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JOE COLLEGE LIQUOR  
WHY GO TO CLASS?  
STATISTICS ARE BORING  
GA. EXPECTS NEW BLDG.  
NTNL ENROLLMENT DROPS  
BY HOWARD LEONARD

The American college student's ordinarily strained financial condition has a direct bearing on his attitude toward the liquor question, according to The Dartmouth.

"When he does drink," that paper says, "the tightness of his wallet forces him to invest in cheap gin or synthetic products of brown sugar, alcohol, ether and other ingredients generally sold under the alias of rye or scotch."

"He is familiar with beer, ale and the more ordinary varieties of wine, but is seldom able to distinguish between good beer, good ale, good wine and bad beer, bad ale and bad wine. He is aware, largely by hearsay and to a very small extent by practical experience, of the existence of various liquors. He knows that high quality gin, scotch, rye, brandy, rum and so on exist, but his acquaintance with them is usually limited to an occasional stealthy pilfering father's wine closet."

Beginning next fall students of George Washington university, Washington, D. C., will be allowed occasional absences not to exceed the number of semester hours which they are carrying, with the exception that students on probation are allowed no cuts, and students on the honor roll are unrestricted. Cuts in excess of the allotted number can be excused upon presentation of written excuse to the dean.

This ruling, with the exception of the parts relating to honor students and those on probation, is identical with the one in force at Mercer. The authorities here have been liberal in granting a week's cut per term; but it seems that some distinction should be made between honor students and deadbeats.

If a student can do his work outside class, there is no good reason why he should attend unless he so wishes. Voluntary attendance would reveal the worth or unworthiness of many a teacher.

The Gold and Black, Wake Forest college weekly, is the latest publication again to cite the material advantages of a college education. An editorial headed "College Education Pays" goes to statistical data to show that the man with the "higher education" draws down the bulky pay check.

Efficiency bounds have been compiling unremembered figures for years, but they are beyond our understanding. No one will deny that a Negro train fireman makes more money than thousands of college graduates. Statisticians will tell you, on the other hand, that their data prove—

But one grows tired of figures. What difference does it make anyhow? The man who goes to college in order to increase his earning power is out of place. He should be in a professional school.

The Virginia Epilon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will be installed at the University of Richmond on April 12. The Lumpkin Law school of the University of Georgia is soon to have a new building, according to Prof. Robert L. McWhorter as reported in the Red and Black. The proposed structure will cost approximately \$100,000, it was stated, and it is hoped that work will begin in early summer.

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## SHAW IS NOMINATED FOR EDITOR BY MEMBERS OF CLUSTER STAFF

### DARBY CANNON CHOSEN LEADER OF BRUIN TEAM

Mercer Nine Resumes Practice After Defeating Douglas in Two Tilts

### STOVALL HITS HOME RUN

Men Fighting Hard For Place; Coach Long Piles On Work

At a meeting of the varsity baseball squad Monday evening Darby Cannon, regular shortstop, was elected captain. Baggy Mallard was elected alternate captain.

The Bears open their schedule with two games with the Macon Peaches on April 5 and 6.

Regular practice was resumed by the nine Monday afternoon after it defeated the Douglas Junior college team in two tilts on the Douglas diamond last Friday and Saturday.

The games with Douglas were practice tilts; several freshmen made the trip with the squad. The first games was a pitcher's duel and lasted 10 innings before Clarence Stovall knocked a home run to win the game 5 to 4. Valdor Gfantham was on the mound for Mercer. In the second contest the Mercer sluggers found themselves and won easily by the score of 13 to 4. Sudderth started on the mound for Mercer but was relieved by Stovall in the first inning. Campbell and Marion were the big guns for Mercer. Marion is a freshman and should be a star on the freshman team.

### Bears Show Form

The Bears have been showing good form in their practices this week and Coach Oscar Long has been giving them plenty of work.

Several men are fighting for each position. Mallard, Walker and Alderman have been showing up great in practice. Campbell has also been playing a good brand of ball.

