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## BEARS PLAY HERE TOMORROW

### SENIORS ADOPT RULES FOR NEW STUDENTS HERE

Frosh Must Remain Seated at Assemblies Until Upperclassmen Leave

#### TRIBUNAL WILL JUDGE

Committee Is Appointed to Try For Biggest Dismissals This Year

A meeting of the senior class was held Tuesday morning during the chapel hour for the purpose of adopting regulations governing freshmen. A committee, composed of Buford Boone, chairman, Darby Cannon, W. A. Womack, Will Ed Smith, and Charlie Wallace, submitted to the class a number of regulations which were adopted.

The freshmen regulations are as follows:

1. Freshmen shall wear freshman caps outside of buildings on all occasions until the end of the winter term.
2. Freshmen shall speak to all upperclassmen, classmates and visitors on the campus.
3. Riotous acting, boisterous talking, and other disturbances by freshmen likely to prevent study are hereby prohibited in dormitories after 8 p. m.
4. At all general assemblies, freshmen shall remain seated until all upperclassmen have left the building.
5. Freshmen shall respond when called upon by upperclassmen for small favors and errands, and must maintain respect at all times for upperclassmen.
6. Freshmen are prohibited from frequenting billiard parlors and places of ill repute.
7. Freshmen shall learn school yells, school songs, attend all pep meetings, class meetings, and football games en masse.
8. Freshmen shall wear green ties on all occasions until Christmas. In case of victory in the flag rush, green ties may be removed.

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### FRATS PLAN NEW PLEDGING RULES

Committee Appointed at Pan-Hellenic Meeting to Investigate Feasible Methods

The first regular meeting of the Pan-Hellenic council for the year 1928-29 was held Monday afternoon at the Phi Delta Theta house. The meeting was called to order by Pierce Bradley, president.

A committee was appointed to investigate pledging rules and to submit a plan of deferred pledging, the proposed plan to be put into effect at the beginning of the next school year. The most favored plan is the "Tech system," which defers all pledging until six weeks after the opening of the school year, and forbids all high school and grammar school pledging.

Maynard Smith was re-elected treasurer to serve for the remainder of the school year. The pledging committee announced that the winner of the scholarship, given the fraternity having the highest average during the previous school year, would be announced at the next meeting, which will be held at the Kappa Alpha house on October 21st.

### PRESIDENTS TO MEET WEEKLY ON MONDAYS

Important business matters and the consideration of several plans which have been submitted to the presidents club are to be discussed in a meeting of that body in the Ciceroian hall in the library building Monday afternoon at two o'clock, according to J. Quentin Davidson, president of the organization.

A short, informal meeting was held last Monday at which only a few of the campus leaders attended. No business was transacted, but a regular meeting time and place was decided upon.

Consideration of the new plan for "open politics" on the campus is one of the most important matters to be discussed at the meeting Monday, the president stated.

### MAID EDITORIAL IS SUPPRESSED

Administration Decides That Cluster Critical Expression Is Unjustified

#### COMMITTEE IS NAMED

An editorial complaining of lack of maid service in the dormitories was suppressed from publication in last week's Cluster by the editors just before the paper went to press. A proof of the editorial was shown to the president before he took action in asking that it be withheld.

The article in question, claimed the editors of the student weekly, was an expression of student opinion, and they held that the Cluster, as the organ of the students of Mercer university, should be free to publish such opinion.

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### Mercerian Scoffs Pullman to Become Knight of Road

By L. Y. Bryant

Fellow mortals, can you imagine a Mercer student purposely departing from the numerous conveniences, to say nothing of the luxuries, of a fast-moving limited merely for the opportunity of walking a hundred miles? Well, me either! But this was the case with Austin Gilmour while on his trans-continental trip to Portland, Ore., during the past summer.

And why, you want to know. (Well, so did I.)

"Well, I was always fond of walking," Austin explained, "having, I suppose, absorbed this characteristic during the eight years I stayed in the northwest. After the erstwhile soft Pullman cushions had grown tiresome, I entertained seriously the novel idea of quitting the train at Newport, Ore. and making the remaining 100 miles of my journey to Portland as best as I could. Consequently, when the train rolled into the former town, I jumping off, with pack on my back, to become a knight of the open road—a journey for the next five days.

Followed Coast

"Continually retarded by a light, cold breeze from the sea, walking was not difficult or uncomfortable, that is, as long as I was on the beach. When I came upon promontories, how-

### Student Tribunal Rules Against Boisterous Racket in Dormitories

Regulations Requiring Quiet After 8 O'Clock Passed By Body.

Boisterous conduct of students in any dormitory of Mercer after 8 o'clock at night will be considered a major offense this year by the student tribunal, according to J. Quentin Davidson judge of the governing body.

### CUBS, GEORGIA PLAY FOOTBALL

Mercer Frosh to Meet Baby Bulldogs in Louisville Friday Afternoon

#### FROSH WON LAST YEAR

By "Doc" Clark

After the devastating invasion of the Bulldogs' stronghold last weekend—the varsity was defeated—another of Mercer's teams will meet Georgia this afternoon.

In the little city of Louisville a bunch of mighty Bear and Bulldog athletes of the freshman classes of the two universities meet in their annual classic.

