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## THE COLLEGE PRESS

**THE EINSTEIN THEORY**  
**ASK LINCOLN**  
**COLLEGIANS OF YORE**  
**GLOBE TROTTERS**  
**THE CUTEST MAN**  
 BY SAM CHEEK

How to understand the Einstein theory is explained by a columnist in the Brooklyn Politecnico Institute Reporter, who guarantees to teach enough about it in nine easy lessons to enable anyone to dominate any gathering. His lessons are: 1. Don't let the mere mention of the name Einstein throw you! 2. Know what Einstein specialises in! 3. Learn a few handy terms which you can easily remember! 4. Know Magnetism. 5. Know Gravitation. 6. Know Newton. 7. Know Dynamics. 8. Know Mathematics. 9. Choose your own company. And, finally, whenever you have a chance to talk about the Theory, talk about the gang war or the World Series or the Chinese death rate. It's safer.

According to the Fordham Ram, its No Kissing campaign during the flu epidemic saved half the school from the diseases, but mighoh, who wants to be saved like that?

American Mercury offers a chance for some much-experienced person to clean up on his or her experiences. The magazine offers two prizes, each of \$500, for articles by college graduates of this year, discussing their experiences in college. One will go to the best article received from a male student, and the other: the best from a woman student.

Abraham Lincoln became president of the United States because he was lazy, and looked upon the law profession as an escape from manual toil, according to Wayland F. Vaughan, professor of psychology at C. L. A., Boston university, in his recently published book, "The Lore of Superiority." Lincoln was a flat failure as a business man, says Prof. Vaughan, and became bankrupt soon after he formed a partnership. He found a law book in a barrel and thus began his studies.

The dashing collegian of 75 years ago was much wilder than his modern brothers and sisters, according to a writer in the Tar Heel, who backs up his statement with letters of an undergraduate of the fifties and other records which make the modern college youths appear tame when compared with granddaddy's day. Some of the more common pranks of the collegiate of the fifties were: it was considered quite the thing to get high and assault members of the faculty with clubs and firearms, and also to burn unpopular professors in effigy, and other such charming little entertainments.

Talk about your globe trotters! The Howard Crifson tells of a Howard sophomore who travels 125 miles daily to and from classes. It seems that the student lives in a little town about 55 miles from Birmingham, and makes the trip every day. Since he is a soph, and has been doing this same thing since he entered school, it's a safe bet to say that he's traveled quite a bit more than the distance around the world.

To Wake Forest college and N. C. State recently came letters addressed "To the Cutest Man in College." The Wake Forest student body met to decide the rightful owner of the letter, but the State letter was given to a student by mistake by the former without proving his right to it. The letter contained requests for college letters by a girl who was being initiated.

## CUP WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN NEXT WEEK

The winner of The Cluster cup in the class contests which closed last week will be announced in next week's edition. One of the judges, R. L. Clifton, managing editor of the Macon News, left for Miami early this week to attend the Stribling-Sharkey fight. Austin Gilmour, editor-in-chief of The Cluster, was also called from Macon last Sunday because of illness in his family and was unable to arrange for the decision of the judges before he left.

## FIRST S. I. A. A. LOSS SUFFERED

Birmingham-Southern Takes Final Game From Bears, 45-41

## MERCER'S RALLY FAILS

Mercer's Bears went down to their first defeat within the S. I. A. A. Wednesday night when an inspired Birmingham-Southern team nosed out the Bears, 45-41, on the Panther home court. Southern led throughout the game, getting away to a 9-0 lead before the Bears hit their stride, but slowed down near the end of the half, and the score was tied at 14-all at the intermission. Mercer got out in front only once, the lone occasion coming at the start of the second half when Art Wright dropped in a free throw to make the score 15-11. Peggy Campbell then put the Bears further in front 17-14, with a pretty field goal, but Black Panther center, put his team back in the lead with two successive goals from the field. From then on it was Birmingham-Southern. (Continued on page four)

## CICERONIANS WIN SOCIETY EVENTS

Phi Deltas Are Defeated in Forensic and Athletic Contests

The Ciceronian literary society was victorious in both the forensic and athletic contests which held sway on Mercer's annual Society Day program Friday, Feb. 22. The oratorical contest, a no decision event, was held during the chapel period and introduced the program for the day. The debate, Resolve, "That Georgia Should Provide a Bond Issue for the Paving of Through State Highways," was held in the Roberts chapel. Chas. M. Cox and Julian Webb, of the Ciceronian society, successfully defeated the negative side of the question, Archie Grinalds and Troup Morton who represented the Phi Delta society. The judges for the debate were Dr. John D. Freeman, of the School of Christianity; Dr. Fred L. Jones, head of the English department; and Prof. Lewis K. Johnson, of the Economics department.

