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GRINALDS TO BE FROSH LEADER; SHAW IS EDITOR

Clofelter Named Vice-President and Carter Secretary by Freshman Class

SHAW TO SERVE REST OF YEAR

Chappell Elected Associate Editor of Frosh Cluster; Call Issued for Scribes

Archie Grinalds, of Macon, was elected president of the Freshman class at a meeting held by the group Thursday morning in the university chapel. Grinalds is a pledge of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree, and was recently chosen by the Phi Delta Theta society to represent the organization in a freshman inter-society debate. He is vice-president of the Senior class of the Maury High School, Norfolk, Va., where he was a student before entering Mercer.

Clofelter Vice-President

Other officers elected by the freshmen were Harold Clofelter, Atlanta, vice-president, and Copeland Carter, secretary.

Fred Shaw, of Tifton, was selected to edit the class to edit the freshman edition of The Cluster, which will appear next week. Shaw is a pledge of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and is a candidate for the A. B. degree.

The class named as associate editor, H. Chappell, of Jacksonville, Fla. Chappell is a pledge of the Sigma Pi fraternity. The two editors will select their staff members for the class Cluster.

They announced that those interested in becoming a member of the Cluster get in touch with them at once. Clofelter, the vice-president of the freshmen, was recently named by the Phi Delta Theta literary society as freshman editor, along with Grinalds. He is a candidate for an A. B. Copeland, class secretary, is a Sigma Pi pledge and a candidate for the B. S. C. degree. Tom Cobb, advisor to the freshman class, presided at the meeting.

HAIL, YE FROSH, REJOICE, B'GOSH

Tom Cobb, the friend of the lowly frosh, came to their aid again Tuesday night at the Senior class meeting. He suggested that the first year class be allowed to abandon their green ties, and wear the orange caps only if they so wished. The class voted favorably upon his motion. Throw 'em away, boys. Get out that Stetson and that snappy bow tie!

FRAT ROW PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED

Pan-Hellenic Council Will Meet Sunday Afternoon With Much Business on Hand

Several important matters are slated to come before the Pan-Hellenic Council of Greek Letter Fraternities when the initial meeting of the new term is held next Sunday afternoon, at a place to be announced by the president.

A committee will report the results of its investigations with regard to the selection of a fraternity row and the possible plan of erecting fraternity houses. Another committee will report the outcome of the scholarship contest and give the comparative standings of the fraternities for the last term.

Tourney is Planned

Still another committee will make its report as to plans for the coming inter-fraternity basketball tournament. The committee is to set a date, draw up all regulations, and make arrangements for the tournament, which will probably be held the middle of February.

A fourth committee will pass on the eligibility of the various pledges to be initiated into the fraternities.

The Council gave two receptions last week-end at the Floyd Rifles Armory, and according to present plans of the committee in charge, another reception will be given Friday night. Those in charge of the receptions are: Paul Etheridge, Frank Caylor, Pierce Bradley, and Maynard Smith.

The officers of the Council for the present term are: Harvey Jay, president; Paul Etheridge, vice-president; Frank Caylor, secretary; and Maynard Smith, treasurer.

WARE WILL EDIT SENIOR CLUSTER IN TRY FOR CUP

W. J. (Bill) Stevens Elected Associate Editor by Class at Meeting Tuesday

CALL FOR SCRIBES MADE

'They're off'

Just one jump ahead of the freshmen, the Seniors, the class of '28 which for two years has won The Cluster Trophy, held an election Tuesday night in the Phi Delta Hall, naming Robert Ware, of Hoggansville, as editor-in-chief of the Senior class edition. W. J. (Bill) Stevens, of Stevens Crossing, Ga., was named as associate editor of the class Cluster. Both Ware and Stevens have seen considerable service with the publication. Ware was one of the managing editors last year and is advertising manager at present. He is serving, also, as the representative of the Macon News in the campus.

