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PLANS INDICATE BIG HAPPENINGS FOR NEXT GAME

Homecoming, Dads' Day, Petrel Contest Will be Held Nov. 12

MANY ALUMNI EXPECTED

Coch Moore Promises Visitors Good Exhibition of Football in Stadium

Plans for the largest gathering of alumni and friends of Mercer university ever to be held here are being made for Homecoming and Dads' day which will feature the annual football game between the Mercer Bears and the Oglethorpe Petrels to be played in the Centennial stadium on Monday, Nov. 12.

A drive for the sale of tickets will begin Monday, according to Coach Bernice Moore, and a large number of tickets are expected to be sold before the day of the contest.

In addition to the annual Homecoming day, the presidents' club is sponsoring a movement among students to bring the fathers of the members of the student body to the campus for the day, and the ideal of Dads' day will be incorporated with that of Homecoming.

Coach Moore said that all who attend the contest between the teams will see a real game of football.

"The Mercer-Oglethorpe contests have always been good, with plenty of action and lots of scoring," he said. "Everyone who has ever seen a Bear-Petrel game has left fully satisfied with the brand of football played."

Coach Moore said that a large paid attendance at the game will determine the financial outcome of the Mercer home football season. "I want to urge all alumni who will find it possible to do so to attend," the Mercer coach said. "I will be glad to see all the men and speak to them at the game, after the game, or any other time while they are here. After all, an alumnus and I are interested in the same thing—making the Mercer football team a good one and the season a success."

The game will be played on the day which will be officially set aside for celebration of Armistice day and it is understood that all the stores in Macon will close at 1 o'clock for the holiday. Coach Moore said that a large attendance of Macon people is expected and that they certainly will not be disappointed in the game of football which will be played.

Although plans for Dads' day have not been completely formulated, a committee from the presidents' club will attempt to arrange for special rates to fathers of Mercer students for the game and other forms of entertainment will be provided. With Homecoming, Dads' day and the game with the Petrels coming on the same day, Monday, Nov. 12, is expected to be the biggest day of this school year.

MANY TO ATTEND B. S. U. MEETING

Addresses and special music by students of Bessie Tift, university of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Mercer university, Piedmont, Norman junior college, Brewton Parker Institute and Mary Willingham school will be one of the features of Baptist students conference to be held at Mercer, November 16-18. These students will address the conference concerning campus problems, making suggestions for the solution thereof.

A survey of the Mercer campus (Continued on next to last page)

Herbert Hoover is National Choice of College Students in Straw Poll

Chicago, Nov. 1.—In the American college straw vote taken by College Humor magazine The Cluster and the college dailies, Hoover received a two to one vote.

In the September registration this year, there were 892,808 students in the 1,104 American colleges, of which 644,685 were men and 348,123 girls. This army of young voters (most of whom had never had any experience at the polls) have been termed by Democrats and Republicans as the hope of America.

The co-operation of the college newspapers was secured, the majority of them running ballots on their front pages. Voting boxes were placed at strategic spots on the campus. Returns were wired to Chicago at the latest possible moment. Thousands of secret ballots were mailed by College Humor to fraternities and sororities in every college. In many schools, particularly in the southern states, the students did strenuous campaigning for their favorites.

Analysis of Vote

Analysis of the vote showed that Herbert Hoover had the majority of student votes in thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia. Alfred E. Smith carried ten states: Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Dividing the country into zones, every one of the following eastern states voted for Hoover: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. The largest vote for him was in Connecticut, nine to one. Smith made his best showing in New York, where the vote ran nine to five for Hoover. The total votes in the eastern states gave Hoover a three to one majority.

Smith Carries Georgia

In the southern states, Smith carried every state with the exception of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas and the District of Columbia. The vote was closest in Kentucky and West Virginia, Hoover winning by three votes in both cases. Smith's majority was a comfortable one in every other state he carried, Texas and Louisiana going over to his standards four to one. Of all votes cast in the sixteen southern states, Smith led by a majority of seven to five. The heaviest vote was cast in Virginia and the lightest vote in Arkansas.

Hoover carried every one of the central states. The west-central states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas) all went Republican by a total vote of three to one.

Hoover Takes West

Hoover carried every western state (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon and California). Taking the total of all votes cast in this section he led three to one. In Colorado, the Democrats were strongest, three to two and in Montana the weakest, thirty-nine to one. Of all the states in the union, Montana was the strongest for the G. O. P. forces.

Virginia cast the greatest number of individual votes for Smith, and Pennsylvania the most votes for Hoover. The largest percentage in any one college was twenty to one for Smith in Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. The largest percentage for Hoover in any one college was eighteen to one at Wheaton college, Wheaton, Illinois.

Will Rogers obtained one-half of one per cent. of the total student vote. The following was received from the St. John's Collegiate, Annapolis, Maryland: "Hoover 128, Smith 120, Texas Guinan 2, Students dry and faculty all wet."

CENSORSHIP IS FORENSIC TOPIC

Judges Give Anti-Censors Two to One Decision in Debate Monday Night

CLUSTER EXAMPLE NAMED

The Mercer Cluster would be freed from faculty censorship, that is, if the administration abided by a decision arrived at in the debate held Monday night in the Ciceronian hall between members of the Ciceronian literary society.

The subject under discussion was: Resolved, That Student Publications Should Be Censored by the School Administration. John Gilbert and Will Ed Smith, representing the negative side, won a two to one decision over Stanley Reese and Charles Cork, of the opposition. The judges were W. R. Sudderth, King Dixon, and Stephen Turnell. Charles Cox acted as chairman. Speeches were of six minutes in length, with two minute rebuttals.

When the speakers chose The Cluster as a working example upon which to base their arguments, the question assumed a local point of view.

