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DR. DOWELL IS NAMED PRESIDENT

Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Frat, to Place Charter Here

FAVORS PETITION MADE RECENTLY BY ALPHA DELTA

Action is Taken by National Order at its Convention in Cincinnati

INSTALLATION IS SOON

Makes Second Legal Frat to Place Charter Here in Last Month

Alpha Delta, local Legal fraternity organized here last year, was granted charter by Phi Alpha Delta, second largest national legal order, at its convention held in Cincinnati during the Christmas holidays. Telegrams reporting that the Mercer local had been voted into the national group were received here by Edward Jent, president of Alpha Delta, which offered its petition recently. Other officers are: Hamilton Hall, president; Fred New, secretary; E. S. Barnes, treasurer.

Active Members Here

The present active members are: Henry S. Barnes, Franklin; Samuel Clayton Calloway, Ashburn; Thomas A. Callaway, Jr., Ashburn; Richard A. Chappell, Jeffersonville; R. Haberman, Macon; J. Quentin Davidson, Fort Valley; George R. Ellis, Americus; Paul S. Etheridge, Jr., Atlanta; A. C. Felton III, Montezuma; Lewis H. Fowler, Atlanta; James H. Hall, Newnan; Glenn B. Hasty, Marietta; W. Polard Jent, Macon; Fredrick W. New, Oneida, Tenn.; Wingfield W. Walker, Eatonton and W. A. Hemmack, Jr., Mt. Vernon.

The alumni are: L. Hubert Calhoun, Hamilton; Robert Bruce Jones, Macon; George A. Pindar, Valdosta; A. Edward Smith, White Plains and Charles W. Walker, Eatonton. Prof. W. A. McClain, dean of the law school, is a faculty member of the local organization.

Has 51 Chapters

At present Phi Alpha Delta has fifty-one chapters. Some of the chapters nearest Mercer are at the University of Florida, Emory University, University of Alabama, University of Tennessee, State University, University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, Washington and Lee University, University of Kentucky and Tulane University.

CUBS PLAY TECH SATURDAY NIGHT

Fresh Five Makes Great Record on Tour of South Georgia Lately

The Junior Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech, in Atlanta, Saturday night, will try to do something no other team, except Vienna High, has done this season—winning in submission the Baby Bear basketballers. Friday night the Mercer Freshmen were to play Griffin High in Griffin.

The Cubs, although lacking an adequate place to practice, are already regarded as one of the strongest teams in the State. Boasting former well-known high school and prep stars, the basketball coach of the state, and coached by Charlie Morgan, the team has not only defeated some of the best basketball teams in Middle and South Georgia.

Won Six Games The Bruins had won six straight (Continued on page 6)

Class Clusters To Begin With Frosh Edition First

Annual Contest For Silver Loving Cup Starts With Week of January 16

Who'll win it? No, not the basketball tournament of the S. I. A. A., nor the next race for president of the United States, but—the Cluster trophy!

Announcement is hereby given that the class issues of the Cluster will begin the week of January 16, and "forewarned is forearmed." Cluster officials, accordingly, urge those classes who intend to cop the silver loving cup this year to hold elections at once in order that the editor may immediately commence the organization of his staff.

Frosh Are First Custom states that the freshmen shall publish their edition first and the remaining classes in order of rank. Tom Cobb, adviser to the freshman class, will call a meeting of the first year men shortly in order that work may begin on their issue.

Besides an editor, each class is expected to elect a member of the faculty as adviser. All members of the regular Cluster staff are eligible for places as editors of the class editions or as members of the class staffs with the exception of the regular editor of the Cluster.

If plans of the Cluster management are fulfilled the following will be judges in the contest for the "best and most original issue" of the Cluster: Robert L. Clifton, managing editor of The Macon News; Mark F. Etheridge, managing editor of The Macon Telegraph; and Wilton E. Cobb, secretary of the Macon Chamber of Commerce.

Judging Points The points upon which the issues will be judged are their originality, liveliness and quality. Classes may choose any color or colors which the printer has available. Expenses of a class edition which are above those of a regular Cluster issue will have to be borne by the class or its staff.

The class issues of the Cluster were inaugurated in 1926 and the class of '28 was the winner of the cup. The class of '29 repeated the feat last year by again winning the trophy. The cup is now being polished and engraved at

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Press Institute Meets At Mercer Feb 16

Noted Newspapermen to Gather Here for Three Days of Classes

Under the sponsorship of the Georgia Press Association, an institute for Georgia editors will be conducted at Mercer University the three days, Feb. 16, 17 and 18.

The institute is to be conducted as a result of a proposal made to Mercer by the association for such a plan. The idea was conceived several months ago and university officials promptly endorsed the proposition. It is for the purpose of giving the Georgia editors an opportunity to discuss state problems, and at the same time to study the broader phases of newspaper writing and editing.

