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BEARS READY TO BATTLE FURMAN

SOPHS AND RATS TO HAVE BATTLE THIS AFTERNOON

New Plan of Attack Given Freshmen by Cobb, Their Advisor

RUSH STARTS AT FOUR

Both Classes to Have Fifty Men Each in Battle

The annual freshmen-sophomore flag rush will take place at four o'clock Friday afternoon under the elm tree in front of the Theological Building.

Immediately after the senior class had announced the rules governing the event, the freshmen called a meeting of the class and formed a plan of attack. The details of the plan were worked out by Tom Cobb, recently appointed freshmen supervisor by the seniors.

All freshmen, who attended the class meeting Wednesday night expressed confidence that the sophomore colors would be theirs after the battle was over. Cobb states that the freshman plan of attack is entirely new and he is sure that it cannot fail.

100 In Battle

The rules of the rush will be practically the same as those of past years. Fifty sophomores will defend their colors and fifty of the "rats" will attempt to capture them and thus put an end to part of the sophomores' dominion. The group of freshmen will be selected by their advisor by merit of their strength and fighting ability.

If the first year men fail to win, they have to wear green ties until Christmas, and the entire freshman class will be forced to wade through every fountain in Macon under supervision of the sophomores.

Program Planned

It is also thought that should the frosh lose, the sophomores may see fit to request some of the most talented members of the freshman class to give a special program on the Wesleyan campus.

In the history of the event covering a period of about twenty years, almost every possible plan has been used and only two classes have been successful. The 1927 freshman class, under the leadership of Supervisor Tom Cobb, announce that they will add one more to the list of Mercer's victorious freshman classes.

Revived Cluster Takes on Life In Snappy New Set of Offices

"Scoop 'em" reads a sign in the new Cluster offices—and that's just what The Cluster expects to do, according to members of the staff. "Scoop 'em" means, in the newspaperman's vocabulary, "Get the story first—beat the other paper to it." The Macon News, The Telegraph and, most of all, THE WESLEYAN WATCHTOWER are hereby warned to watch out.

Scrubbing Party

After twelve months of infantile paralysis, Mercer's own newspaper has awakened from its unconscious state caused by that disease, Friday afternoon profs, doctors, deans and colored boys saw something startling. June J. Ellis (himself—not a cinematographic reproduction of his physical being), Eugene Eller, Freshmen Shaw, Crouch and Boyet were scrubbing, polishing, shining chairs, tables, desks.

Why all this unusual activity? The Cluster is awake! (Adv!) If you do

Staffs for 1928 Cauldron Are Named by Directors

Cobb and Gilbert Name Editorial and Business Staff Members of Year Book

The editorial and business staffs of the 1928 Cauldron were announced this week by Tom Cobb, Tilton, and John Gilbert, Brunswick, editor-in-chief and business manager, respectively, of the Senior class publication. Those appointed on the editorial staff are: W. A. Wonnack, Harrison, Ga.; Will Ed Smith, Fitzgerald; Roy Hale, Macon; Charlie Wallace, Waynesboro; June Ellis, Macon; Bill Stevens, Stevens Crossing; Swift Vaughter, Elberton; Fred K. Salter, Sandersville; Fred Cleghorn, Villa Rica; Alexander Akerman, Macon, and John Rice, Mableton, Fla.

Business Assistants
It was announced that there would be four assistants in the business management of the book. Those appointed to work with John Gilbert, the business manager, are: John Farrar, Haddock; Aubrey Myers, Albany; Bob Gilbert, Greenville, Ga.; and Henry Stokes, Savannah.

Definite plans have not yet been outlined, and it is not known to whom this year's Cauldron will be dedicated.

It was dedicated last year to Dr. Rufus C. Harris, dean of the law school, who is now at Tulane.

Plans Come Later
When a definite and official program has been adopted, the editor said, he could announce in what respects the 1928 publication would differ from that of last year. Kay Tipton, of Sylvester, and Bill Freeman, Berne, Ga., were editor and business manager of the 27 Cauldron, which was said to have been the best book put out by a Senior class up to that time. The present staff said it would not sacrifice anything to produce a representative book this year.

The general ideas of animals will be followed, but unique and unprecedented features will be added, the editor said. It is probable that a change will be made in the way the Senior section has been handled heretofore. A section of campus life, which was omitted in the previous edition, will most likely be added this year.

400 Copies
About four hundred copies of the (Continued on page 4)

GIFT PRESENTED TO MERCER HEAD

Ministerial Students Give Dr. Weaver Parting Gift Tuesday Night

RESOLUTIONS ARE READ

The Mercer ministerial students honored Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, retiring president of Mercer, when they presented him with a brush set at their meeting last Tuesday night. The gift was presented to Dr. Weaver by Barnum Hawkes, of Macon.

Dr. Weaver delivered his farewell address to the Mercer ministers at the same meeting, that being the last time he would attend the ministerial association as president of Mercer.

Resolutions Read
At the conclusion of Dr. Weaver's address resolutions, drawn up and passed by the association, were read (Continued on page 6)

LITERARY GROUP VOTED INTO FRAT

Sigma Upsilon, With 30 Chapters Places Charter Here

INSTALLED LAST JUNE

The major portion of Mercer's new national honorary fraternity is back on the campus this fall ready to start their first year as a national honorary organization.

The fraternity, Sigma Upsilon, was granted a charter at the close of the past school year following the petitioning of the local literary fraternity here on the campus at that time. The local had grown out of a group that formed the Spanish Club, taking some members of that club to make up the new organization.