Alderman seems to be best at the catching position. Watson is the outstanding man for the first base. Campbell and Bridges are fighting for the second base position; Matt and captain Cannon are both capable shortstops. Among those fighting for the third base are McWilliams, Corbin and Forrester. Stovall, Grant-ham, Ennis and Sudderth, pitchers, seem to be getting into form.

For the outfield, Mallard, Walker and Potts seem to be showing up as the most likely candidates. Red Adams and Yank Wright should also prove valuable men for some position on the team. It has been reported that Buck Loser would soon report for the team. He has been a member of the team for the past two years and his addition to the squad would greatly improve the prospects for the coming season.

Coach Long announced that the schedule had not been completed and that several games were pending. Besides the games with Peaches on the 5th and 6th the Bears have games with Oglethorpe in Atlanta on April 12 and 13 and return games with the same team on May 10 and 11. The Bears play Fitzgerald on the 24th and 25th of April. They also have a two game series scheduled with Georgia on May 6 and 9. It is assured that several other games will also be played.

Fred Shaw was nominated editor of The Cluster for next year by the members of The Cluster staff at a meeting held Monday night. Mr. Shaw at present is alumni editor and columnist for the college weekly.

He received a majority of votes on the first ballot. L. Y. Bryant and Archie Grinalds were the other members of the staff to be voted on.

The nomination was made in conformity with the recent campus ruling that all candidates for next year's campus offices will make public their candidacy two weeks before the regular spring elections. The nomination was signed by five members of the staff and turned over to Mr. Shelburne with a fifty cent fee.

Since his entrance in Mercer the fall of 1928 Mr. Shaw has contributed to The Cluster columns. This year he was made a member of the regular staff. He is the author of the column Pshaw and the more recent feature Freshman Peeps' Diary. He is also alumni editor, having charge of the special section appearing each month which is devoted to the interests of the Mercer' alumni.

## FIELD DAY PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

April 12 is Tentative Date Set For Intra-Mural Track Meet

Definite plans for Mercer's intra-mural track meet were announced this week by J. D. Sewell, who is supervising the training activities of several candidates who are working out every afternoon at 3 P. M. at the stadium. Eight men were out to the initial practice Monday and the number of aspirants has increased daily, according to Mr. Sewell, who was appointed by W. A. Wommack, president of the student body, to direct the training of the runners as well as to supervise the meet itself.

April 12 has been set as the tentative date for holding the contests, in which the different classes will com-

## Occasionally Mercer Man Is Spouse for Wesleyanne

(Editor's note: This is the third of a series of articles written by representative Wesleyan girls entitled, "What Mercer Means to Wesleyan Girls.")

By a Wesleyan Junior  
Telephone calls, dates in the parlor (and out of it), at the Pharm; at Parson's, and so forth, rides from town (if you are a senior and if the beau brummed can rate a U-drive-it), Black Cows, heartaches, happiness, sweethearts, and occasionally a husband—all this and more than can be mentioned is what Mercer means to Wesleyan.

Really, we don't know but that our telephones would rust from non-use were it not for our brother institution. As it is, however, they ring day in and day out, night in and night out, with scarcely a stop—and no matter how busy Miss Wesleyanne is or how interested, she can usually find time to answer the phone, except during exams.

You know, I think the girls were pretty clever then. You see, the phone ringing every two or three minutes disturbed them, for it was always necessary to stop work and find out who called and what he said, and so on, ad infinitum. So somebody was thoughtful enough to take the

## A REMINDER

This is just a reminder that according to the recent changes in the political system of Mercer, all nominations must be in the hands of the nominating committee by noon of Friday, April 5. Nominations for campus offices must be signed by at least 25 names, while nominations for club offices must have at least five signatures, and all nominations must be accompanied by a fee of fifty cents.

## J. Q. DAVIDSON TO HEAD CLUB

President of Mercer Presidents Given Second Term

J. Q. Davidson, was re-elected president of the Presidents club Tuesday. Harold Clotfelter was named vice president and Lucius D. Hill, secretary and treasurer.

