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ELECTION POLLS TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

Bears To Oppose Benning Soldiers In Two Contests

Play In Columbus Today And Tomorrow; Newt Stapleton Will Hurl First

STOVALL IS IMPROVED

Peaches Cop Both Games From Mercer; Win Tuesday In 12 Innings

Following a light work-out yesterday Coach McNabb and his Mercer baseball team will leave for Fort Benning early today. The Bears have been showing great improvement in their hitting and fielding. The team played good baseball in its games with the Macon Peaches on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Home runs by three Mercer players were the outstanding feature of Tuesday's game with the Peaches. The game lasted twelve innings and the Bears lost by the score of 9 to 8. Mercer was able to collect 17 hits as compared with 14 for the Peaches. Ed Stapleton, Jimmie Wilkes and Newt Stapleton all saw service on the mound. Baggy Mallard knocked a home run in the fourth inning, with the bases loaded. Campbell and Marion were the other players connecting with the ball for a four-base circuit. Kirkland tied the score in the ninth inning.

Behind inexperienced pitching, the Bears dropped Wednesday's game to the Peaches, 10 and 3. Coach McNabb borrowed Henry McClendon from the frosh squad to start the contest, but he gave way later to Art Wright who held the professionals to two runs after the second inning.

Clarence Stovall, veteran pitcher of the past two years reported to the team last Wednesday and is rapidly getting into shape. Although the starting pitcher had not been announced as the team

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Officials at the University of Florida are busy installing a new cafeteria system to take the place of the dining hall system now in use at that institution. The students are hoping for better food at lower prices. We hope that they get their wish, and that they get more than six peas for a nickel.

The latest edition of The Gamecock, student publication of the University of North Carolina, is in the form of a yellow sheet, and seems to be just another clam at Clemson. This edition is named "The Tiger" with the slogan "She Bears for Soothing Syrup" under the title. Under the mast-head are the following lines: The Tiger: Howling for mango cats, more wine, more women, more song and delectation. It seems that a paper is going a little too far in using such notions, even if it is only a week edition.

HOW TO VOTE

For those unfamiliar with preferential voting The Cluster prints this information: In voting, place numerals beside the candidates in order of preference (1 by first choice, 2 by second, etc.) Second choice will count only when the candidate placed first is definitely eliminated by having the fewest first places. Third counts only when second is eliminated, and so forth. The method gives every voter a voice on each candidate. If the voter does not wish to vote for a candidate (as when only one is running, and the voter opposes him) the nominee's name may be struck through and the vote recorded as "dead" for that office.

CUBS TO OPEN SEASON TODAY

Frosh To Meet Madison A. And M. In First Baseball Game

PLAY AGAIN TOMORROW

After a week of practice, the Mercer freshman baseball team will play their first game of the season this afternoon when they meet the strong Madison A. and M. team at Madison. Coach "Pop" Adams and twelve men left for Madison this morning. The team will play the second game of the series tomorrow afternoon. Prospects for a strong freshman team are unusually good. More than twenty men have been out for practice. The Cubs will be handicapped due to the short time they have had to get into condition. (Continued on page 4)

Purification Is Great Need Of Local Politics--Co-Eds

(By Margaret Long)
The new zeal for political purification at Mercer that flamed so furiously, if not so effectually, Monday morning in the session at chapel has spread to the ranks of the co-eds, and a new hope of salvation from the corruption rampant in campus elections seems dawning.

DEBATERS LOSE INITIAL CONTEST

Cox And Webb Defeated On Disarmament Question By Floridians

Debaters from the University of Florida won the unanimous decision of the judges over Julian Webb and Charles Cox, who composed Mercer's forensic team, Tuesday night in the university chapel. It was the first contest of the current season. The question, "Resolved that the nations should adopt a policy of complete disarmament, except for such forces as are needed for police purposes", was decided for the negative which was upheld by W. F. Anderson, and W. A. McRae of the visiting squad. Dean John B. Clark presided.

