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BEARS READY FOR 'GATORS AS TILTS MONDAY & TUESDAY NEAR

PLAYERS APPEAR SATURDAY NIGHT FOR FINAL SHOW

Performances to be Given at Bessie Tilt is Sixth College Appearance

HAVE HAD BIG SUCCESS

The Mercer Players appear before their sixth college audience to-morrow night when the curtain goes up at Bessie Tilt college. Last season the Players were said to be the best club to appear at the Forsyth school, giving their first show at that place.

This year over a dozen performances have been given in different cities of Georgia and Florida, and the Players' second appearance at Bessie Tilt is looked forward to with a great deal of interest. "Nothing But the Truth", a three act comedy, is the play the actors are using this year, and has been one of the most successful ever produced by them.

Hall Good Entertainer

The trip will be made to Forsyth Saturday afternoon in automobiles, the cast returning that night after the show. Hamilton Hall, assistant director, and Burdette Lane, business manager, will accompany the regular cast. Hall has gained much fame in the towns in which the club has played by entertaining between acts, singing popular songs to his own accompaniment on the guitar.

Another trip will be made within the near future to Brenau College at Gainesville and probably several other nearby towns. This will be the final tour of the season.

Big Banquet Planned

On returning to Macon from the North Georgia trip, an elaborate banquet is to be held by the entire club and a program is now being planned that will be different from anything ever held at Mercer.

Each member of the cast is to give a skit or parody on some well known actor of to-day, and each member of the club who is not on the cast must give an imitation of a cast member. Earl Carroll with his bath-tub will be the feature of the banquet, according to rumors about the campus among (Continued on page 3)

SANDERS TO QUIT MERCER IN JUNE

Accepts Place With Noted Evangelist on Tour of Mississippi and Texas

Prof. Charles Sanders, head of the Evangelistic and Music department of Mercer, and Manager of the Mercer Glee Club during the past year, has resigned from his office and will not return to Mercer next fall, according to an announcement made by him Saturday.

His work at Mercer will terminate in June. He plans to accompany Howard S. Williams, a noted evangelist, as pianist, on a tour which will include Mississippi and Texas. Howard Williams will be remembered as the evangelist whose work during the strife in Hereta, Ill., won him fame.

On May 3, Professor Sanders will leave for Louisville, Ky., where he will be official pianist for the Southern Baptist Convention which convenes there from May 3-8.

Professor Sanders attended Mercer in 1923 and 1924. Leaving Mercer he in 1924, became connected with Gipsy Smith, Jr., and Howard Williams, being pianist in both instances. He returned here last fall in the role of professor.

A NEW POLICY

Due to the fact that the business manager and his staff wish to bring The Cluster to the end of the year with a clear financial sheet, the paper hereafter will be limited to four pages instead of the usual six.

MACON PEACHES SIGN JOHN PARKS

Star Mercer Athlete in Three Sports Joins Sally Ball Club

RECOMMENDED BY SCOUTS

John Parks, one of the best ends, standing guards and catchers ever to represent Mercer in the realm of sports, one who has starred on Mercer's baseball, basketball and football teams for the last three years, signed a contract Tuesday to play baseball with the Macon South Atlantic Club. Parks, as he is known to many a sport fan, was popular with both his teammates and fellow students and together they wish him well in the new career which he has chosen.

Mercer still has four more baseball games to play and Parks will be missed seriously behind the platter but no one can blame him for signing with the Peaches while he had the opportunity as he has given four years of his services to Mercer.

Impresses Manager Good

It is said that Manager Wilbur Good of the Peaches was favorably impressed with Parks' playing when he saw him perform in practice upon the first day of his arrival in Macon.

Two New York Yankee scouts saw him play against Oglethorpe and recommended him to Manager Good as a (Continued on page 3)

PROFS. TO ENTER DIAMOND BATTLE AGAINST SENIORS

Faculty Nine Will Oppose Grads in Ball Game Here Soon

JOHNSON COACHES PROFS.

