

Dramatic Ladies Slogh The Mud Of Thomaston

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Picture fifteen Mercer boys around barefooted in mud, ankle deep. Picture five tall ladies carrying straw, sticks, rocks and other debris in a beating rain. It is something almost unbelievable. Yet such a scene you could have witnessed Friday afternoon about three miles from Thomaston.

The Mercer players left from in front of Cynthia Holiday hall, their property house, at 2:30 P. M. Although a biting cold wind and a driving rain beat on the sides of the big bus, the "Spirit of Wesleyan's" spirits were high at the prospect of the longest trip of the season.

Singing Mercer's alma mater, the players left Macon and were soon on the road. Everything went along fine until the road to Thomaston turned off the pavement at Barnesville. Here trouble started. It was extremely difficult for the driver to keep the heavy bus on the road.

An all-day rain had made the famed red hills of Georgia characteristically slick. Several muddy hills loomed up before the apprehensive driver. It was on one of these that the "Spirit of Wesleyan" was somewhat dampened. The bus started resolutely up the

These Are Regulations For Proposed System

The set of rules which govern the proposed "open politics" system for the election of certain important campus offices, and which will be discussed and passed on by the student body in a call meeting Monday, is contained in a complete form below.

WHEREAS, in the past there has been no uniformity in the election of student body, and

the officers by the Mercer university

WHEREAS, such has led to a deficient and unsatisfactory manner of election of said officers,

THIS ACT is hereby enacted by the Mercer university student body for the purpose of having a uniform system of the election of all its officers and for the promotion of a more efficient and satisfactory manner of such elections.

What Officers shall be Covered by This Act

Sec. 1. All class and student body officers shall come under this Act; to wit: The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior officers of all classes in every department which may have separate officers for said departments; The Y. M. C. A. officers; Cauldron Editor and Business Manager; Master Mercorian; Cluster Editor; Judge, Solicitor, Defense Counsel and all others members of the Student Tribunal; President of the student body; Law Club Officers; S. S. U. officers; Secretary of the student body; the Freshman Advisor; Cheer Leaders and other athletic officers, and all other offices elected by the student body or the classes thereof. PROVIDED, however, that this act does not deal with the literary society officers, social or professional organizations or their executive head, officers of athletic teams chosen by the team itself, Ministerial Association, Volunteer Band, or any other organization of limited membership.

Who Shall Be Voters

Sec. 2. The election of the officers coming under this act shall be by registered voters of Mercer university as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. Each student registering on the registry books, certified by the Treasurer of Mercer university shall be a registered voter within the meaning of this Act.

Sec. 4. The names of said registered voters shall be taken from the registry books of the university by the Election committee, and said list shall be published in The Cluster the

incline, then began to lose speed. The driver shifted the gears in a vain attempt to climb the hill. The wheels began to spin and the big car stopped. All efforts to urge her father went for naught as the wheels only sank deeper in the mud and slipped closer to the yawning ditch at the side of the road. Surely, here was a predicament! Scenery, property and players, and a place to go, but an apparently weak chance to get there. But there is a slogan among troopers "The show must go on!"

All the boys and the general registrar removed their shoes and started working in the rain. Mud stuck to soft white feet and oozed between pink toes. Rain beat down on overcoats and slickers, and the spinning wheels splattered mud all over everyone. Ah, but it was a strange sight to see! Four beautiful maids helping an Ethiopian of the same sex bring sticks rocks and hay from a farmer's barn nearby.

Diligent toil is not without reward, for after three hours of unceasing labor, the Mercertans were able to bring the bus to the summit of the hill.

The show went on in Thomaston only ten minutes late that night, although it was a rain-soaked set of actors that faced the cordial audience.

first available publication of said paper after the time for nominating has been closed, and any student registering up to the closing of the nominating period shall be an eligible voter. It shall be the duty of this Committee to classify the registered voters according to their classes, such classification being made by hours credit on the books and not according to the number of years in college.

Who Shall Have Charge

Sec. 5. That all elections shall be in charge of an Election committee consisting of nine members, all to be elected by the Presidents' club, consisting of 7 members from the student body and 2 members from the faculty; the President of the student body shall automatically be chairman of this committee. This section does not in any way qualify the other duties and powers of the Election committee in subsequent Sections.

Sec. 6. The Election committee shall conduct special elections for the election of the freshman class officers of all departments, the Freshman Advisor, and such other officers as is the custom to elect, at such time as they see fit. Said election being a special exception to the uniform election of officers at the regular time hereinafter provided for. The same Committee as provided for in Section 4, supra, shall at such time have collected a list of the registered voters of said class. The vote must be signed by the voter and checked against this list, nominations being made from the floor.

Sec. 7. Whenever a member of the Election committee shall be nominated for an office and he accepts such nomination he shall be automatically disqualified to serve on said committee and his place shall be filled by a vote of the Presidents' Club in the same manner as provided in Sec. 5; this must be done although it requires a special meeting of the Presidents' Club to do so.

When Elections To Be Held

Sec. 8. All elections coming under this Act shall be held on the 4th Friday in April with the exception of those mentioned in Sec. 6 supra.

Sec. 9. Whenever any office shall become vacant because of the leaving of school of the officer, or because of that disqualification to hold office, or for any other reason, the executive officer of that organization shall appoint a temporary officer to fulfill such duties until the Election committee shall see fit to provide for an election to fill said office. It shall be in the power of said Election com-

mittee to call such election at any time such occasion arises and they shall conduct the election as provided in Section 6 for freshman elections.

Nominations
Sec. 10. All nominations for the candidacy of officers under this Act shall be made by 12 o'clock noon on the Friday which is three weeks before the election day. Nominations coming after that time are void.

Sec. 11. Where the election is being held to elect officers to be elected by a particular class, nominations shall be made at the Registrar's office by means of a petition signed by 5 registered voters of that class. Where the election is being held to elect officers to be elected by the student body, nominations shall be made at the Registrar's office by means of a petition signed by 20 registered voters.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of the Election committee to publish said nominations immediately in The Mercer Cluster. The Mercer Cluster being the official paper for all political matters.

Sec. 13. Accompanied with each nomination shall be a fee of 50c to pay for the printing of ballots to be used as hereinafter described or any other expenses connected with said election. Said sum may be paid either by the candidate or any or all his nominors. The failure to make such payment disqualifies the nominee.

Voting

Sec. 14. Voting shall be by prepared ballots so arranged as to conform with the voting system adopted by this Act; said ballots being furnished through the expenditure of the fees charged each candidate.

Sec. 15. The voting shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. to 5 o'clock P. M. on the election day as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 16. The voting shall be at a poll. The poll shall be situated in the hall of the first floor of the Administration Building. The poll to be in charge of the Election committee, at which two men must be kept at all times.

Sec. 17. The poll keepers shall have a list of the registered voters of the University on the election day.

Sec. 18. Each voter makes out his own ballot and gives his name to the list; the voter signing his ballot, poll keeper who checks his name off and he in person turning in his ballot, there being no voting by proxy. As each vote is cast it shall be number by the poll keeper in consecutive numbers.

Sec. 19. Any person breaching or attempting to breach these provisions as to whom is entitled to vote and as to how to vote shall be guilty of a major offense under the meaning of the classification set out by the Charter of the Student Tribunal.

Sec. 20. The votes shall be counted and results announced by the Election committee. The official notification shall be made through The Mercer Cluster at its next publication after the count is completed.

The Preferential Voting System
Sec. 21. At the poll there shall be stationed there throughout the hours for posted upon election day, and main-ballooting, a list of the officers with the candidates therefor, for whom
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