The chapel hour Friday was taken up with orations by representatives from both societies. Hugh Kelly and Henry Stokes represented the Phi Delta society and spoke on "Washington and Lincoln," and "Loyal to a Trust," respectively. John Gilbert and John R. Joiner spoke for the Ciceronians. Gilbert spoke on the topic "Tomorrow, What?" and Joiner used "The Dreamer" as subject of his oration.

A basketball team of the Ciceronian group defeated the Phi Delta team at the Riverside auditorium by the score of 16-15, Friday evening. The Phi Delta team led through the greater part of the game, but were overcome in the last few minutes of play, W. C. Ashew contributing the winning goal only a few seconds before the final whistle blew. A number were present to witness each of the three outstanding events of the day which were in charge of Samuel Overstreet and Eugene Elmer, president of the Phi Delta and Ciceronian societies respectively.

## BEARS DEPART FOR S. I. A. A. CAGE TOURNEY

Defeat Peeler All-Stars in Final Home Game of the Season

## HAVE SPLENDID RECORD

To Play Birmingham-Southern Wednesday Night on Way To Jackson

After defeating the Peeler All-Stars, Monday night 25, in the final home game of the year, Coach Oscar Long and his Mercer Bears left Macon early Wednesday morning enroute to the S. I. A. A. tournament which is being held at Jackson, Miss. The Bears were scheduled to stop at Birmingham for a game with Birmingham-Southern on Wednesday night and were scheduled to play Union university Thursday evening as their first opponent in the tournament.

The final game with the Peeler All-Stars was one of the roughest contests seen in Macon this year. The game was close at times but Mercer was able to hold the advantage throughout the game. In the first half both teams played well. Captain Mallard scored twelve points in this first period and at the end of the half the score was 21 to 13 with Mercer holding the lead.

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## KELLY SISTERS SING AT STUDENT CHAPEL

At the student chapel Friday morning, Misses Virginia and Cleo Kelly will entertain with a number of vocal selections, accompanied on the piano by Miss Mary Colquitt, according to an announcement by W. A. Wommack, student body president. On the following Friday, Mr. Wommack said, an attempt will be made to have the Scott-Mansfield players out for the chapel period.

## Good Jaunt Reported By Singers on Return

Returning to the campus last Saturday from the annual winter tour, the Mercer glee club reports a successful trip to east and north Georgia. Although they encountered a week of February's rain while away, the gleemen played their schedule of five engagements which included Waynesboro, Augusta, Warrenton, Toccoa and Swainsboro.

Reports from the places at which the club performed bear testimony of the triumphs which the gleemen scored, according to Charlie Wallace, publicity director of the troupe.

The three blackface comedians, Tom Vickery, Norwood Jones and James O'Neal, featured in the first act of the program, the little minstrel, made a hit wherever they appeared, it was announced. The club's two vocal soloists, John Henderson and Jack Bailey and M. A. Murray, pleased their audiences with snappy songs.

Planning Spring Tour  
 The Collegians, ten-piece orchestra under the direction of O. L. Dayton, Jr., ended the two-hour entertainment, which began with "the college gang" by the club chorus, in a pleasing manner. Playing the latest of popular numbers, the musicians were one of the outstanding attractions of the performances.

Griffin has been booked for an engagement on March 15, and several dates have been scheduled for the spring tour, it was announced.

## RINGS, INVITATIONS, AT STUDENT CHAPEL

Final orders of the senior rings and invitations will be sent off March 15, according to Bill Wright, chairman of the committee in charge. Mr. Wright stated that as it would be impossible for him to see each senior individually before then, he will be in the co-op on Monday and Tuesday afternoons of next week to receive orders and names of those who wish to leave them. The prices of the invitations; Mr. Wright said, are, for the leather covered ones, 42 cents, and for the paper covered 23 cents.

