

THE MERCER CLUSTER

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FORSENIC TEAM WILL BE NAMED BY COMMITTEE

Coach Fowler States Large Number of Schools Will be Met

TEN MEN WILL BE CHOSEN

Winners to be Arranged According to Ability Shown in Trial Speeches

The varsity intercollegiate debate try-outs will be held this afternoon in the chapel of the university beginning promptly at 4 o'clock, Prof. Lewis H. Fowler, debate coach, has announced. Candidates will debate for five minutes on either side of the subject: Resolved, That the Public Should Retain Ownership of, and Develop the Principal Sources of Hydro-Electric Power, in the United States. Although the date of the try-outs was postponed from last Monday until this afternoon the same rules as previously published and posted will prevail.

A committee of the faculty will act as judges. From the candidates participating, a group of ten men is to be selected and ranked in the order of ability displayed. Out of this group, selections for membership on the teams will be made by the debate coach as such selections are necessary.

"A victory in the try-outs places a man on the squad, but does not assure him a permanent place", Professor Fowler stated. "Due to the heavy schedule this year, the debaters will be required to do a considerable amount of work, and the positions on the teams are conditioned on the seriousness and thoroughness with which this work is done", he added.

Several tryouts
Several men have made known their intentions to compete in the try-outs. However, those who have competed in one or more intercollegiate contests while at Mercer will not be required to debate in these try-outs. These men are Will Ed Smith, W. A. Womack, and Sam Overstreet, the only men to return from last year's varsity squad.

April 3 is the date which has been set for the first forensic event of the season. It will be held at home with William and Mary college, of Williamsburg, Va. Other institutions appearing on the home schedule are Alabama Polytechnic institute, University of Florida, and University of Alabama. If funds are available, several other events will be added later. It has not been decided how many teams will be added for these contests, but Professor Fowler intimated that the number would be three or four. The season will draw to a close in the early part of May.

To Debate Georgia
The road trip will probably begin on April 5 at Athens with the University of Georgia. On the following night, Presbyterian college will be debated in Clinton, S. C. Other schools which have signified their willingness to be met on the road trip, the exact dates of which have not been definitely decided, are Duke university at Durham, N. C., North Carolina State university at Raleigh, University of Richmond at Richmond, Va., and William and Mary college at Williamsburg, Va. The road trip ends with the latter debate on April 12. A two-man team, prepared to uphold either side of the same question, will make this trip.

This year the men on the forensic teams will be given special recognition in the form of debating certificates issued by the debating council. On these certificates will be the seal (Continued on Next Last Page)

MALLARD CAPTAINS MERCER CAGE TEAM

Before the beginning of the practice session Monday afternoon, Lynwood "Buggy" Mallard, star forward of last year's basketball quintet and a regular member of the varsity football team of 1927-28, was chosen by the Mercer cage lettermen of last year as captain for the Bear basketball team of this year.

Frank McWilliams, an effective forward who is showing up well this year and Art Wright, of football and basketball fame, were elected alternates. Mallard and Wright are juniors and McWilliams is a senior.

ALUMNI COUNCIL TO HEAR DOWELL

Informal Dinner in Cafeteria For Organization Will be Held at 6:45

As part of the program of the regional meeting of the American Alumni council an informal dinner will be held in the Mercer cafeteria at 6:45 today. A short talk will be made by Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer, and entertainment is scheduled after the meal.

The meeting of the council is under the auspices of Wesleyan and Mercer, and will last from 3 o'clock today until noon Saturday. There will be no meeting of the organization Friday night in order that members may attend opera. Headquarters of the delegates will be at the hotel Dempsey.

Mercer will be represented at the dinner by John D. Allen and J. C. Shelburne. Jack Bailey will sing a solo and the Mercer Glee club quartet will give a few selections.

The meeting includes representatives from 50 colleges in Georgia and surrounding states. These representatives are alumni secretaries and others connected with alumni work.

