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COMPULSORY CHAPEL
FLIGHTY HOBOING
SENIOR EXEMPTION
SPRING FEVER
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And still the fight pro and con compulsory chapel rages. The Brown and White of Lehigh asks for abolition on the grounds that chapel is a period "of conversation, thumb-twiddling, or occasional study," while the Gaddy of Wooster college says that chapel exists only as a social center, where students meet to make dates, gossip and exchange jokes about the faculty, to which The Voice, official student publication of the same institution, replies that chapel is one of the foundation stones of the system of compulsion in education, and the Bradley Tech of Bradley college, Illinois, joins in with "Why do students have to listen to a lecture which the majority of faculty members deem unworthy of their attendance?" Yeah, why?

By a majority vote of 820 students, the Stanford-Daily's straw-vote decided that prohibition has not been a success. That must have been quite a blow to the prominent dry leader who some time ago made the statement that the colleges are predominantly in favor of prohibition, but he was probably somewhat soothed when he read that the senior class of Columbia college, New York, voted 88 to 88 in favor of it.

According to the Auburn Plaineman, McGill university has in its possession a first edition of the oldest printed Chinese encyclopedia which weighs two tons. Ye gods! Wotta book! Reckon the student who uses it for reference work is furnished with a derrick?

Hoboing by auto may become more or less passe at some time or other. Anyway, two University of South Carolina freshmen have found a newer and novel way of bumming their way hither and yon. Last week they "hoboed" from Columbia to Spartanburg via the air route. Oh, well, we'll stick to the ground for ours. (Continued on Last Page)

Mother's Day Plans Almost Completed

Plans for the Mother's day program are almost completed; however a few details remain yet to be worked out, according to Mrs. A. P. Montague who is in charge of the plans for the program.

A program will be held in the chapel Friday May 17 at 10:30 at which time there will be several speeches. The students are invited to take their mothers to luncheon in the cafeteria at 12:00 at which time there will be speeches by several of the students and mothers. A reception in the president's home will be the formal exercise for the day. The reception will take place from 4:30 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

Following the chapel program the mothers are invited to visit the class rooms and see us as we really are," the Howell said. "We want them to see the work as it is being carried on and they can then appreciate our needs and can do more in helping us to acquire them."

Friday evening the B. S. U. will give a banquet in the cafeteria and the students and mothers are invited. Reservations can be made by seeing any member of the B. S. U. council. All students who wish to make reservations for mothers for their mothers should see Mrs. Montague at once.

DEBATERS BEAT AUBURN; MEET EMORY TEAM

Mercer Wins Fourth Straight League Contest; Ready for Methodists Tonight

BESSIE TIFT IS SCENE

Wommack and Overstreet Compose Team to Argue Trial by Jury

Having won its fourth Dixie Debating league contest from Auburn unanimously last Friday night, Mercer's debating team, composed of W. A. Wommack and Sam Overstreet, will meet Emory university in another league debate at Bessie Tift college tonight at eight o'clock. The subject to be debated is the same as that argued last Friday, Resolved: That Expert Jurists, Three to Five in Number, Should Be Substituted for the Present Method of Trial by Jury. Mercer will uphold the affirmative side of the subject. As the Cluster went to press, the names of the Emory debaters had not been learned, according to Prof. Lewis H. Fowler, debate coach. The judges and chairman for the event will be selected by Dr. Aquila Chamlee, president of Bessie Tift. The student organization of Bessie Tift is sponsoring the debate.

Emory Difficult "Emory will give us stiff opposition," Professor Fowler said. "They will probably send down the team which has made all their road trips this year. Considerable interest has been aroused in the debate and it should be one of the best of the season."

Furman Smith and Sam Overstreet were the Mercer debaters last Friday night and Bruce Gregory and Clifton Kirkpatrick composed the Auburn team. Prof. W. T. Smalley presided and Dr. Herring Winship, T. S. Lowry and J. O. Cromwell acted as judges. The judges' decision was unanimously in favor of the affirmative.

The present system of trial by jury is unsatisfactory in that it constitutes an unsatisfactory method of determining facts, is an unnecessary economic burden, and attended with "certain intolerable evils," Furman Smith told the small audience which gathered in chapel for the debate. Sam Overstreet completed the affirmative argument with the contentions that the proposed system would be satisfactory in operation, would tend to alleviate "intolerable conditions," and would be "a forward step in the operation of judicial machinery."

Party Graft Again The negative contended that the proposed system would require a constitutional amendment, that the jud. (Continued on Last Page)

Pan Hellenic Council Votes to Petition Executive Council for Meal Privilege

BIG COMMENCEMENT

The Association of Greek Letter Men of Macon announces the leasing of the contract to Rudy Brown's Orchestra of Atlanta to furnish music for the "Final Dances" to be given at the Volunteer's Armory May 30, 31, and June 1.