Mercerians to Teach Daily classes will be held in this work, which will be taught by members of the Mercer faculty in the school of journalism, by Georgia newspapermen, and by representatives from other journalism schools.

Among the prominent editors and writers who have been invited to speak at the institute is David Lawrence, internationally known as a writer on American politics. Mr. Lawrence has already accepted his invitation. Mr. Emily Woodward, editor of the Virgin News and president of the State Press Association, has announced.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the institute met in Macon on Wednesday of this week to plan the complete program for the three days' session. This committee is composed of John Paschall, of the Atlanta Journal; Miss Woodward, Mark F. Etheridge, managing editor of the Macon Telegraph; Hubert Dyer, of Reynolds, and Prof. Edgar E. Folk and M. Virginia Garner, of the Mercer school of journalism.

ELECTED HEAD



Dr. Spright Dowell

Dr. Dowell was recently offered the presidency of Mercer after serving in that capacity at Auburn for eight years. He told the executive committee of the board of trustees he would make known his decision shortly.

HEAD OF AUBURN OFFERED PLACE AS LEADER HERE

Executive Committee of Trustees Selects Baptist Layman to Succeed Dr. Weaver

HE IS WAKE FOREST GRAD.

Resigns Presidency of Auburn After Great Record in Eight Years' Service

Dr. Spright Dowell, who for the last eight years has been president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala., was elected president of Mercer University at a special meeting of the board of trustees held in Macon December 20. The members of the Mercer board of trustees are of the opinion that Dr. Dowell will accept the position. Dr. Dowell's resignation as president of Auburn is not effective until June.

Wake Forest Graduate

The president-elect is one of the best known educators of the South. At the age of eighteen Dr. Dowell graduated from Wake Forest College, North Carolina. Then he attended Columbia University, New York. The University of Alabama conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon him in 1920. Dr. Dowell has also done specific graduate work in the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Dowell has devoted all of his time since his graduation from college in 1896 to educational work. He began his career as superintendent of public schools at Shelby, Ala. From Shelby, he went to Columbiana, Ala., and from there to East Lake. In 1909 he joined the staff of the Birmingham schools as principal of the Barrett High School. In 1913 he was elected to a place on the Alabama state system of public instruction, having charge of teacher training for the state and also directing the educational institutes for the state of Alabama.

In 1917 Governor Charles Henderson appointed Dr. Dowell state superintendent of education for Alabama, and in 1919 he was re-elected to that position. He resigned as state superintendent of education in 1920 to accept the presidency of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, which position (Continued on page 6)

VANDERBILT FIVE FIRST FOR BEARS

Captain "Phoney" Smith and Company Open Season in Nashville Jan. 12

CLEMSON HERE JAN. 16

The Mercer varsity basketball team, winners of eight practice games in as many played during the Christmas holidays and now in a tie for the Championship of the Macon Industrial Basketball League, will open their 1928 college basketball season, Thursday night, Jan. 12 at Nashville, Tenn., with Vanderbilt University furnishing the opposition.

May Play Dalton

On the following night the case representatives of Middle Tennessee State Normal at Murfreesboro will be played. It is probable that Dalton Athletic Club will be played by the Bears Saturday night.

Returning late Saturday night the Bears will have only one day of rest before they open the home season, playing Clemson at the new city auditorium, Monday night, Jan. 16.

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Class Football to Start Here Within Two Weeks

Class football will begin within two weeks, according to an announcement made by Major J. D. Blair, who is in charge of the intra-mural gridiron affairs.

Coaches will be appointed by Coach Moore and Blair within a few days and varsity football lettermen will have charge of their respective teams. All equipment will be furnished by the individual candidates of the class teams. Other preparations will be made immediately, but thus far no arrangements have been made.

Classic is Planned

After the championship has been decided between the classes, thirty of the best players will be selected by the coaches and these men will be divided into groups of fifteen each. These two groups will meet in the classic of the intra-mural tilt, and an All-University team will be picked, the eleven players receiving silver footballs.

MERCER TO LOSE DR. JENT, JUNE 1

Dean of Theological School to Accept Presidency of Missouri College

Dr. John William Jent, dean of the theological school of Mercer for the last two years, has accepted the presidency of the Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Mo. He announced this week. Dr. Jent was offered the new position during the Christmas holidays, but deferred his acceptance until lately.

Leaves June 1

Dr. Jent stated that he would take up his new duties as soon as his contract here expired on June 1. He has been professor of rural sociology and rural church development at Mercer. He came here from Oklahoma Baptist University.

The Mercer dean has occupied many positions of prominence in the Baptist educational field, and is now a member of the education board of (Continued on page 6)