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THE CLUSTER WANTS--

- more heat and hot water in the dormitories.
- the classes to elect their Cluster editors and faculty advisers.
- to know why the students who accepted places on the athletic board have failed to attend meetings when notified.
- lights available in the dormitories before dark.
- all students to have their photographs made at once for the Cauldron.
- to congratulate "Polly" Jent on his matrimonial feat.

THE CLASS ISSUES

For the past two years it has been the custom for the various classes to edit The Cluster for one week. Much interest is displayed each time and obscure journalistic talent is discovered among the students.

The freshmen will edit The Cluster the week of January 16, and the other three classes during the following weeks. As the time is short, it is urged that each class meet and elect its editor and faculty adviser. Do this immediately in order that the editors may select their staffs and apportion the work.

The past class editions of The Cluster have been excellent reflectors of the talents and originality of the students of journalism, and students of the other schools also, and it is hoped that this year more interest than ever before will be displayed.

The following concluding suggestions are offered to that class which desires a good start towards winning the cup offered. Have more interest from the students as a whole; begin at once; spend more time than heretofore; have plenty of originality, but do not make the whole edition a joke; write good news stories in straight news style.

THE PRESS INSTITUTE

Newspapermen and journalism students of the state need only to read the program of the Press Institute to appreciate the quality of the lessons and lectures to be given here. Mercer's newspaper students welcome the opportunity of hearing the state's leading newspapermen and professors of journalism.

In Ben B. Johnston and Mark Ethridge, those attending the institute will see two of the most prominent newspapermen in Macon. The leading professors of journalism in the state are to speak: George H. Sparks, of Georgia Tech; John Drewry, of the Uni-

IN MEMORIAM

PHILLIP LAMPKE died during the Christmas holidays as the result of an automobile accident near Columbus, Ga.

A CHAT ON FRATS

In the issue of The Cluster of November 1st, 1927, certain changes affecting the fraternity system were brought out through the medium of an editorial. In this it was suggested that the standard for entrance into the Greek letter organizations should be changed.

Qualifications for initiation should be put on a basis similar to that used by the Rhodes Scholar committee. This body judges an applicant on three counts: First, his record as a student; second, his interest in developing his body; and third, his participation in campus activities.

From the group of college freshmen who passed an examination, based upon such requirements, would fraternities pick their pledges. The dullards and no-accounts would automatically be excluded, thus raising the quality of the fraternities; and the colleges would be benefited by a greater interest in classroom work, because incentive for more than a "get by" attitude would be offered.

This considers only one phase of the question—the intellectual capabilities and desirabilities of the prospective fraternity member. There is not time here to discuss the many others.

But pause and see whether a higher intellectual type of fraternity man is not desirable; not one, necessarily, who is familiar with the classics or who can repeat enticing stories from the Decameron or who is familiar with the terms of psychoanalysis, but a man who has an appetite to learn—a man who apparently comprehends why he is at college.

Certainly, one of the most valid criticisms of the social fraternities is that they are too social. The members lead a life of indolence, passing the time in aimless chatter, card playing, and "rat" hazing. In many houses this gives place to viciousness; and there we find the name of Volstead excreted. Then comes the more clearly thinking brother who attempts to raise the morale by subjugating the spirit.

There is always a more or less powerful group in each chapter who for some foolish reason believes that for the good of the fraternity the ideals as set forth in the several creeds should be considered important. The larger this contingent, the better the fraternity. But it is usually small. Why? Because under the present system of unguided selection, the good, bad, and indifferent compose the new element.

The most congenial fellowships are those based upon mutual interest. Such an interest cannot be stated merely in a creed; it must be natural. Men so closely tied together, as are fraternity brothers cannot derive benefit when their ideals are radically different. The present fraternity system overlooks this fact.

NOTICE

This is the last week for upper-classmen to have their pictures made for the Cauldron. Freshmen will have from now until February 1. All clubs that desire space in the 1928 annual, please see Tom Cobb or John Gilbert at once. Call at 132 Sherwood Hall.

versity of Georgia; Dr. W. F. Melton, of Oglethorpe University; Edgar E. Folk and Virginia Garner, of the Mercer journalism department.

There is to be no charge connected with the institute. Newspapermen will appreciate this fact; and journalism students here are grateful that they will be allowed to attend the classes and lectures.

BEARS PLAY DUKE IN DURHAM, NOV. 3

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 The 1927 schedule is the substitution of Birmingham-Southern for Furman. The latter does not appear on the Mercer schedule because it was impossible to agree upon a date satisfactory to both Furman and Mercer.

Mercer Plays Georgia
 The University of Georgia will be played the second game of the season. The opening game will be with Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C. The Citadel, which furnished the opposition first in the opening game of last year will again be played in Savannah, but this time in next to the last game of the season.

The University of Florida will again be met at Gainesville as a feature of the 'Gator's home-coming day, and Oglethorpe will be played here on Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

There is only one open date on the schedule, Nov. 3. A strong team will be scheduled to play here on that date, according to the Mercer coach.

The complete schedule follows:
 September 28: P. C. at Clinton, S. C.
 October 6, University of Georgia at Athens.

October 13, Howard in Macon.
 October 20, University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla.

October 27, Birmingham-Southern at Macon.

November 3, open.

November 9, Oglethorpe in Macon.

November 17, The Citadel at Savannah.

November 29, Wake Forest at Asheville (Thanksgiving).

BRUINS TO PLAY CLEMSON TEAM

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 make a formidable foe for any college team.

The showing of the three sophomores on the regular squad has been particularly gratifying. Mallard, at forward, scored 25 points against the Schofields, while the guarding of Wright and Stovall prohibited many a Schofield score.

Captain "Honey" Smith still has his eye on the basket and his guarding is better than ever. Clyde Carpenter is also showing up well in the guard position.

Two new games have been added to the Mercer schedule. Chattanooga furnishing the opposition in both instances. The Moccasins will first be played in Macon, Feb. 13. The Bears will return the game, playing the Moccasins in Chattanooga, Feb. 21.

Manager Lawson Bell is trying to arrange games with Albany Y. M. C. A., Birmingham-Southern, and Howard College. If arranged the latter two games will be played in Birmingham. The Mercer schedule for 1928 as it now stands follows:

Jan. 12—Vanderbilt at Nashville.

Jan. 13—Middle Tennessee State Normal at Murfreesboro.

Jan. 14—Dalton Athletic Club at Dalton.

Jan. 16—Clemson, here.

Jan. 20 and 21—Clemson, here.

Feb. 2—Vanderbilt, here.

Feb. 8—Georgetown, here.

Feb. 11—Evansville, here.

Feb. 13—Chattanooga, here.

Feb. 18—Florida, here.

Feb. 21—Chattanooga, at Chattanooga.

FRESHMEN TO PLAY JUNIOR PETES

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Last Friday night the Cubs swamped the Griffin High team 71 to 26. Griffin fans said that the Mercer team was the best basketball team they had ever seen perform.

To date, the Cubs' only defeat has been at the hands of Vienna High. The Freshmen defeated the "Wonder Five" in a second game January 3 by a three point margin. The next two games between the teams will be played in Macon, January 24 and February 10.

Coach Morgan is well pleased with the showing of his team. But he is not stopping for an easy sailing throughout the season. The players also realize that they are not invincible.

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