

### FIRST MEETING OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

On Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the absence committee met in Dean Farrar's office for the first time this year. They hauled the erring members of the student body over the coals for a few minutes and then pardoned most of those who could show proper excuses for their absences. Several unfortunates, however, who were without excuses were either dropped from the class they had cut or put on probation.

Prof. Jacob says that this year the committee will not be as lenient as they were last year. Last year a student could run up a bunch of absences big enough to "ship" him and then turn in enough excuses to place him out of danger of being dropped from his class. This year a student must not only have an excuse, but he must turn it into Prof. Jacob the day after he is absent.

The absence committee this year is composed of Professors Jacob, McGinty and Holder. Prof. Jacob said, "If you have any friends who have absences, tell them to be sure to turn in their excuse, or they will probably be dropped from their class."

A student is allowed a week of absences, i. e., he is allowed five absences in a five-hour course, three in a three-hour course or two in a two-hour course. This is approximately ten per cent. of the classes for a term. If he has over this number, he loses credit, even if he excuses all of them. An excuse will not be accepted unless it is turned in on the day after the absence.

The absence committee realize that the students do not as yet fully appreciate the seriousness of unexcused absences and are therefore inclined to be lenient this time, but from now on they say the rules will be rigidly enforced.

### MERCER FACES "CRUCIAL TEST" AGAINST FURMAN

Of chief interest to Macon fandom is the battle this week that Mercer will be forced to wage against the celebrated "Purple Hurricane" of Furman University, tutored by "Billy" Laval with "Speedy" Speer as his assistant. This contest is going to mean much to Mercer. As far as the dope goes, Mercer is slated to come out on the short end of the horn, but as dope updates are becoming general it may be that Macon and Mercer supporters are in for a surprise. Beating Furman is going to be a task that means as much to the local collegians as the victory of Centre's Colonels did to the Kentucky outfit.

The Furman game is going to be fought out in Greenville, the home lot of the South Carolinians and a great deal lies in this fact. Coach Laval has produced an eleven at the Baptist school in the past two years that is a credit to the institution and one that has suddenly taken a top rank among the best teams in Dixie.

The game will be the sixth of the season for the locals, who have lost three games and won two thus far. The Orange and Black athletics will buckle down to real business this week and endeavor by trimming Furman to even the score for the season. Go to it, Mercer!—Macon Telegraph.

### PREACHERS LOSE IN VOLLEYBALL

The Fort Valley volleyball team defeated the volleyball team of the Mercer Ministerial Association by taking two out of the three games of the series played in the Mercer gymnasium.


The fast playing of Grubbs for the visitors was largely responsible for their success. Welch, who played the net for the "Preacher" team, did the best work.

The Mercer team took the first game almost doubling the visitors and it seemed that they would easily win the series but the Fort Valley team tightened down and won the last two games. This leaves the comparative strength of the two teams undetermined, for a week ago the Ministers took a contest from the Peachtown volleyballers in Fort Valley. It is understood that another game will be arranged so that the championship may be determined.

Ministerial Association line-up: Moore, Newsome, Atkinson (captain), Callaway, Everett and Welch. Fort Valley lineup: Harris (captain), Fincher, Byrd, Fuller and Edwards.

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