Literary Group
The purpose of the new organization was for the closer association of students of higher standing who were literary inclined and who wished to strengthen their talents along this line by submitting their efforts and criticizing the creative efforts of one another.

They had in their membership Professor Otis D. Knight, from the University of Texas, where he had been initiated into Sigma Upsilon. They petitioned the national honorary frat. (Continued on page 6)

MERCER GREEKS ELECT OFFICERS

Plowden and Smith Get Offices at Pan-Hellenic Meeting

FRAT ROW CONSIDERED

At the meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Council Monday afternoon at the Alpha Tau Omega house, Stewart Plowden, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was elected secretary to take the place of Raiford Tripp, Kappa Sigma, who failed to re- (Continued on page 5)

CLUSTER SCRIBES ON WAY TO FAME

Mercerians, when you read the next issue of "Judge" and an early issue of "Life", do not be surprised if you see the names of two Mercer students, Howard Leonard and James Luckie.

Both of these boys have sold stories to the above magazines. Their work may not be published this week, but it's a settled fact that it won't be long now. How do we know? Just because Howard and Luckie have checks from these magazines tucked away in their pockets and they didn't come from home, either. And why shouldn't they be accepted? Both of them are actively connected with The Mercer Cluster.

MERCER CHOSEN TO AID BANKERS

Commerce School Made Official Trainer of Local Bank Employees

Mercer has been chosen by the Macon chapter of the American Institute of Banking as the official training school for the employees of Macon Banks. The enrollment of the new class will be about forty and it will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights of each week.

The class will be taught by Prof. H. S. Barnes, of the Mercer School of Commerce. It was organized Tuesday night and officers were elected to serve through the year.

Officers Named

The officers are: J. T. Kaylor, who is a Mercer graduate of the class of 1920, president; E. N. Barfield, vice-president and Miss Clemmie Kelley, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Kaylor and Miss Kelley are connected with the Fourth National Bank and Mr. Barfield with the Citizens and Southern National Bank.

The course in banking to be taught lasts through the entire year. Next year another will be given and it was announced that the course would run through a period of four years. Last year it was taught by Prof. Bailey at the Y. M. C. A.

It was announced by Prof. Wray, Dean of the Commerce School, that with the addition of this new course to the school the enrollment of the night school would exceed one hundred students.

FURMAN BRINGS FLASHY ELEVEN HERE FOR GAME

"Crazy Quilt" Formation of Purple Wind Expected to Add Zest

BEARS EXPECT HARD TILT

Yardage Battle Between "Phoney" and Rawl, of Furman is Prophesied

The Mercer Bears, fresh from a 7 to 0 victory over Citadel, have sharpened their claws preparatory to repel another South Carolina invasion. Furman, the champion of South Carolina for two years and one of the strongest teams in the South, will be met at the stadium Saturday afternoon.

The most colorful game of the season is on hand for football fans. Furman is the sole exponent of the famous "Crazy Quilt" formation that adds zest to any game.

"Phoney" vs. Rawl

A yardage battle extraordinaire between "Phoney" Smith and "Whitey" Rawl, flashy Furman quarterback, is a certainty. Rawl is the star of the Hurricane, and was picked for all-American last year by Lawrence Terry, famous grid critic. This year his playing has been even better than last, and it is expected that he will give the Bears plenty of opposition when the two teams meet Saturday.

Furman for the past two years has had one of the best elevens in the south. Last season they failed in only two games, Oglethorpe winning from them 12 to 11, and the Bears tying them 13 to 13. They defeated Georgia last season 14 to 7, and won from four S. I. A. A. teams.

Have Won Twice

The Hurricanes have started off even better this year. They began the season by defeating the strong Duke University team 16 to 7, and last week followed with a 23 to 0 win over North Carolina State.

Major Blair, line coach of the Bears, counted the Furman-North Carolina State game and reported that Furman has one of the smoothest working elevens that he has ever seen in action. The Furman line is every bit as strong as Citadel, and that coupled with a strong backfield makes them dangerous opposition for any team, according to Major Blair.

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Ten Commandments for Frosh Are Compiled by Senior Class

The Mercer Freshmen will be forced to go straight now. A set of new and modern "ten commandments" have been compiled by a committee from the Senior class to guide the conduct of the new men both on and off the campus.

The new regulations were drawn by the rules committee of the Senior class in a meeting Thursday. Joe Chappel, president of the student tribunal, was present and acted as adviser for the Seniors. The Seniors were given the assurance that the student tribunal would give its co-operation in the enforcing of the regulations.

Under Soph Care

Up to this time the "rats" have been under the kind and tender care of the Sophomores who have attempted to transmit their intricate knowledge of the ways and wherefores of college life to the new men in any manner that occurred feasible to the second year

men.

Members of the committee attending the meeting included Robert Gunnels, Frank Twitty, Tom Cobb, and Ernest Kilgore. The rules follow:

1. All freshmen shall wear their freshmen caps until the end of the winter term.

2. No freshman shall smoke in any academic building. If freshmen shall elect to smoke elsewhere, they shall confine their smoking to corn-cob pipes.

3. No freshman shall wear any insignia, emblem, or special marking of any prep or high school.

4. All freshmen shall attend en masse every athletic contest, cheer practice and parade.

5. Freshmen shall lift their caps in passing or upon addressing the administrative officers of the University to-wit: The president, vice-president,

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