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BEARS TO MEET CLEMSON TODAY

MERCER NETMEN IN INITIAL MATCH WITH CITY TEAM

Macon Racket Club Will Offer Opposition Saturday Afternoon

CLUBBERS ARE STRONG

Davidson and Emory Are Scheduled for Matches Early This Month

The Mercer tennis team will meet its first opponent of the season Saturday afternoon when it matches its strength against the Macon Racket Club on the latter's court in Vineville. A match with the Racket Club directly before the beginning of intercollegiate matches has come to be an annual affair and on practically every previous occasion the experienced clubbers have proved too much for the younger collegians.

Have Many Stars

The Racquet Club is composed for the most part of former Mercer stars, including on its list such players as Andy and Emory Heyward, for two years state doubles champions while at Mercer; Bob Bivins, Mercer singles champion, for several years; Floyd Schofield, also the singles champion while he was at Mercer; and others. Other outstanding players on the Club are Ed Davis, F. S. Hardeman, and Charlie and Lannie Anderson.

Team to be Selected

Professor E. E. Folk, coach of the Mercer team, has not selected his harshy four yet, but he will probably decide from the preliminary matches Friday afternoon as to whom he will send against the Racquet Club. Prof. Folk has had all the candidates for the team practicing every day this week.

and is expecting to have an excellent team by the time the intercollegiate matches get under way. The four varsity players will probably be selected from the following six men, according to Mr. Folk: Warren Silliman, Logan Lewis, Jimmie Glover, J. C. McMillan, Jimmie Sharp, and Frank Jordan.

The first intercollegiate match of the season will be played Monday, April 3, when the Mercer team plays Davidson College here. There will be six matches, two doubles and four singles, and these will be played on the Racquet Club court in Vineville. The following Saturday, April 14, the Mercer team goes to Atlanta to play Emory University. The next week the team will play Brewton-Parker Institute and the Mt. Vernon Athletic Club here, but the exact dates have not been settled.

Long Tour Planned

Logan Lewis, who has been elected manager of the team, announces that he is planning to arrange a tour of North and South Carolina during the latter part of April. If present plans materialize, the Mercer team will play Wake Forest, Davidson, Guilford, Furman, and probably several other colleges. Negotiations are being made to arrange a match with Georgia later on in the season, according to Lewis.

The Mercer team will participate in the Georgia State Tournament, which is to be held in Atlanta, beginning May 7, according to Professor Folk.

DR. FREEMAN TALKS TO MINISTERS' CLUB

Dr. John D. Freeman, professor of theology, spoke to the members of the Ministers' Association Tuesday night. Miss Katherine Barburn gave several vocal selections which were well applauded.

Cat-tastrophe Looming Over Mercer's Kitties

Mercer does not have a course to train students to become dog-catchers, but pre-medical students learn to be cat-catchers before they complete their required work.

The ghastly stories of grave robberies attributed to medical students in large universities are gripping enough in themselves, but tragedy and near-tragedy are associated with the efforts of Mercer students to obtain cats for purposes of dissection.

What's Become of Sally?

Levant Carter, assistant biology instructor, was summoned to the door of the laboratory department one day by the wails of a woman. He found a negress with a tear-stained face in the hall.

"Come to see Sally," said the stricken darky.

"Sally?" Carter shifted from one foot to the other uneasily. He had visions of a toothless cat lying at that moment in a laboratory box, the victim of chloroform. He feared it was Sally.

Sally is Kidnapped

"They done take me all about it," persisted the colored woman, taking a step forward while Carter took one backward. "The little white girls done seen them low-life niggers, what you boys hired, steal Sally.

"I'd jus' as soon you'd a got one of

my own children. Sally's 13 years old, and didn't have a tooth in her head. I paid a vetynarian five dollars last Saturday to cure the sore on er shoulder, an' Ah want you to Remmie have 'er back."