Two Phases Argued

The affirmative side divided its argument into two phases, namely the local effect of faculty supervision and the effect upon Mercer alumni; other colleges, and the general public. Mr. Reese, arguing from the local viewpoint, contended that censorship would tend to produce unity and a closer cooperation between students and faculty. His colleague, Mr. Cork, contended that a like policy would result in closer cooperation among the alumni and would assure more loyal support from them. Both affirmative speakers recommended that the students, before resorting to published criticism, should strive to settle the difficulties through arbitration by taking these difficulties to the proper authorities in the form of petitions or committees.

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STUDENTS TO ELECT SECRETARY OF BODY

Election of a secretary for the student body of the university will be held in chapel this morning, it was announced by President W. A. Womack.

At the general election last spring, no secretary was elected. It has been the custom in the past to choose only one official of the body, namely, a president.

It is expected that voting will be by secret ballot, although no announcement has been made to that effect. "Open politics" will not be employed, according to a recent decision of the presidents' club, until freshman elections after Christmas.

MEN ARE PICKED FOR LAW CLINIC

Faculty of Legal School Announces New Members of Honorary Society

NO FRESHMEN SELECTED

At a meeting of the faculty of the law school recently, appointments for the legal clinic for the coming year were made. The clinic had its inception last year, when the faculty of the law school decided to throw open its library to those members of the Georgia bar who did not have adequate references. The work of the clinic is done through correspondence.

Appointments to the clinic are based on both scholarship and ability. As soon as a student of the law school demonstrates to the faculty that he is capable of being placed on the clinic a new appointment will be made.

At present, the legal clinic is composed of only seniors and juniors in the school of law. After fall term examinations have been held in the freshman class, those freshmen who are capable will be appointed to the clinic.

Those Chosen

The following men have been chosen from the senior class: J. Q. Davidson, Fort Valley; Lewis Fowler, Atlanta; Charles Cork, Macon; Harry Jay, Fitzgerald; Will Ed Smith, Fitzgerald; Ed. L. Benton, Macon.

From the junior class the following were taken: Henry Cobb, Carrollton; Albert Hammock, Coleman; Cecil Baldwin, Macon; R. L. Scarborough, Eastman.

BEARS TO MEET DUKE SATURDAY AFTER TIE HERE

Mercer Team Leaves This Morning for Durham, N. C. for Football Game

MEN SHOWING GOOD FORM

Score 20-20 Against Birmingham-Southern Here Last Week

By James O'Neal

It was a rejuvenated Mercer Bear which fought, clawed bit, and tore a Birmingham-Southern Panther to a tie here last Friday. The final count was 20-20. The Baptists looked like a different team Friday from the one which was ingloriously defeated by Florida week before last.

The Mercer team left yesterday afternoon at 5:45 for Durham, N. C., where they will meet the Blue Devils of Duke university tomorrow. This will be the first time the Bears have met Duke on the gridiron. The North Carolina school has played some of the best teams in the country this year. They lost by narrow margins to Boston college, Navy, and were badly defeated by Georgetown, one of the leading eastern teams. Mercer has lost three games and tied one against lesser opposition. Duke has won from South Dakota, and Mercer from Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Again Mercer is rated as the underdog, but again they may pull a surprise.

Show Good Form

If the Bears keep the form they showed at times against Birmingham-Southern, they will pull a surprise. They showed a never-say-die spirit when they staged a comeback after the Panthers had scored two touchdowns in the first few minutes of play. Late in the same quarter, Wright scored for Mercer on a triple pass and five yard run. Early in the next quarter the same gentleman made a phenomenal 65 yard run which put Mercer in the lead, 14-13. The next score came in the last quarter when Bill Alderman intercepted a pass and galloped ten yards for another counter.

Even after Alderman failed to kick goal, it seemed like a Mercer victory, until, with only five minutes to play, Smith of B. S. ran 25 yards to Mercer's one yard line before he was brought down by Jodie Matt. Smith bucked it over after the Bears had held for three downs. They made the extra point good by a trick pass which tied the score. The game ended a minute later.

For Mercer, Wright, "the flying yank" and Maillard, "Macon's own," were the lunar lights. Wright showed shades of Phoney Smith and Red Grange in scoring two of The Bruina's touchdowns. Maillard redeemed himself before the Macon fans and played the best game of his career. Godby, Gear, Matt and Corbin also turned in good games for the Bears.

This boy Billy Smith, of the Alabama eleven, was almost too much for Mercer's defense. He is one of the fastest pigskin toters ever seen here. Battle also played a whale of a game at tackle for Birmingham-Southern.

'BooBoo' Abbott May Make 'Brother' Go On Rock Pile

Then Mr. Abbott Will Not Have to Sleep in His Overworked Knickers

By Bill Key

According to information received by the A. T. O. chapter here, Aubrey Abbott probably will not have to sleep in his knickers much longer. Very much aggrieved at having lost his one pair of pajamas, Abbott set out to do some detective work which may prove successful.

Wires were sent to the University of Georgia chapter. Here it was found that the "A. T. O." used the same name, Lewis Armstrong, and the same story. He had lost his family and all possessions in the Florida hurricane, and was going around trying to forget. Evidently in a hurry to get away from the Georgia chapter, he very graciously accepted supper from the "brothers", and left

for South Carolina. So far as is known he took nothing but a good meal from the chapter there.

Abbott's suit was quite noticeable, however, as was Bill Key's ring and pin.

A Hardluck Guy

He then went to the chapter at the University of South Carolina. There he purported to be from the Georgia chapter, but kept the same name and said his family was well and healthy. Here he claimed he had left a pocketbook containing 56 dollars in a hotel room, and that it had been stolen. A collection was made and 10 dollars were "loaned" him. It was here, however, that he made a slip that may land him on a Georgia (Continued on next to last page)