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FOLLOW YOU, PROFS
STUDENT RELIGION
GONE ARE THE DAYS
SHAME MCGILL
TATTLING TABOO
BY SAM CHEEK.

The Inquiring Reporter of the University of Maryland Diamond inquired of several students what they would suggest as a means of preventing students walking on the grass about the campus. Among the answers he received were to let the professors discontinue it to start a good example, and one student suggested that by doing away with 8:20 classes, the problem might be solved. We would suggest charity to some sign-painter in the form of beautiful little "keep off the grass" signs. It probably wouldn't do any good (it doesn't here) but it's a good idea nevertheless.

Freedom vs Censorship is the subject of an editorial in the Oglethorpe Petrel which discusses, very disparagingly, faculty censorship of the school weekly. The Petrel suggests complete freedom of the paper from faculty censorship and asks for establishment of a student voice in the student's affairs. We wouldn't go so far as to advocate absolute freedom, but would suggest rather a modified form of faculty supervision in which constructive advice and not strict censorship holds sway.

The Davidsonian, in an editorial, wants to know what the student's religion is, and gives as a reason for the editorial two quotations, one from a college paper which says "The average college student lays aside his spiritual beliefs for a time," and the other, from a Chicago news item, which says "The provisional committee of the Y. M. C. A. reported today that interest in religion is increasing among undergraduates." Which is right? The Davidsonian, after discussing them both, concludes that while the first may be right in some cases, it is often ill-founded and that religion is playing a vital and important part in American student life today.

New plan of student government has been adopted by Southern college. Hitherto, there have been separate governing bodies, one for men and one for women students. The new plan, providing for one governing body for the whole school, was presented to the student body by a committee last week, and was unanimously adopted.

From the Brooklyn Polytechnic Reporter, we receive the sad news that, following a vote of the McGill university student body, beer will no longer be served at the university.

The Reporter also tells us that the delegates to the Mid-West student association have come to the conclusion that the honor system won't work. The trouble, they all agree, lies in the fact that the age-old code of honor balks at "tattling" on the other fellow.

Bowen Club Head

Gerry Bowen, former secretary and treasurer of the Education club, was elected president to fill the unexpired term of Ware Beall who resigned because of a heavy academic schedule. J. D. Bamsey was elected secretary and treasurer.

E. G. Wilson was appointed chairman of the program committee. Tuesday night the club had a round table discussion of the placement of teachers and the ethics involved in applying for a teaching position.

Boone Nominated



Buford Boone, who was nominated for Master Mercurian, the highest honor given a student.

GRINALDS NAMED CLUB PRESIDENT

Stokes, Cone, and Cain Are Other Officers Elected by Dramatic Players

Archie Grinalds was re-elected president of the Dramatic Club for next year and Henry Stokes vice-president, at a meeting of the players Tuesday night.

Gilbert Cone was elected recording secretary for the organization. George Cain was elected to the combined office of business manager and treasurer.

To serve with J. C. Shelburne, director of the club, in selecting a play for next year, President Grinalds appointed Henry Stokes and Coleman Clarke.

Keys will be given to the members of the dramatic club at the close of this term, it was announced.

FRESHMEN BEGIN BASEBALL DRILL

More Than 25 Candidates Report to Underwood For First Practice

More than twenty-five ambitious freshmen reported to Coach Bill Underwood for the season's initial Cub baseball practice last Monday afternoon.

A south Georgia trip has been scheduled, during which the Cubs play five games, two with Douglas A. & M. on May 6 and 7, and three with Brewster Parker Institute, to be played in Mount Vernon May 8, 9 and 10.

Marion Looks Good

The young coach does not know his men yet. It seems that Alumni field, where the freshmen are practicing, is almost covered with potential baseball players. Some of them belong very much to the kinetic class. Among these is Joe Marion, the fence basting shortstop from Rome. Marion has been practicing with the varsity. He is not a finished player but it is conceded that next year he will be a valuable man to the Mercer nine. His slight frame belies the wallop he packs behind a baseball bat.

Wilkes, the basketball player, is out for a pitcher's berth. He hails from Adel and made an enviable record there. He plays first base.

In Hollingsworth, Cub football quarterback, and Red Marshall, Macon boy, Coach Underwood has two infielders who should remain on the squad.

BEARS TO MEET PEACHES TODAY IN THIRD GAME

Stovall Probably Will Start as Pitcher; Alderman as Catcher

STRONG LINEUP PLANNED

Two Previous Games Have Been Lost by Mercer Team

After three unsuccessful attempts to feast on the Macon Peaches, the Mercer Bears will try a come-back this afternoon when the teams meet again in the first of a two game series at Central City Park.

The second game is scheduled to be played Saturday. Clarence Stovall, probably two-thirds of the Mercer pitching staff, will more than likely pitch for the Bruins today while Bill Alderman will catch.

The first college games of the season are scheduled to be played in Macon next Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11, when the Oglethorpe Petrels come here for a two game series. Oglethorpe recently played Georgia Tech to a 5 to 6 tie contest and will present a strong lineup when they appear before Macon fans.

Peaches Win First

The first Macon victory of last week was won by the Peach second team 7 to 6. If this game had lasted only seven innings, pitcher Valda Grantham would have won his first college baseball game. The Douglas boy, who saw little service in the box last season, held the professionals scoreless the first five innings. In the eighth he weakened considerably. Stovall was sent in and did a good job but a Peach home run in the tenth inning gave the Macon squad a one run margin and the game.