FOWLER MAKES HIGHEST GRADES

Atlanta Student Leads Law Seniors; Scarborough Juniors and Hardin, the Freshmen

L. H. Fowler, Atlanta, senior in the Mercer law school, led the department of full-fledged law students during the winter term in scholastic endeavors with an average of 90.3. J. Quentin Davidson, Fort Valley, also a senior, ran a close second with an average of 90.2. Charles M. Cook, Macon, registered the highest grades, 90.7, of the entire department but could not be considered in the race for first honors on account of not taking the required ten hours of work to become a certified law student. R. F. Scarborough, Eastman, was first in the junior class with an average of 86.8, while R. U. Harden, Wigham, Ga., was highest in the freshman class showing the grade of 83.6.

The average report of honor students in the law school, those averaging seventy-five and above, shows twenty-one students on its roll for the winter term with three students registered thereon who are not taking full time work. The honor students show a total average of between eighty and eighty-five while the entire school, according to Fred New, secretary to the Dean of the law school, has an average of between seventy-five and eighty. As a whole, Mr. New stated, the grades of the law school for the winter term show improvement over the preceding terms of this year and last year.

Students making the honor roll for the winter term are given as follows with their grades: Fowler, 90.3; Davidson, 90.2; Benton, 87; New, 86.9; Jay, 83.2; Custer, 77.7; Parrish, 77.6.

Scarborough, 86.8; Cobb, 85.2; Callaway, 84.6; Watkins, 79.4; Baldwin, 79.2; Bell, 78.8; Middlebrooks, 78.6; Strickland, 78.3; Pickard, 75.7.

Harden, 83.6; Rehberg, 79.2; Bradley, 76.4; Davis, 75.9; Stephenson, 75.2.

Students who took law but who did not have sufficient work to be ranked with the classes: Cork, 90.7; Smith, 86.8; Jent, 84.8.

BEARS ENGAGE ATLANTA TEAM IN HOME GAME

New Luther Williams Baseball Field Scene of Two-Game Series

MEET AGAIN TOMORROW

Stovall and Grantham Are Likely Mound Choices of Coach Long

The first of the only two opportunities this season to see a college baseball game in Macon will be given this afternoon when the Mercer Bears act as hosts to the Oglethorpe Petrels of Atlanta at the new Luther Williams baseball park, home of the Macon Peaches.

The second game of the series will be played Saturday afternoon.

Coach Oscar Long has announced that Valda Grantham, the Douglas righthander, will probably occupy the mound for Mercer in the first contest which will mark the fourth game of the season between the two schools. It is expected that Lawson, ace of the Oglethorpe pitching staff, will be the choice of Coach Harry Robertson whose baseball teams are always respected as formidable opponents.

Birds Have Odds

The Petrels hold two one-run victories over the Bruins by scores of 7 to 6 and 3 to 2. Both games were played in Atlanta. Later, on neutral territory, the Mercer team overcame a Petrel lead and defeated the Atlantans at LaGrange 5 to 4. In order to take a majority of the games from the Birds, Mercer must win both games in Macon.

Oglethorpe is sending a strong team here. In addition to the victories over the Orange and Black Bruins, the Petrels have also defeated the Davidson Wildcats, Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, and the University of Georgia Bulldogs. The Georgia team is recognized as possessing probably the best hitting power in Southern baseball.

Oglethorpe Tough

Several members of the Oglethorpe team are headed for professional baseball; some of them have already signed contracts. Among these is Thompson, a catcher, who will report to the Macon Peaches when the college season is over. Wall, clean-up man and outfielder, Anderson, second baseman, and Kimbrell, catcher-out. (Continued on Last Page)

CUB NINE PLAYS B. P. I. 3 GAMES

Underwood and Ten Men Go On Second South Georgia Trip

The Mercer Cubs left early Wednesday morning for Mount Vernon where they were to have played Brewton-Parker Institute a series of three games on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Coach Bill Underwood took the following players to the south Georgia city: Pitchers McGhee, McGinty, and Wilkes; Catchers Jones; Infielders Harris, Ballou, and Wilkes; Outfielders Filligin, Kirkland, and Simmons.

Hollingsworth, second baseman by profession but used as a receiver by Coach Underwood, was unable to make the trip due to an injured ankle which has been slow to heal. It is expected that he will be out of the game for the rest of the season. Expect To Win The freshman coach expects in. (Continued on Last Page)

Skyscraper University Forbids Liberal Organization to Meet; Members Rebel

Pittsburgh, Pa. (By New Student Service)—When the University of Pittsburgh set out several years ago to build a ten million dollar skyscraper university fifty-two stories high, the announced aim was to make the smoky city a city of "achievement just as great in education as in manufacturing." But when Chancellor Bowman's lieutenants suppressed the student Liberal club the other day they showed pretty conclusively that the university will be just another achievement in manufacturing—with rightly

standardized robots as the products.

On Monday, April 22, this university refused to allow the assembled Liberal club to hear Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes speak in a college building on the Mooney-Billings case.

Students Defiant On Wednesday William Albertson, president of the club, received an order from the acting dean of men disbanding the club as a university activity. The students were defiant. They issued the following manifesto:

"We, the members of the Liberal club of the University of Pittsburgh, recognize that there is more involved in the recent action of the university authorities in announcing that the club is dissolved than the mere existence of an undergraduate club. "The whole range of academic freedom is concerned, a matter of vital importance to the entire future usefulness of our university and institutions of learning as a whole. "We have heard our past pro-

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