Final plans were perfected last week for the Faculty-Senior ball game which will take place near the close of school. Coach Albert Sidney Johnson, has agreed to act as coach for the profs and practice will be called on May 16. A number of Mercer's instructors have been approached on the subject and have agreed to play in the game. Several of them were baseball stars in their college days. The Seniors, anticipating a hard game, have begun to make plans for their nine.

Mosley to Hurl

Coach Parker Mosley has agreed to pitch for the faculty nine. During his college career at Mercer, the Bruin mentor was a varsity hurler and he will not be new at his position on the faculty aggregation. The man behind the plate receiving his offerings will be Coach Bernice Moore, who is out of town now, but will return near the close of school.

Coach Moore was an outfielder at his Alma Mater, Carson Newman in Tennessee, but has had catching experience and will fill this gap in the faculty line-up.

There will be at least two candidates for every position on the faculty team. Another catching candidate will be Prof. Joe McClain, instructor in the Mercer Law School. Prof. Otis Knight will be out for first base as well as Prof. Edgar Folk, who played that position (Continued on page 4)

NOTICE! CLUSTER SCRIBES

An important meeting of The Cluster staff will be held in the Ciceronian hall Tuesday night at eight o'clock to discuss a matter of grave importance. Please be on hand promptly.

Harry Mangans, Editor.

NEW LEGAL FRAT IS FORMED HERE

Sixteen Students and Five Instructors in Law School Are Members

TO PETITION NATIONAL

Sixteen students in the Mercer Law School and five members of the Law School faculty compose Alpha Delta, local legal fraternity which has been organized on the campus recently. First steps were taken to form it two weeks ago, but formal announcement of its personnel was made during the past week.

Its purpose will be to petition a national legal fraternity in the near future. The local organization took form two weeks ago, but no information was made public until after a meeting Monday night.

Has Honor Men

The personnel includes many of the honor men in the Mercer law school and students who have been prominent in college activities. In the third year law class, the students who are members of the new organization are as follows:

Bruce Jones, Jr., Macon; George A. Pindar, Valdosta; and Hubert Calhoun, Hamilton. All three were on the law school honor roll in 1925-26, making the required average of 75 in their work.

Those from the second year law class are A. Ed. Smith, White Plains; Henry S. Barnes, Macon; Glenn Harty, Marietta; George Ellis, Americus; Paul Etheridge, Atlanta; Gus Felton, Montezuma; and Hamilton Hall, Newnan. The first three were honor students during the past term, while Etheridge won second place in his law class last year.

Six Freshman Members

The members from the freshman law class are Lewis H. Fowler, Atlanta; J. Q. Davidson, Fort Valley; Fred New, Oneida, Tenn.; Pollard Jent, Macon; Charles Walker, Eatonton; and Archie Chappell, Macon. (Continued on page 3)

FLORIDA BRINGS STRONG TEAM FOR TWO TILTS HERE

Have Defeated Auburn Tigers in Last Two Games Played

CROWE LIKELY TO HURL

The Florida Gators, fresh from victories over the south's leading college baseball teams will invade the den of the Bears and play two games of baseball on Monday and Tuesday. The games will be played at Central City Park and will begin at 3:30 o'clock.

The Gators have one of the strongest baseball teams in the south this year. Their most recent accomplishment was to hand Auburn two defeats on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Previous to this Auburn's record was the best in the Southern Intercollegiate Conference. The first game went fourteen innings and was taken by Florida, 10 to 8. On the next day, the Tigers were again given a defeat by the Gators. The score this time was also close, being 4 to 3.

Be Without Parks

Mercer will be playing without the services of John Parks, one of the best catchers ever to don a Mercer uniform. Parks has recently signed a contract with the Macon Peaches, local professionals, and is now practicing with them.

Dick Barnes will do the receiving for the Bears. Barnes was regular catcher with the last year's Freshman team, and besides has seen service in several varsity games this year, having played while Parks was out because of injured ankle. Barnes is a classy catcher himself and it is expected that he will show up well in the games with the Gators.

Coach Mosley is undecided as to which pitcher he will use in the first game. Crowe, Overstreet, Newt, Stapleton, and Percell are all ready for duty. It is expected that Crowe will receive the assignment, he being the more rested of the quartet. If the Florida team has many left-handed batters, Percell will probably be the choice of the coach for the opening game of the series.

