

### DRAMATIC CLUB TO HAVE BUDGET

#### Mercer Players Reorganize Under Supervision of Faculty

The Mercer Players, dramatic club of the university, under the directorship of J. C. Shelburne, has been established as a student organization under faculty supervision, and will in the future be supported through a student budget. A permanent treasury has been instituted through which the profits of one season will be saved and carried over to the following year to be used as a fund upon which to begin the next season's activities, instead of being divided among the players as was formerly done. Stricter and sounder business methods will characterize the new arrangement, according to Mr. Shelburne.

The destinies of the club, heretofore, have been in the hands of the president and the business manager, with little faculty supervision, he explained. That the club might raise enough money upon which to begin to function, a fee was charged those desiring to participate in the tryouts, with an additional fee if the candidate made the cast. When the season closed, the players divided the profits among themselves without considering the future of the organization.

Under the new system, Mr. Shelburne said, tryouts will be open to every member of the Mercer Players, membership being restricted to those who have actually taken part in a play on the campus. Perpetuation of the club will be assured financially by the permanent treasury.

"It is my earnest desire," Mr. Shelburne stated, "that the Mercer Players, as an organization, be constructed on a strictly business basis. If at the end of any school year our books show a profit, this profit shall be carried over until the next year so that, as the university grows, this organization will become a real feature in student life, and that some day the profits made by the club can go into the erection of a college theater."

"The Carolina Players, of the University of North Carolina," he continued, "have made a reputation for themselves, their school, and their state by writing and producing plays based on actual life and conditions in their state. The Mercer Players, of Mercer university, have a no less valuable source for original and constructive dramatic work," Mr. Shelburne concluded.

### GLEEMEN ELECT JOHN IRA BAILEY

#### Singers Make First Winter Appearance in Milledgeville At G. S. C. W.

John Ira Bailey was elected president of the Mercer Glee club, at a special meeting held Wednesday afternoon, to succeed Hardeman Jones. Ed Ford was selected as vice president.

The club will make its first 1929 appearance Monday night, February, 11, at Georgia State College for Women, in Milledgeville. The chorus and orchestra have been practicing daily in preparation for the first trip of the season. The following Friday the singers will leave for a ten day tour of east and north Georgia, where a tentative schedule has been arranged which includes Augusta, Athens, Toccoa, Hartwell, and several other places to be arranged.

The club will have practically the same program as was offered last year which includes songs by the chorus, solos, instrumental solos, orchestra and blackface skits. The chorus consists of eighteen men, and the orchestra of eight.

The personnel of the entertainers is the same as last fall, with the exception of the addition of three blackface comedians, Norwood Jones, Tom Vickary, and Jimmy O'Neal, to take the places of Hardeman Jones, Copeland Carter, and Dick Cotton, all of whom have left school.

### INTER-FRAT TILTS BEGIN ON MARCH 5

The annual inter-fraternity basketball tournament will be held March, 5, 6, and 7. Rules and regulations governing the tournament have been decided upon, and each fraternity on the campus is expected to enter a team in the meet.

All members or pledges of a fraternity who are regularly enrolled in any department of the university shall be eligible to represent their fraternity in the tournament, except those who have previously made a basketball letter, or who have been out for either the freshman or varsity squad in the two weeks next preceding the holding of the inter-fraternity contests. Each fraternity must furnish the secretary of the Pan-Hellenic council with a list of its members and pledges who are eligible to participate in the fraternity games, at or before the second meeting of the Pan-Hellenic council in February.

A committee composed of Lige Loukerman, J. A. Curry, and John McGeehee has been appointed by Luke Hill, president of the Pan-Hellenic council to take charge of the rules governing the meet, and to decide the eligibility of any man, in case his standing is questioned. Each fraternity must make arrangements for a court on which to practice.

### STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE BEGINS AT BRENAU COLLEGE

A delegation made up of W. R. Sudderth, Homer Littleton, and Miss Glenn Bandy will represent Mercer university at the Student Volunteer conference which opens tonight at Brenau college, at Gainesville, and lasts throughout Sunday.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Mr. Sudderth, president of Mercer's Volunteer band, and treasurer of the state union, is to study some of the major problems of modern missions. The plan, he said, is to create a greater missionary spirit among college students, and to challenge their thinking on this subject. The general theme for the entire meeting will be "The Unfinished Task of Missions."

Several noted speakers are to be heard at the conference, Mr. Sudderth stated. Outstanding among them are Dr. John Hope, Dr. D. D. Martin, and Jesse R. Wilson, general secretary of the National Student Volunteer movement and an international figure in missionary endeavor. In addition to these, several student speakers will address the conference. Delegations are expected from all the colleges in Georgia.