An election committee, to conduct the general election on April 26 was elected with two faculty members, four students from the student body at large and three from the Presidents club.

W. A. Wommack automatically becomes chairman of the committee by virtue of being president of the student body. Those elected were, from the faculty, Dr. Ben C. Holtzclaw, and Prof. Lomas Barrett, from the student body at large, Frank McWilliams, Clyde Carpenter, L. Y. Bryant, and James Wesberry, from the Presidents club, Archie Grinalds, and R. L. Gilbert.

It was pointed out that if any of these men become candidates for office they will be eliminated from serving on the election committee. In such a case, a special meeting of the club will be called to choose substitute committeemen.

Members of the Presidents Club were urged to remind student body organizations that nominations for all positions covered by the political system must be made by April 5. These include all officers of the student body and the four classes, editor of the Cauldron and The Cluster, Master Mercerian and others.

receiver down every night. Don't you think that that somebody was quite original?—or maybe you were the one who called every five minutes for three hours with no response! We've heard lots of complaint, too, about the line always being busy. We just want to tell you that its not our fault but Tom McCoy's! Just see him about it.

Mercerites Only?  
Dates at Wesleyan with Mercerites are almost as frequent and numerous as telephone calls. Of course we don't want to leave the impression that we girls never have dates but with Mercer men, but we might as well fess up and say that we always give them preference—maybe!!! (We just could not resist saying maybe because we don't want you to get concided.)

As for the rides, they are not so often. But we really do not blame you at all. In fact we are really sympathetic and somewhat thankful, for we have a brother at Mercer and he keeps us almost broke now from lending him part of our allowance, so say nothing of what he would do if it were the practice for Mercer men to use U-drive-it. However, once in a while we do get to ride and believe

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## LOCAL DEBATE SEASON OPENS ON WEDNESDAY

Gilbert and Cain Will Meet Representatives of William and Mary

### TEAM TO TAKE ROAD TRIP

Wommack and Overstreet To Argue With Leading Southern Institutions

A debate to be held on next Wednesday night, April 3, with William and Mary college, of Williamsburg, Va., will open the 1929 forensic season of Mercer university, according to Prof. Lewis H. Fowler, debate coach, who made the announcement. The event is to take place in the university chapel, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, he said.

Mercer will uphold the affirmative side of the question, Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt a Uniform Marriage and Divorce Law. John Gilbert and George Cain, speaking in the order named, is the team which Professor Fowler has chosen to oppose the team representing the Virginia college.

As Mercer has never before engaged in debates with teams from this college, this encounter will mark an opening and an establishment of forensic relations between the two schools.

The coming contest with William and Mary also is an official Dixie Debating league forensic event and will have bearing on the championship within that organization, the debate coach explained. This league is a recently established association, made up of the leading colleges and universities of the South. Its origin dates from the spring of 1928, at which time Mercer university was included among the charter members.

### Road Trip Planned

"William and Mary college is considered one of the highest ranking schools in the field of debating in the South, being noted for its first class forensic teams," Professor Fowler stated.

Other institutions appearing on Mercer's home schedule are Alabama Polytechnic institute, University of Florida, and University of Alabama. Emory will be met at Beasie Tift college on May 10.

On next Friday, April 5, a team made up of W. A. Wommack and Sam Overstreet will begin a road trip on which six teams representing colleges and universities of Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia will debated. The trip begins with an engagement with the University of Georgia, at Athens, on April 5; and terminates with a return event with William and Mary, in Williamsburg, on April 12.

## MORTALITY RATE IS INVESTIGATED

At the last meeting of the Blue Key fraternity held at the Tip Top tea room the committee appointed to make a study of the mortality rate reported on its findings.

Several reasons were assigned as the cause of so many men dropping out of school soon after they enter.

According to this committee, many of the boys entering Mercer don't belong in college; others must drop out because of financial reasons—many going to work; while others come to college with no intention of remaining long.