Was First Loss
Judges for the contest were: H. D. Russell, Wallace Miller and Ed T. Flanders. The debate Tuesday night was the first after a three-year period of inactivity in the forensic relationships between the two schools. It was Mercer's first loss to the Gator speakers. After the arguments, which were heard by about 150 people, Dean Clark, president of the Mercer debating council, entertained the speakers for both sides at his home.

Reports Allege Frat Group Asks Rigid Censorship

Pan-Hellenic To Ask Expulsion For Author Of Objectionable Items, Rumor

REESE MAKES MOTION

Greeks Approve Dowell Suggestions; Name Committee To Probe Rent Overbids

Pan-Hellenic council went on record Sunday as approving recommendations made by Dr. Spright Dowell to the ten fraternities that each hold open house on Mothers' Day, May 1.

A committee to take steps to prevent one fraternity from overbidding another in securing chapter houses for the next year was also appointed. The members named were Kirk Foster, Phil Etheridge, and Stanley Reese.

Rumors Are Spread

Rumors are being circulated to the effect that at the meeting which was held in the Kappa Alpha house, the Greek group passed a motion to recommend expulsion from The Cluster staff of the author of any article published in the paper objectionable to the interests of the council. The editorial titled "Camouflage" which appeared in a recent issue of the weekly was cited as a specific example of the unfavorable type of article, it was said.

Confirmation of the passage of the motion was made by Pan-Hellenic officials who declined to give approval for publishing news of it. It is reported that the motion, which was introduced by Stanley Reese, received the unanimous vote of the council members.

Inflamed by the fiery evidence of awkward conscience that resounded through the beams and rafters of chapel that memorable morning, the flower of Mercer's women students is protesting political evils, befouling the university, and are planning to enter politics with the lofty view of purging them for Dear Old Mercer. These encouraging indications were obtained by interviews with outstanding co-eds.

Of course they do not all agree on just what are the practise needs at present, or on just what methods of purification will be most effective; but they all unite in the conviction that the influence of woman, with her spotless ideals is the most crying need generally.

Co-Eds Optimistic

Miss Frances Ellis is most optimistic about the situation, and believes that the co-eds can accomplish a real good. "The trouble with Mercer politics in the past is that they were governed by ruthless and unscrupulous men, unrestrained by the Baptist ideals that should figure in all the activities of Mercer. But now that women are becoming aroused and interested to the point of entering the fray, I am confident that we will be able to purify our politics, that have heretofore been such a disgrace and blot on

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How We Stand

EDITORIAL

The Cluster, as the publication of the entire student body, does not take sides in politics. This rule has been observed since the establishment of this newspaper. We do not intend to support either faction in the present amusing situation.

We, the undersigned, who have been chosen by the staff of The Cluster to constitute its editorial board next year, do not consider the position to which we have been nominated a sinecure such as say, a knighthood of the Round Table. On the contrary, the editors give three or four afternoons and evenings of every week to this task.

Because of the heavy work and small reward we do not feel that we should grieve much in the event of defeat. We are not asking for the job.

There are a few things, however, which the students should consider in choosing the men who make The Cluster. In the first place, the editors should have sufficient technical knowledge of newspaper making to issue a creditable sheet, which will impress our exchanges and students at other colleges with the urbanity and desirability of this university. The facets of its under-graduate life are reflected in the pages of its only newspaper.

Secondly, the editors should have the confidence of their staff. Most of The Cluster's workers of this season will return next year. These have signified their choice of chieftains. Never since the first year of its existence has The Cluster staff had to work under men whom it did not select.

If those men who were not nominated by The Cluster's writers are elected to head the staff, we do not as individuals particularly care. We can imagine many activities more profitable than giving three nights and four afternoons a week to gathering news and writing editorials which may, and often do, bring about situations unpleasant to us.