Represents Three Papers

Stevens is serving his second year on The Cluster editorial staff. He acts as representative here for a number of papers, among them being The Atlanta Journal, The Augusta Chronicle, and The Christian Index. Since the opening of school this year, he has borne the burden of being sports editor for The Cluster.

The two men will select their staff and plan the senior edition. They announced that all seniors who have had journalistic or who are literarily inclined to get in touch with them at once and assist with the class issue.

Peculiar Election Held

The election of class editors was marked by many nominations and withdrawals. Stevens was nominated for the editorship by Courtland Gilbert, but declined to become a candidate for the office. He then in turn nominated Ware. June Ellis was nominated by Tom Cobb, but The Cluster editor declined, stating he was ineligible for participation in the class contest. Ware was thus elected without opposition. Stevens was nominated for the place as associate editor by Courtland Gilbert.

Charlton ("Little Bit") Pierce, class president, presided at the meeting, and announced class football would begin Monday. A number of seniors signified their intention of taking part and representing the class in the contests. On a motion of Frank Jordan, Pierce, Wallace Butts and "Phoney" Smith were named to act as the committee in charge of the class team.

Those desiring Senior rings should place their orders with him at once, Pierce announced.

ATTORNEY-TO-BE LEAVES THE FREE

Pollard Jent, destined to be a great attorney someday, was hailed before the bar of love this week, found guilty of having a funny feeling about the heart and fined the price of a marriage license. (It will be in the next few days, he said. She is Miss Louise Prentiss. Time of courtship, twelve months.)

ELLIS WILL HEAD PRESIDENTS' CLUB

Frank Jordan Named Vice-President, and Courtland Gilbert Secretary by Group

SERVE IN WINTER TERM

June Ellis, Macon, was elected president of the Presidents' Club to serve during the winter term at a meeting of the organization held Tuesday night in the Phi Delta hall.

Other officers elected by the group were Frank Jordan, Talbotton, vice-president, and Courtland Gilbert, Brunswick, secretary. The officers of the organization during the past term were John Blinn, Columbus, president; June Ellis, vice-president; and John Gilbert, Brunswick, secretary.

Block "M" Discussed

New business was brought before the club by Courtland Gilbert, student representative on the athletic board of control, who reported that the wearing of block Ms by glee club members had been deplored by the board members. The Presidents' Club decided to draw up resolutions urging the university authorities to allow no one except athletes to wear block Ms and no one except freshmen to wear numerals.

Full attendance at the next club meeting was urged by the officers. The club will meet at 10:30 Monday morning, January 23, in the Phi Delta hall, it was decided.

Election is Close

In the ballot for club president, the race was brisk. In the secret ballot to select a president, Frank Jordan and June Ellis received an equal number of votes and lead the others in the race. The second ballot determined the winner. No competition marked the remainder of the election. Jordan (Continued on Page 4).

BRUINS TO PLAY CLEMSON TEAM IN OPENING TILT

Games at Auditorium Monday Night Opens College Court Season in Macon

BEARS RETURN SUNDAY

Road Trip Includes Games With Vandy, Teachers' College, and Dalton A. C.

Returning Sunday from a three-day road trip during which time they played three quintets, the Mercer Bears will rest one day before opening the college basketball season in Macon Monday evening against the Clemson Tigers. The game will take place at the city auditorium, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

This will be the first time that Mercer has opposed Clemson in any branch of the sport since 1922 when Mercer defeated the Tiger five in a close game on their own court. Little is known of the present Clemson team as the season is still young. However, the team is coached by Josh Cody and that fact alone should indicate that the Bears are in for a fight.

Bears Play Vandy

Eight Bears, headed by Captain "Phoney" Smith, left here early Thursday for Nashville, Tenn., where Thursday night the Bruins played the Vanderbilt Commodores, 1927 champions of the S. I. C., in their first college basketball game. Those making the trip were: Captain "Phoney" Smith, Art Wright, Lynwood Stallard, Clyde Carpenter, Clarence Movall, Frank McWilliams, Howard Bridges, and Lige Lockerman.