Each year for the past two or three years, Mercer and Georgia freshmen have taken the annual jaunt to Louisville, and always has the city shown them hospitality. This year will be no exception, judging from reports down that way.

The Mercerians tasted defeat for the first time last Saturday when Kid Cecil's Gordon eleven came into town and did the last-minute western-story act by pulling the proverbial bacon out of the fire. With only two minutes to go, and the freshmen leading, one of Cecil's men grabbed a long pass and tip-toed down the field to give his team an 18-12 victory.

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The provision for this offense was added by the discipline committee of the university and the officers of the tribunal. The provision reads as follows: "Any conduct by a student in any dormitory after 8 o'clock at night which tends to disturb other students who wish to study, or any conduct after this time which is violative of a person's right to be secure in his own room will be considered a major offense therein."

#### Davidson Makes Statement

Mr. Davidson stated that the new provision was made in order that students may have a better opportunity to study if they so desire. It was the belief of the tribunal that this provision will eliminate the annoyance of "bull sessions" and hazing of freshmen at night.

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Mr. Davidson said: "The student tribunal wishes to function successfully and effectively this year and to do so there must be a cooperation of all the students with its officers."

"Attention is called also to an old provision of the constitution concerning the drinking or having intoxicating liquors, which is a capital offense and calls for a maximum punishment of expulsion or a minimum of suspension for the remainder of the term. Attention is called thereto because it is the idea of the new administration that this rule also be rigidly enforced. It must be kept in mind that the new administration is taking over a thing in a terrible condition and trying to make the most of it and it needs all the co-operation possible to keep the students interested and satisfied at Mercer.

### RECORD CROWD IS ANTICIPATED HERE SATURDAY

Thousands of Out-of-Town Tickets Already Have Been Sold

#### MEET STRONG ELEVEN

Most Last Year Letter Men Will Face Mercer Team On Gridiron

By Jim O'Neal

One of the largest crowds of football fans ever to assemble in the Centennial stadium is expected to witness the first home game of the season tomorrow afternoon. Thousands of tickets have been sold to out-of-town fans for the Mercer-Howard game, according to information from the Macon Exchange club, which is sponsoring the event, and a large representation from Macon and the whole student body of Mercer is anticipated by the officials who are making preparation for the annual gridiron struggle between the two teams from Baptist institutions. The Wesleyan and Bessie Tift student bodies will see the game and will sit on each side of the Mercer cheering section, it has been announced.

The Mercer football team has put in a strenuous week of practice in preparation for the game against Howard college, of Birmingham, at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon. Coach Moore has drilled his men long and hard this week and has ironed out the kinks which were so prevalent in the Georgia game.

Lost Last Year

Mercer journeyed up to Athens last Saturday only to be repulsed by their ancient rivals by a one-sided score of 52-0. But a defeat at the hands of Georgia is thought by the Bears to be no disgrace, as they are said to have one of the best teams in the country. At times Mercer showed flashes of brilliance, but the Georgia hordes were too much for the lighter Mercer team. Matt Corbin, Mallard and Hammock were the stars for the Bears, while the Georgia backfield composed of Johnson, Hooks, Mc-

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### FRATS ANNOUNCE LIST OF PLEDGES

Many Freshmen and Several Old Men Have Accepted Bids

Activities on the part of the various fraternities on the campus during the weeks since the opening of school has resulted in the pledging of many freshmen and several upperclassmen. With the exception of the Delta Sigma Pi, national commercial fraternity, the official list of the pledges as announced to The Cluster is as follows:

Alpha Lambda Tau: Marvette Simons, Eufaula, Ala.; James Taylor Crouch, Dawson; Roy Harrison, Mill-edgeville; Henry Beasley, Reidsville; Richard Robinson, Americus; Phillip Albright, Macon.

Alpha Tau Omega: Cooper Salter, Savannah; James Wilkes, Adel; Howard Oldens, Nashville; Newton Thompson, Madison; Steve Turnell, Madison; Seth Lee, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Frank Jones, Macon; Elbert Durham, Macon; Harvey Stipes, Carrollton.

Kappa Alpha: Ben Alfred, Hartwell; Benning Grice, Macon; Littleton Glover, Newman; Bernard Davis, (Continued on Page Five)

### PRESIDENTIAL STRAW BALLOT

Because of high interest in the November election of the president, The Cluster, in conjunction with College Honor and the leading college newspapers in the country, is conducting a straw vote to determine the preference of the two candidates.

All college students, regardless of age, are asked to vote. The complete student opinion is of more interest than just the votes of those students who are of voting age, because we then can tell what the collegiate world thinks of the two candidates.

All ballots must be signed. Clip the ballot here and drop in a box which will be provided in the co-op Friday. All votes must be in by Monday morning, in order that The Cluster may wire College Honor in time for publication of the returns of the national ballot in this newspaper and in College Honor by Nov.

If you lose your copy of The Cluster, write your preference on a slip of paper and drop in the box, with the ballot signed. All votes will be disregarded except those cast for either Hoover or Smith.

Results of the local voting will be published in The Cluster of next week, and returns from the nationwide straw vote will be printed in The Cluster of Nov. 2.

#### BALLOT

Harbert Hoover, Republican

candidate

Al Smith, Democratic

candidate

MARK X AFTER ONE ONLY

Signature of Voter