Ignorance is Bliss

"I don't know anything about Sally," insisted Carter, who knew that Sally was dead if she had been brought to the laboratory. "You must be mixed up somewhere."

The negress left, hoping Sally had not been captured. But there is a cat in a formalin jarrel of the biology laboratory, with a cork between her toothless jaws, that may be Sally.

Cat Commits Suicide

There is another tragical story, the scene of which is laid in the biology laboratory. One desperate cat escaped in the geological storage room where he remained in hiding for two weeks. The name of this martyr is not known, but he evidently knew it would mean death to be recaptured. What he ate during the two weeks he eluded catchers, no one knows. In the end, he committed suicide by leaping from the third story of the chapel to the concrete sidewalk.

It is to be hoped that he was a lawless alley cat, but there may be some (Continued on Page 4)

GILBERT CHOSEN CLUSTER EDITOR

Will Fill Position Left Vacant by Resignation of June Ellis

Courtland Gilbert, of Brunswick, was elected editor of The Cluster Thursday morning by the student body, after the members of the staff had recommended him at a meeting held Monday night.

Ellis resigned as editor-in-chief at a meeting held last week because of difficulty in pleasing the editors of The Cluster.

Named on First Ballot

When Ellis' resignation went into effect, Gilbert was nominated on the first ballot to fill the place as editor for the rest of this school year. Ellis will remain on the staff as a reporter. A staff meeting will be held Monday night at 7:30, at which time several other changes in the staff will be made. It is Gilbert's intention to give the members of the junior class as much practical experience as possible so that the editor to be chosen later in the year for next year will already know the business.

Gilbert is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega, fraternity, president of the Newspaper Club, president of the Presidents' Club, a student member of the Athletic Board of Control, has been on the Cluster staff for four years, has acted as copy editor of The Cluster this year, and edited the Sophomore issue in the first inter-class contest ever held at Mercer, which was won by the Sophomores.

Will Continue Ellis' Policy

Gilbert makes the following statement to the members of the student body of Mercer: "There is no better policy for me to follow than to keep in the footsteps of the able editor The Cluster has had in June Ellis. He has built up a paper recognized by the newspaper profession as an excellent publication. With the hearty aid of the members of the staff, I will try to continue the present high standard of the paper."

DAVIDSON LEADS LAW HONOR ROLL

Three Law Students Make "A" Averages During Winter Term

J. Quintin Davidson, of Fort Valley, member of the second year class, of the Mercer law school, for the second time in as many terms was high point man of the entire school with an average of 88. Not only was Davidson the leader of the law school for the past two terms, but he won that honor for the scholastic year of 1926-27. Davidson's average for the fall term was 89.

Fowler is Second

Lewis H. Fowler, Atlanta, also a (Continued on Page 4)

Big Banquet is Enjoyed By Campus Presidents

A trophy room and a "hall of fame" for Mercer were suggested Tuesday night when the Presidents' Club was entertained at the Cafeteria with a symposium banquet at which Dr. A. P. Montague, acting president of Mercer, and S. W. Garrett, business manager, were hosts.

Detailed plans for the trophy room, which will contain emblems of Mercer's triumphs in athletic and other similar objects, and the "hall of fame" to contain memorials to outstanding graduates of Mercer, both living and dead, were not made but will be taken up at a later meeting of the club, it was stated.

Praise is Given

Unlimited praise for Dr. Montague and Mr. Garrett was voiced by the student speakers. Approximately twenty-five members of the club gathered for the affair which began at 8 o'clock. Both Dr. Montague and Mr. Garrett were accompanied by their wives.

Courtland Gilbert, of Brunswick, president of the Newspaper Club and Presidents' Club, officiated as toastmaster and introduced the students after Dr. Montague had given the in-

WARE JOINS STAFF OF ATLANTA PAPER

Robert (B) Ware, who until the beginning of this term was advertising manager of The Cluster, has secured a position with The Atlanta Constitution. He has been on that newspaper for two weeks.