Baggy Mallard and Peggy Campbell, considered among the best pair of basketball forwards below the Mason and Dixon line, hit home runs. Campbell played a very good game at second.

The Mercer infield pulled four fast double plays which prevented the early scoring of the Peaches. Howard Bridges, another basketball star, playing third base in his first college game, started three of the twin-killing, after beautiful pick-ups. Darby (Continued on Last Page)

JAY IS SELECTED LAW CLUB LEADER

Hammack and Stephenson Also Are Honored in Spring Term Election

The election of officers of the Mercer Law club for the spring term was held Monday during the chapel period. Harvey Jay was elected president, J. A. Hammack vice president and Bunner Stephenson, secretary and treasurer.

A committee was appointed to meet with the faculty, to make arrangements for the entertainment of Robert Hitch of Savannah, who will lecture here Wednesday April 10, on the subject of Roman law. Mr. Hitch has devoted a great deal of time for the past few years in preparing a series of lectures on this subject. The present intentions of the Law club are to have Mr. Hitch at some future date give the sequel lectures.

The Federal court room has been secured for the meeting. Members of the Macon bar have been invited as well as all other persons interested.

Stovall Pitching



Clarence Stovall, who is expected to hurl the Bears to victory this season.

MERCER DEBATE HAS NO DECISION

William and Mary Contest Continued After Agreement Follows Misunderstandings

BOTH PARTIES CONFUSED

Because both teams misunderstood the wording of the subject, Mercer and William and Mary college argued a no-decision debate in chapel Wednesday night in their first forensic contest and what was to have been for Mercer, the first debate of the newly organized Dixie Debating league. Further misunderstanding arose over the number of men to a team, William and Mary using three and Mercer, two.

William and Mary understood the subject to be stated; Resolved, That the United States Should Have a Uniform Marriage and Divorce Law. Mercer prepared the debate under the impression that the subject specified the law to be a federal statute. The Virginia college upheld the affirmative side of the subject, while Mercer argued the negative.

John Gilbert and George Cain, in the order named, were the Mercer debaters, while A. D. Johnson, John C. Swanson, cousin of Senator Claude C. Swanson of Virginia, and Gordon Campbell, represented William and Mary. The visiting team cut the time allowed each speaker in order to eliminate the unfairness of three men against two.

Affirmative Argument
The affirmative argued that the present condition in the country regarding marriage and divorce is one of hopeless confusion which is traceable directly to lack of uniformity. As a means of obtaining uniformity, they advocated a national marriage and divorce commission to work out a uniform law whereby all present problems will be solved.

The negative contended that the present evils do not justify federal action, that the states are now dealing with the marriage and divorce problem adequately, that the states are more capable of handling the problem than is the federal government, that uniformity would not remove the alleged evils of the present system, that uniformity is impracticable, and a violation of the theory of local government.

MANY RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICES HERE

Gilbert and Boone Will Compete For Position of Master Mercurian

ELECTION TO BE APRIL 26

Dixon Expected to Oppose Gregory For Student Body Presidency

By Howard Leonard
With its system swept clean by the new election law, politics popped up this week, attractive and interesting.

As The Cluster went to press early yesterday, only seven nominations had been filed with Registrar J. C. Shelburne, but petitions were circulating freely and speculation was rife regarding those who were expected to have been entered in the lists by the time this newspaper reaches its readers' hands.

At last reports, John Gilbert was the only candidate whose name had been formally entered for Master Mercurian, but Buford Boone said late Wednesday night, as this is being written, that he would be nominated Thursday morning.

Jack Gregory is up for student body president and King Dixon is expected to announce.

Three for Senior Presidency

A hot race looms for the presidency of next year's senior class. Those who already have shed their nomination fees are Charles Cox, L. Y. Bryant and Henry Stokes.

Officials in the registrar's office said Fred Shaw has been nominated for editor of The Cluster and Clarence Strippy for head cheer leader. Mr. Shaw was approved by the members of The Cluster staff. Mr. Strippy is unopposed.

Those are all the registered candidates. Rumor had it before the press started turning that Tom Warlick would be named for president of the junior class of 1929-30 and W. E. Jordan for the Sophomore presidency.

Today noon is the deadline. April 26 will be general election day. There are 39 offices (count 'em on the bulletin board) to be filled.

B. S. U. Nominates Williams To Lead

Alton Williams was nominated for the presidency of the Baptist Student Union at Mercer for the school year 1929-30 at the meeting of the executive council March 26. The report of this committee was adopted by B. S. U. council in session Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Others who were nominated for officers of next year's council were: Chas. M. Cox, first vice president; Clifton Fite, second vice president; Francis Ellis, secretary; Barium Hawkes, corresponding secretary; Bacon Green, treasurer; Donald Norman, reporter, and editor of the B. S. U. Herald.

OMAR JONES CHOSEN

Omar Jones was elected president of the Mercer Y. M. C. A. for the school year 1929-30 at a meeting of that organization last night. Other officers elected were Paul Vaughn, vice-president; Alton Williams, chorister; Glenn Bandy, pianist; Julian Webb, the retiring vice-president, states that the new officers will begin serving next fall.