### M'CLAIN CERTAIN OF NEW BUILDING

#### \$36,000 of Quota for Law Structure Practically Assured

The proposed new law building of Mercer university will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1929. Prof. Joe McClain, dean of the Mercer Law school, promised students and faculty members of that school at a smoker held Tuesday night in the law library in Sherwood hall. Three-fourths of the total quota for the erection of the building is practically assured and every effort is being made to secure the other fourth, he said. The proposed building is to be constructed at an approximate cost of \$60,000.

Mr. S. Stroszier and J. R. L. Smith practicing attorneys, but former teachers of eleven and seventeen years experience respectively, also spoke to the gathering. The theme of Mr. Stroszier's address was the judicial reform in the state of Georgia. That of Mr. Smith's was the creative work of the lawyer.

After the speakers had finished, the meeting was turned into an informal affair and refreshments were served.

### Many Winter Term Initiations Are Held

Many initiations into the social fraternities on the campus have been conducted during the first few weeks of the winter term. Several of the chapters will have no pledges to be taken in until the spring term.

Those who have been recently initiated are as follows: Phi Delta Theta: Charles Herndon, Elberton; James Etheridge, Perry; Edward Kilpatrick, Eatonton; Dennis Cowart, Donaldsonville. Kappa Sigma: James K. Wilson, Davidboro; Fred C. Evans, Sandersville. Sigma Nu: C. C. Croft, Thomasville; J. C. Pritchard, Carrollton. Sigma Pi: John L. Henderson, Columbus; Kent A. Youmans, Lyons.

Kappa Alpha: John L. Glover, Newnan; John Frierson, Macon; Benning Grice, Macon; Bernard Davis, Shelbyville, Ky. Sigma Alpha Epsilon: John G. Harrison, Jr., Macon; Norwood Jones, Macon; Hoke Smith Oliver, Abbeville; Meridith Berry, Sparta; Irane Watson, Wadley; Jerry Clark, Atlanta. Pi Kappa Alpha: McDuffie Marshall, Macon. Pi Kappa Phi: Clarence Askew, Hamilton; Millard Copeland, Brunswick, and Robert Coursey, Lyons. Alpha Tau Omega: Durward Wilkes, Deveraux.

### REFORMATION IN MANNERS

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Mercer, and so the problem resolves itself into of ways and means of getting the feet of the Mercer students off the ground.

There are a number of plans which come to mind almost instantaneously as being feasible. In the first place, raised causeways could be erected to connect the various buildings, and the earth could be sodded under them. Or if this does not appeal to the aesthetic sensibilities, cables could be strung from building to building with breeches buoys suspended from them. The cables would be no more conspicuous than telephone wires, and the athletes could be allowed to run them. These men could either be excused from classes and given a diploma after four years of valiant effort in the service of Mercer's Beautification Movement, or better still a breeches buoy team could be organized and letters and sweaters be offered, thus keeping the sport on an amateur basis.

#### A Method of Solving The Problem: Sub Rosa

As a final suggestion, and a last resort, should all of the above schemes be found to have their weak spots, pneumatic tubes, such as one seen in department stores, could be installed underground and the students could then be shot from building to building without the least possible chance of their marring the landscape.

It has just occurred to us as we closed that in case all of these ideas prove impractical, the students could all be dismissed from the university as of secondary importance to the herbage; and the university could then raise grass even if they could not rear scholars.

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### MERCER TO MEET EMORY DEBATERS

#### Contest Will Be Held At Bessie Tift During May

Dr. Aquila Chamblee, president of Bessie Tift college, in a recent letter to Prof. Lewis H. Fowler, debate coach, accepted the proposal that the Mercer-Emory debate be held at that college. May 10 has been set as the tentative date for the event. Professor Fowler stated that the debate probably be sponsored by the student organizations of Bessie Tift. The team to represent Mercer in this engagement has not been selected, and, according to the debate coach, its selection will depend upon the subject, and the records of the men up to that date.

Subjects for the two home debates have been definitely decided. Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt a Uniform Marriage and Divorce Law is the subject to be argued in the debate with William and Mary college here, April 3. Mercer is to have the choice of sides, but this selection is to be made later, according to Professor Fowler. John Gilbert and George Cain compose the team for this contest.

#### Subject Announced

Resolved, That Expert Jurists, Three to Five in Number, Should Be Substituted for the Present Plan of Trial by Jury has been chosen as the subject for the debate with Alabama Polytechnic institute here, May 3. Mercer will uphold the affirmative side of this question. The team for this event remains to be chosen.

Mercer's debate schedule, to date, has nine events on it, six on the road trip to be taken through Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia, two at home, and the one at Bessie Tift college. More home events may be added later, however, Professor Fowler said. Oglethorpe is being considered as an opponent, and negotiations with University of Florida are still pending.

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Invitation to Institute Miss Emily Woodward, president of the Georgia Press association, in a recent letter to the junior editor of The Cluster, asked that an invitation be extended to The Cluster staff an dall those interested to attend the Georgia Press meeting to be held at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Feb. 20-23. "I thank you for your interest," Miss Woodward wrote, "and trust that all Mercer students who are interested can arrange to attend the meeting."

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