALL, HERE WEDNESDAY

Campus Actors to Present Farce in Auditorium at Wealeyan

CLUB NOW AWAY ON TRIP Itinerary of First Tour Includes Cedarhurst, Newnan and Rome

The Mercer Players, who are away from the campus this week-end on their first long trip of the season, will appear next Wednesday night in the Wealeyan auditorium in their three act farce "Nothing But The Truth". The performance, the actors' Macon debut, will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

The comedy by James Montgomery is said to be one of the best plays ever presented by the Dramatic Club. It had a phenomenal run on Broadway with Lynn Harding in the leading male role which is being taken by Wink Walker, "another great actor," in the local production.

The Mercer actors have been complimented so far for their clever interpretations of the roles in the play. The female impersonators, which are said to be the best in any dramatic club in the South, have come in for a great deal of praise everywhere that they have played this year.

Impersonators from other seasons, have been especially complimented. Harris, who played for the first time last year, gives a fine interpretation of a modern girl. Casson, who plays for the last time this year, has gained state-wide reputation for his acting the parts of aristocratic old dowagers. He came into prominence in his freshman year when he took the part of the maiden aunt, Miss Ralston, in "Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh" the play given in 1923. It is singular that he plays the part this year of a Mrs. Ralston.

The latest "find" of the dramatic club is Hal Harris, of Americus, Ga. Harris has gained praise for his acting of Mabel Jackson. William Jordan as Ethel Clark, and Harold Raymond, as Sable Jackson have shown up unusually well in the performances given this year.

Men Well Played Wink Walker, who made a name for himself last year as Chet Binney in "The Whole Town's Talking", needs no further praise, for his acting last year was described as being almost perfect. Jim Paul Evans, one of the old men, also takes a leading part and this year he has shown up well. Henry Stokes and Lawton Boykin have important parts in the playing of which they have shown a great deal of ability. J. F. Kendrick and Hugh Scoviers are new men on the cast this year.

The dresses, for which the Mercer Players have always been famous, are especially beautiful this year and were, in several instances, made especially for the players. Others were bought in one of Macon's leading women's shops. Burdette Lane, manager of the club, has said that no expense has been spared to make this one of the most finished productions ever put on by a college dramatic club.

In Showman Tonight The players played in Cedarhurst last night and are to play in Newnan, tonight. They have been entertained in both places so far. To-morrow night they play at Shorter in Rome. They will be sponsored by the Wealeyan and after the performance they will be given a reception. The advance sales of seats for the last-of-its-kind performance have been better than those of former years. Since its organization a few years

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Studes Will Pay Bigger Fee in '27

Those exceptional students who are accustomed to taking twenty hours of class work instead of fifteen, will find next year that their tuition fees are \$60.00 per term whereas they were \$40.00 this year.

On the other hand those students who take less than fourteen hours work will pay less tuition than heretofore.

Tuition fees for the average student who takes fifteen hours work will be increased \$5.00 per term but this will be offset by a reduction of other fees from \$40.00 per year to \$36.00 per year. This will make tuition fees for those taking fifteen hours work total \$100.00 for next year as against \$101.00 for this year.

E. W. Garrett, business manager, says that it is hoped that this new system of tuition fees will attract students of the city to take work at the University.