BEAR DEBATERS DEFEAT AUBURN

Cobb and Hale Win Unanimous Decision in First Clash of Season

Mercer's first inter-collegiate debate of the 1927 season turned out to be a victory when the Mercer debaters won the unanimous decision of the judges in the debate last Friday night against Alabama Polytechnic Institute from Auburn, Alabama.

Tom Cobb and Roy Hale, who composed the Mercer team, upheld the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that the foreign nations should relinquish all government control in China."

The Auburn speakers were Gene Walsh and Coke Matthews. The judges were Dr. Herring Winslip, Prof. G. F. Oliphant, and J. O. Crenshaw. William B. Freeman of Berber, assistant professor of Public Speaking at Mercer, presided over the debate. The audience filled the Theological chapel in which the debate was held.

Both of the Mercer debaters had strong speeches and were very good in their rebuttals. Dr. Rufus C. Harris, chairman of the debating council, coached the Mercer debaters. Gene Cook and Frank Twitty are in (Continued on Page 3)

Few Nickels Let Gloom Prevail For King "Free Talk" is Dead

The King is dead; long live the King!

Last week while the usual mid-afternoon hush stole over the campus a new King took the throne. Today this King rules with an iron hand and no longer are Mercer students able to toss about at will the mighty one.

The scene was in Cynthia Holliday Hall; every evening along about seven o'clock there is—or rather was—a mad scramble for the telephone. Mercer students seeking dates.

A mad rush... success for one student... long conversation... click... another mad rush... and the same over and over again for nearly two hours.

That Hot Line!

—Is that you, sweetie? Yes, pretty good for a man of my age. Why, certainly, have been trying to get you for at least an hour. Well, I'll just tell you—but listen, there are about a thousand other boys here waiting on the phone and I can hardly hear what you are saying. How 'bout calling me at 9-1-1-9? Be right over.

And then there is a swift retreat from the pairs of claws of others waiting for a talk with "the sweetest thing yet."

But—folks—sadness has come upon Mercer students: all of this scrambling and grabbing is past. The great King, Free Telephone, is no longer. Another rules the roost. Mercer students do not have the daily rush towards Cynthia Holliday. Telephone operators will not be worried with the usual "1-5-1", "5-5-6-3", or other like numbers.

Silence and the new King rule Cy-

thia Holliday.

—All came about when one of Mister Bell's telephone men came out last week and removed dear ole "4-0-8-0" and put in its place King Pay Station, brand new, and ready for service. Mercer students, but telephone calls from Cynthia Holliday now are scarce.

The King is dead; long live the King!

Bob A La Adam Gets Wet, But His Slanguage is "Hot"

By Bob Lee

We ought to put a handle on this monument to the pen pushers' art and call it something snappy, but our brain is as tired as a dray horse the day before prohibition, and so we're gonna pass the buck and let the customers do their own abusing of the language that Noah Webster made notorious. Settle back on your haunches and we'll spill the dope.

Now that we have the side impediments of your face well under our command, we'll start the ball around the lot. We are not like the old Roman gent who says, says he, "Lend me your ears—I'll give you four per cent. All we can promise you is a one and one-half per cent if you will hold your horses long enough for us to take this bush-leaver wind up. Here it goes, me hearties, and no holstein this time about it.

Dirty Work, Bogorah! You see, a bunch 'of the hale and

hearties well met; were dribbling up from the commercial end of the Heart of Georgia the other P. M. when some one gets the brilliant hunch to have a little horse play on yours' truly and company.

We were drifting along towards the dorm and the Flizzie took another flop on us. It walked out on us and died as dead as a four-year-old sock. We stepped on the self-commencer, and used up our supply of sulphurous words, and the old Henry War Horse refused to give us a single ring. The long and the shortly of it was that we got out and huffed a marathon for the domicile.

Sky Jives, Birrah!

We got to the steps of the infamous Sherwood Hall and started in to crawl beneath the downy blankets for a good night's work of pounding our ears, when shades of the old boy himself—a second deluge broke loose! The bim- (Continued on page 3)