## Class Exercises To Be Held June 3

Historian, Orator, Prophet, Poet and Fool Selected by Seniors

## CHECK CREDITS THIS WEEK

Decision to hold class day exercises Monday, June 3, was made by the senior class at a meeting yesterday afternoon. The program will begin at 5 o'clock. This will be the day before degrees are awarded. The election of class historian, orator, prophet, and poet for the exercises was held yesterday.

Those elected were Maynard Smith, Cairo, class historian; John Gilbert, Brunswick, class orator; John Joyner, Miller, class prophet; Charlie Wallace, Waynesboro, class poet. Bill Wright of Johnston, S. C., was elected class fool.

Must See Shelbourne  
 J. C. Shelbourne, registrar, announced that all seniors with sufficient credits to apply for degrees must see him within the next week between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon in order to check up on the work for which credit is asked.

A charge of ten dollars will be made for the diploma fee. The fee for caps and gowns was not announced, but will be no higher than on previous years.

Mr. Shelbourne also announced that all seniors seeking employment should see him at once, leaving their names in his office and stating what they desire to do. It is especially important for those finishing this term to do this. Mercer is represented in this connection by the Georgia Placement agency.

Two representatives of the Goodrich Silver fleet have requested Mr. Shelbourne to find men for personnel work with the company, collegemen being desired for this employment.

Who's Who Contest  
 Crockett Odom moved that a Who's Who contest be held by the class. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Bill Wright presided in the absence of the president, Luke Hill, who was absent because of illness.

## Cauldron to Contain Many New Features

The 1929 Cauldron will be different from any Mercer annual yet issued, according to E. B. Gilbert, Jr., business manager of the year book. It will be a much larger book than that of last year, Gilbert stated, containing some three hundred pages, as compared with the 250 of last year's. There will be more color plates used, and the beauty section, composed of the most modern girls from each of the Georgia women's colleges, will be in color.

Each class will be represented in (Continued on page four)

## OPEN POLITICS FOR ELECTIONS VOTED MONDAY

Measures to Regulate Time and Manner for Selecting Officers Adopted

## NAME POSITIONS COVERED

Preferential Ballot to Be Used By Voters at Polls

Probably the most revolutionary reform in the history of the school was enacted Monday morning when the student body, in special session, adopted measures to regulate the time and manner of election of student officers.

The only matter meeting opposition was inclusion of the title of Master, Mercerian in the list of positions to be governed by the act. King Dixon made a motion to strike the words Master Mercerian from the act. Ware Beall supported the motion on the grounds that the office is of an honorary nature. Buford Boons opposed the motion, which was defeated.

Election of all officers to be elected by the student body and by all classes, except the freshman, will be held on the fourth Friday in April. Nominations must be made three weeks before the day of voting, and a list of the nominees published in The Cluster.

## OFFICERS INCLUDED

Positions covered by the act include president of the student body, all class officers, editor and business manager of the Cauldron, editor of The Cluster, and all other officers except those of the literary societies, social and professional clubs and other organizations of limited membership. A committee to govern elections, to be composed of nine students and two faculty members, will be selected. A poll will be located in the administration building on the date of voting and all voters' names will be checked by a list of registrants of the university as they cast their ballots. Violations of the election system will be punished by the student tribunal. The Presidents' club will be the appellate body for contested elections. The preferential ballot will be used.

Only 35 students attended the meeting, but, since the student body has no definite organization, this number constituted a quorum.

## GREEK TOURNEY BEGINS MONDAY

Contests Will Be Staged at Riverside Arena, Starting At 3:00

This year's Pan-Hellenic basketball tournament opens next Monday at the Riverside arena and continues through Thursday, March 7; Fraternity circles have taken intense interest in the coming matches.

Four games will be played Monday, two Tuesday, two Wednesday, and the finals will be played Thursday at 4:30, with the game to decide the runner-up coming an hour earlier.

Each team will be allowed only eight men on the floor. A small admission will be charged to defray expenses.

A committee composed of J. A. Curry, chairman, Lige Lockerman, and John McGeehee arranged the drawings. The schedule as announced by Mr. Curry follows:

MONDAY  
 3:00 o'clock  
 Phi Delta Theta vs. A. T. O.  
 4:00 o'clock  
 Sigma Pi vs. Alpha Lambda Tau  
 5:00 o'clock  
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