As we said, we are not seeking election for personal honor or gratification. We have only this more to say. If untrained journalists are selected by uninstructed students to edit a newspaper, we suggest the following:

1. That ministerial students select the members of the Athletic club.
2. That Glee club singers be selected arbitrarily before their voices are tried and the best trap drummer in the school be made vocal soloists.
3. That pre-medical students elect the members of the legal clinic.
4. That the pianist of the Glee club orchestra, whoever he may be next year, be named judge of the student tribunal.
5. That campus atheists fill Baptist pulpits for those ministerial students who preach on weekends.
6. That fraternities select their neophytes for social gaucheries and uncongeniality.
7. That The Cluster staff elect the fifth vice president of the B. S. U.

(Signed)
Archie Grinalds,
Edd Burch,
Fred Shaw,
James Etheridge.

ETHERIDGE, CAIN CLAIM FREEDOM

Candidates For Cluster Board Deny Affiliations With "Liberal" Party

Statements given The Cluster last night by George Cain and James Etheridge, candidates for membership on the editorial board of the paper, definitely repudiated any affiliation with the "Liberal" faction in the campus political race.

The men were nominated for office along with the two other party men, Ed Adams and Dudley Wood. Mr. Etheridge had been previously nominated for the office by The Cluster staff, while Mr. Cain was an independent candidate.

"I was originally selected by members of the staff and will continue to run as a Cluster nominee," Mr. Etheridge said. Mr. Cain's statement in full follows:

"As an independent progressive, I have consistently opposed the self-styled 'Liberal' party, for better and cleaner politics in its political machinations, both sinister and exposed, and I do not wish to be considered as a 'Liberal' candidate." (Continued on page 4)

STUDENT BODY RESCINDS VOTE ON HIGH HONOR

Led By "Liberals" Mercerians Reject Faculty Selection Of Master Mercer as

HOLD STORMY SESSION

Cluster Changes Approved; Motion Asking For Spring Holidays Passed

With the closing of the extended filing time for nominations for membership on the editorial board of The Cluster Tuesday noon preliminary preparations for the election Wednesday of student body and class officers of Mercer for next year are practically completed.

Repeal of the Presidents club recommendations that the faculty aid in the selection of Master Mercerian was secured at a student body meeting in chapel Monday by a vote of 203 to 67. Three hours were consumed in presenting and arguing the resolutions read by Charlie Cox. The regular chapel hour and two class periods slipped by unnoticed, while charge and counter-charge of coalitions and dirty politics were hurled by (Continued on page 4)

RACQUET CLUB TO ELECT TEAM

Members Of Varsity To Be Announced Today; Several Matches Pending

With a number of matches pending, the Mercer tennis team will be selected today, according to plans formulated at a meeting of the Tennis club last Thursday. A number of racqueteers have been playing at the Macon Racquet club and these men will be rated by a committee appointed by the club.

If present plans materialize, the tennis team will play matches with Emory, Oglethorpe, and probably Georgia and Tech. It is possible that a trip will be made up in North Carolina, if details can be arranged. The team will also enter the Georgia inter-collegiate tourney.

Those men who are practicing daily are: Peaches McKay, Benning Grice, Irving Evans, Ralph Ricketson, Bill Poe, Ullman Harden, Coleman Clark, Fred Shaw Dick Graves and Clarence Askew. Professor Gus Witcher has been supervising practice. Those appointed by the (Continued on page 4)

MERCER PLANS FOR GOLF TEAM

Effort Being Made To Organize Club; Witcher To Coach Players

Efforts are being made to organize a golf team at Mercer, according to an announcement by Prof. T. A. Witcher, who will coach the players.

Those in charge of formulating plans for the team are making an effort to enlist the support of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in backing the team. It is likely that this organization will cooperate in securing special concessions for a place to practice and in obtaining the necessary equipment.

If the team is organized several games will be played with leading colleges of the South. Joe Seryak, Tom Warlick, Irvin Evans, Tully Warlick and several others will probably try out for the team.