BOARD TO SELECT FOOTBALL COACH

Bernice Moore Now on Coaching Staff of Louisiana State University

A head football coach is to be selected at Mercer within the next few days, according to a statement made by Dean C. B. Wray, treasurer of the Mercer board of athletic control. A meeting of the board will be held as soon as Dr. Spright Dowell, recovers sufficiently from a recent illness to attend, and several applications will be considered at this time, it was said.

Dean Wray stated that nothing definite had taken place, but that two former Mercer stars and several prominent coaches have been mentioned for the position.

The selection of a new head coach at Mercer has been made necessary by the resignation of Coach Bernice Moore who has accepted a place on the coaching staff at Louisiana state university. Coach Moore has been head football coach at Mercer for the past few seasons. Coach Moore also coached basketball.

Long Cage Coach
Oscar Long, former Mercer star has been made basketball coach and now has the Bear cagers under his charge.

Since the S. I. A. A. rules committee which met at Deland, Fla., ruled that eight association games must be played in order to enter the S. I. A. A. tournament which will be held at Jackson, Miss., March 1, 2, 4 (Continued on Next Last Page)

LAMON NAMED FROSH LEADER BY CLASS OF '32

Jones, Hollingsworth, Carson and Ethridge Also Elected to Fill Chairs

MEETING LASTS AN HOUR

Considerable Disturbance in Rear of Hall Interferes With Proceedings

The freshman assembled in the Phi Delta literary hall Wednesday after chapel, elected Harry Lamon, Macon, president of their class. Nominations for the election was made by acclamation and voting was carried on by secret ballot.

Norwood Jones was named vice-president; Eider Hollingsworth, secretary and treasurer. Fred Carson, of Gainesville, was elected representative to the student tribunal; and James Ethridge was made editor of the freshman edition of the Mercer Cluster, which will be published the latter part of February.

Mr. Lamon and Mr. Jones are Pledges of the Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities respectively. Mr. Lamon was a member of the freshman football team. Both of the students are graduates of the Lanier High school.

Mr. Ethridge is pledged to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, is a member of the tennis club and a finalist in the fall matches, and is a member of both the Cauldron and Cluster staffs.

In the last two elections—for Cluster editor and representative of the student body—secret ballot was dispensed with and the men elected by acclamation.

Five men were nominated for the presidency, namely, Berry Meridith, Harry Lamon; Little Glover, James Ethridge and Norwood Jones. Nominations were closed by motion of Ed Calloway.

In the race for the vice presidency a tie resulted between Fred Carson and Norwood Jones on the first ballot. On the second ballot Jones won.

There were at least three nominations for each office. Considerable difficulty was experienced in quieting the meeting sufficiently to nominate the men and count the votes. In the rear of the hall a group of students were attempting to filibuster, raising objections to each name that was proposed.

Hugh Kelly, freshman supervisor during the fall term, gave a brief talk concerning his services as a freshman supervisor. He was appointed by the senior class to take charge of the new students until they became well enough known to each other to select their own officers.

Y. M. C. A. Sets Goal Of 100 For Vespers

The Y. M. C. A. has set for its first week's goal an attendance of 100 boys at vesper services, according to Alton Williams, the "Y" president. Mr. Williams stated that a plan is being formulated to visit every Mercer student, giving him a personal invitation to attend the vesper services.

The program for next week follows: Jan. 15, "Why Attend Vesper Services?"—Julian Webb; flute solo—George Dayton. Jan. 16, "Why Attend Sunday School in College?"—Leslie Williams. Jan. 17, "Why Attend Young People's Organizations While in College?"—Ephworth Leagus, Ed Ford; Christian Endeavor, Harold Clotfelter; B. Y. P. U., Barnard Brooks. Jan. 18, "Why Attend Church (Continued on Next Last Page)

BEARS START CAGE YEAR WITH VICTORY OVER ALBANY TEAM

GILMOUR PICKED AFTER LEONARD RESIGNS OFFICE

New Managing Editor Named by Boone to Fill Unexpired Term

Following the resignation of Howard Leonard as managing editor of The Cluster, Austin Gilmour was appointed the first of this week to fill the unexpired term.

Mr. Leonard resigned to accept another journalistic position, he said. He has been on the editorial staff of the weekly for two years and was appointed managing editor at the beginning of the fall term. Mr. Leonard was a member of the editorial council last year and has been editor of his class edition for two years.