On the following night the Bears journeyed to Murfreesboro where they met the representative of Middle State Normal College. On the return trip Saturday night, the Bears will stop over at Dalton and play the Dalton Athletic Club, which has an excellent record for the season.

Bears Are Champs

By winning the championship of the V. M. C. A. Industrial league Saturday night by a 47 to 35 score from the strong Schenoids' aggregation, the Bears showed even the most pessimistic of fans that the 1928 team would be an championship runnings. The Mercer quintet, thanks to a practice tour through South Georgia during the Christmas holidays, is already approaching mid-season form, and will (Continued on page 2)

Mercer Freshmen Play Junior Petes Saturday

The Junior Petrels of Oglethorpe are sharpening their claws to put an end to the winning ways of the Baby Bear cleteers Saturday night in Atlanta, according to reports from the Capital City.

Reports from Atlanta state that the Oglethorpe freshmen will offer the mercer team plenty of opposition. The Junior Petes have been playing for several weeks and they are recognized as a strong aggregation.

Oglethorpe lost to the strong U. S. Bluebirds of Atlanta by only four shots. The work of Claude Herrin, leading his flashy floor work and his shots, has stood out in the games led by his team.

Crook Smith, brother of the phenomenal Phoney, was Mercer's first four-letter man. Any team coached by Crook is deeply respected by Mercer coaches and players.

Last Saturday afternoon the all-star team of Coach Morgan's was too much for Bill Fincher's Tech freshmen. The Cubs crushed the Junior Jackets 53 to 16. A return game will be played in Macon, February 16.

Praise Given

The write-up of this game stated in part:

"The Baby Jackets looked on befuddled. Peggy Campbell could not miss the basket, plopping the leather through from any and all angles. Billy DeVaughan and Billy Underwood were usually as brilliant."

Morgan, the amiable coach of the Cubs, received many congratulations on the playing of his team after the game, and Coach Alexander, of Tech, especially praised the Baby Bruins." (Continued on page 3)

BEARS PLAY DUKE IN DURHAM, NOV. 3

Coach Moore Pleased on Obtaining Game With Nationally Known University

Duke University will be played by the Mercer Bears next fall on November 3, at Durham, N. C. It was announced Thursday. Coach Bernice Moore was highly pleased at being able to schedule the game with Duke, whom he described as playing "a national schedule." The game will take place in Duke's immense new stadium which will be completed during the summer.

The Mercer Bears will play nine football games during the 1928 season, six of them being with S. I. A. opponents, according to the first official football schedule given out recently by Coach Bernice Moore.

The most noteworthy change from (Continued on page 3)

Class Gridders To Hold First Practice Monday

The initial call for candidates for class football will be issued Monday afternoon at three o'clock, according to information given out by Major J. D. Blair, who is in charge of the intramural gridiron activities. All men who wish to try out their ability to use the football are urged to answer the first call given out by the coaches.

It was also announced that equipment will be furnished by the athletic department as far as it will go. Thus, the first comers will get the use of the uniforms of the university. These uniforms will be issued to the different classes and will be distributed by the individual class coaches.

Eligibility Determined

All freshmen and varsity lettermen of this school year will be ineligible, but the men making numerals last year or in other past years will be eligible to try for the teams.

The coaches of the teams have not yet been decided upon, but they will include lettermen of the 1927 varsity

team. The selected letterman will pilot his class. The general supervision of the work will be in the hands of Major Blair, assistant football coach.

Silver footballs will be awarded to the picked eleven that compose the All-University team after the championship has been decided. These men will be selected from thirty players who will meet in a post-season game. This will serve as an incentive for the many candidates who go out, and will aid Coach Moore in finding new material to aid his 1928 varsity team.

All men, whether they have had football experience or not, are urged to join their classmates in furnishing as strong teams as possible. The games usually arouse interest throughout the campus, and this year promises to be no exception to the rule. From the enthusiasm already displayed here, the intra-mural gridiron affairs promise to be the best in several years, the coaches say.