At Mercer, Ware was active in newspaper work. He was at one time one of the managing editors of The Cluster, and this year was Mercer correspondent of The Macon News. Ware was at one time president of the Newspaper club.

Another Mercer journalist who recently has obtained a newspaper job is Riley McCoy, sometime author of The Cluster feature, Jabber. McCoy is assistant city editor of The Rome News-Tribune.

COMMENCEMENT SERMON HERE TO BE BY DR. WHITE

Service at First Baptist Church, June 3, Opens Graduation Program

The annual commencement exercises of Mercer University will begin on Sunday, June 3, with the commencement sermon. Dr. John E. White, recently elected trustee of the university, and pastor of the First Baptist church of Savannah, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address. The services will be held in the First Baptist church.

Plans Incomplete

Plans for Alumni Day, Monday, June 4, have not been completed. If the program of preceding years is adhered to, the day will be devoted to senior class exercises and entertainment of the alumni. In the afternoon several orations will be delivered by members of the senior class; the class will and prophecy will be read, and other phases of like nature on the program will be presented. Members of the class who will take part in the program have not been announced.

On Monday night the Alumni banquet will be held. The speaker for this occasion awaits selection by Hugh M. (Continued on page 3)

BASEBALL SQUAD FACES TWO FOES IN HOME GAMES

Georgia Opposes Team for Third Time This Year, Saturday

TILTS OPEN AT 3 O'CLOCK

Butts and Smith Will Probably Alternate as Captain of Team

Mercer's Bears will pitch their first garden parties of the baseball season this afternoon and Saturday afternoon, entertaining members of the managerie the Tigers and the Bulldogs, at Central City Park. The guests will be served with delicious pitched balls from the supple arms of Loser, Gober, and Stovall. Nine representative Bears, dressed in the prevailing mode, will be in the receiving line. The event will be at 3 o'clock.

Josh Cody's Clemson Tigers will be the guests at this afternoon's event, and Bill White will again unleash his kennel of Georgia Bulldogs upon the Bears, Saturday afternoon.

Excitement Expected

Both afternoons are expected to be full of excitement. Josh Cody has assembled one of the best baseball teams in the south this year, according to reports from the Clemson camp. And the Clemson diamond ace will be seeking revenge for the defeat administered to the cage representatives of the South Carolina college, by the Mercer basketeers last season.

Revenge will be the predominant feature of Saturday's party also since the Bears have not forgotten the defeats administered them last week-end in Athens. The Bulldogs won both games of the series played at Sanford field. Both games were close, 10-9 and 9-7.

Inexperience of many of the players is attributed as the reason for the defeats by E. P. Mosley, coach of the Mercer baseball team. The Bears, four of them playing their first varsity game, made a total of fifteen errors during the series.

Hitting Ability Shown

The Bears will be in much better shape this week-end, according to Coach Mosley. Hard practices have been held throughout the week and the Mercer coach has expressed the belief that the games between the Bulldogs and the Tigers will be almost free of errors.

The Bruins demonstrated their hitting ability last week, securing 20 or 25 hits during the two games, and making 16 of them count for runs.

Pitchers are still a source of worry to the Mercer coach. Stovall looked effective in the part of the first game that he played. Loser held the hard-hitting Georgia team to 11 hits in the last game.

Will Not Choose Captain

It is probable that a captain will not be elected for this year's squad. There are only two men eligible, "Phoney" Smith, and Wallace Butts. Coach Mosley alternated these men last week, letting Butts captain the squad Friday and putting Smith in charge Saturday. This plan will probably be continued throughout the season.

The lineups for the games this week-end will probably remain the same as last, with Buch Loser and Clarence Stovall, alternating in right field; "Phoney" Smith in centerfield; Lynwood Mallard in leftfield; Jack Walker on first; Wallace Butts on second; Derby Cannon, short; "Butch" Hammack, third base; Bill Alderman or Doyle Barnes, catcher; and Stovall, Loser, and Gober, pitchers.