"Mr. Leonard's work on The Cluster has been entirely satisfactory and it is indeed disappointing that he has resigned. His editorials have created wide comment on the campus and have been quoted in several Georgia newspapers."

Mr. Gilmour has been on the editorial staff of The Cluster since he entered Mercer in 1926. He was on the editorial board of this newspaper last year when the permanent policy of the editorial page was formulated.

"Mr. Gilmour is one of the ablest writers in the university," Mr. Leonard said in retiring, "and his promotion to the managing editorship is a sorry I have to drop out right now, (Continued on Next Last Page)

SENIOR CLUSTER TO BE PUBLISHED FIRST IN CONTEST

Allen, Clifton, Ethridge, Selected to Judge Class Editions of Newspaper

The senior class edition of The Cluster will be issued Friday, Feb. 1, and the junior, sophomore and freshman journalists will edit succeeding issues of this newspaper for the following consecutive weeks, it was announced this week by Buford Boone, editor-in-chief of The Cluster.

James Ethridge was elected to edit the freshman issue at a meeting of his class Wednesday. The other classes had not named their editors when The Cluster went to press.

The purpose of the class issues, Mr. Boone explained, is to interest undergraduates in their newspaper and in the newspaper profession. Novel arrangements of headlines and snappy handling of news and features have marked the contest in past years. The class of 1928 won a cup offered for the best paper for the last three years.

When all classes have issued their publications, an award will be made the group putting out the best sheet in the opinion of three judges, who will be Prof. John D. Allen, head of the journalism department here; Mark F. Ethridge, managing editor of the Macon Telegraph, and R. L. Clifton, managing editor of the Macon News. Copies of the class issues for last year will be placed where all the undergraduate editors may see them and get an idea of the nature of the contest, Mr. Boone said. All editors should be chosen by the end of this week, it was said.

Campbell, Carpenter and Wright Star in 45-33 Win Over Blues

TIGERS HERE LAST NIGHT

Clemson is First College Opponent of Local Team This Season

By James D. O'Neal

After having met and defeated the strong Albany Y. M. C. A. team in the opening game of the 1929 basketball season here last Saturday night 45-33, the Mercer Bears were to have played their first contest with another college team last night at the Riverside skating rink with the Clemson cagers. Coach Oscar Long pitted the strength of his team against that developed by Josh Cody, a former Mercer coach who has developed a strong team at the South Carolina college this year.

With the Mercer team showing midseason form and the Albany Blues a bit off color, it was a more or less easy Mercer victory. The dead shooting of "Peggy" Campbell and the close guarding of Carpenter and Wright were the features of the game. "Peggy" alone accounted for 13 points and his all round playing showed that he is of all-American caliber. Wright, in addition to his excellent guarding managed to score 9 points, while Carpenter showed that he had lost none of his old knack of leaping high into the air and getting the ball off the backboard.

Robinson, of Albany, made the first score when he tallied from under the basket. Matt tied the score with a pretty field goal and Campbell put Mercer in the lead. It was the Bears game from then on. The score at the half was 20-15.

Albany Threatened Once

In the second half, when Brisbois scored three times in succession, Albany came within three points of Mercer's lead. At this stage of the game, "Buggy" Mallard, goal shooter deluxe, was ejected into the game for Mercer and the score immediately began to rise and Mercer was out of danger. The game ended some five minutes later.

All the Mercer squad saw action at one time or another during the game. Both Carpenter and Stovall were tried out at center and both showed up creditably. Corbin, Matt, and Bridges started the game for Mercer. McWilliams played well when he relieved Bridges at forward.

Robinson and Brisbois were best for the Blues.

Term Enrollment Less Than in Fall

Examinations for those who missed the regular examinations because of influenza began Wednesday, Jan. 9 and will continue until Saturday, Jan. 19, according to J. C. Shelburne, registrar of the university.

Enrollment for the winter term stood at 421 on Tuesday, a drop of 107 from the fall term enrollment. No figures were available concerning the number of these still unable to return because of influenza.