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I'm Following You—

The Princeton Alumnus Weekly complains that New York speakeasy proprietors are advertising their places to the college students. One place was even bold enough to print advertisements in two Princeton undergraduate publications saying, "Steve," in West 46th street, "invites you to make his restaurant your home while in New York."

Now that sounds bad, but there are always two sides to a question. The speakeasy proprietors might have enticed the young journalists into using their ad, or again like the Cluster, the Princeton papers might have a business staff that makes them all give ads—even if they are bootleggers.

According to the Ring-Tum Phi, 46 co-eds who took part in an examination on social sciences at the University of Minnesota declared that a perfect man was one made up of intelligence and old fashion manners, with petting not necessary. The examination did not reveal, however, how many co-eds preferred a perfect man to the average fellow.

Prepare to meet thy doom! The Auburn Plainsman declares that Dr. George Cross, noted French astronomer, concludes that no life will exist on earth a trillion years from now.

"Drinking by College Men Creates Problem" reads a glaring headline in the Boston University News. They seem to have no objections to the women drinkers, or maybe they just don't create a problem.

Here is a student who is neither a "hog" about hazing, nor a "pig" about any other kind of student institutions. He is a three hundred pound sophomore who when the freshmen locked him in a pig pen, rebelled against such foolishness and got a policeman as a body-guard. We wouldn't blame the boy if he should quit rooting for the school for such treatment as that.

In advising the co-eds how to catch a husband, a writer in one of the northern papers advised the girls to act natural. This advice is all right for holding a husband, but for catching one it is not always so hot.

"They shall not pass" shouted the old Greek soldiers when the Persian foes tried an end run around the Pass of Thermopylae into the Grecian territory years and years ago. These brave Greeks were in the open and not in a locked school room, so no wonder they were so bold. Anyway the other day 50 students at Vassar, Spain locked two professors in a room until they said "They shall pass" and they meant the 50 students without standing examinations.

Are co-eds smarter than boys? At Mercer it seems that they are. (Continued on Page 2)

## PRESIDENT ALEMBOIC CLUB RESIGNS; "TOO MANY FIGUREHEADS"

Pittman Tenders Resignation Monday, And Asks That It Take Immediate Effect

### HITS EXTERNAL FORCES

Lack of Student Interest Is Charged To Apathy On Part of Instructors

Charging a lack of interest in the Alembic club on the part of instructors, C. W. Pittman, Commerce, president of the organization, presented his written resignation Monday to the secretary of the club, and asked that it take effect at once.

The resignation came as a surprise to the members of the club, who said they knew of "no trouble."

### Many Figure-Heads

In his letter, Pittman stated there were "already too many figure-head organizations on the campus for the students to join solely for the purpose of having their pictures taken to be put in the annual." He charged "external forces" as the reason for the lack of interest manifested by the students in the numerous societies and clubs.

The Alembic club is a society for students majoring or minoring in science. It is described in the catalogue as "a club, composed of instructors and advanced students of science, has for its object the promotion of interest in scientific literature and research. . . Frequent addresses and lectures by prominent scientific men tend to inform the student who has interests in this field."

### Requirements Changed

The requirements for membership were at least 20 hours of science, with an average grade of B. "The requirements for membership have been changed until (Continued on Page 4)

## BUCKNER DENIES ALEMBOIC CHARGE

Secretary Says Pittman's Resignation Uncalled For

Charges that the Alembic Club is now opened to all science students and that the instructors are not showing the proper cooperation in its work as made by C. W. Pittman, Commerce, when he resigned as president of the club this week was flatly denied today by Ben Buckner, Waycross, secretary of the science organization.

"Mr. Pittman might have had a reason for resigning the presidency of the club, but it was not a legitimate one," declared Mr. Buckner. "The reasons given by him are certainly not true, as I see it."

Mr. Buckner continued, "No one can say that the science instructors have not cooperated with the club when at least one has met with us each time—sometimes more. As to the eligibility of membership being changed, that is also untrue. The rules for membership were laid down at the beginning of the year when the club was first organized, and have not been changed."

At first Mr. Buckner was a little reticent in discussing the resignation of Mr. Pittman. In fact he first refused to discuss it at all. He said that he would rather see one of the teachers before making any formal statement as to his attitude toward the matter. However, he finally ventured to say that he thought the charges (Continued from Page 4)

## STUDENTS HONOR FOOTBALL TEAMS

Twenty Varsity Letters Are Awarded Members At Banquet, Honoring Squad

Twenty letters were awarded members of the 1931 football team at a banquet given in honor of the varsity and freshman football teams, by the student body, last Thursday night at the cafeteria.

Dr. Holmes Mason presided as toastmaster and among those speaking were Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer; Dr. W. G. Lee, prominent alumnus and backer of Mercer athletics; Herbert M. Smart, staunch Macon supporter of Mercer; Robert Gamble, former star Mercer athlete; Stanley Reese, for the student body; John Cimperman, varsity fullback, speaking for the team; Head Coach Lake Russell; Ed Ray, sports editor of the Macon Telegraph; and Herb Clark, sports editor of the Macon Evening News.

### Team, Coaches Praised

Each speaker praised the team for its work the past fall and predicted a great future for Mercer football teams. The players were acclaimed for their hard work and sacrifices made during the season, and the coaches were congratulated on their successes in building up athletics at Mercer.

### Freshmen Cheered

"Skeet" Horner, backfield coach; "Hal" McNabb, freshman coach; and "Baggy" Mallard, end coach, were recognized, and given praise by Head Coach Lake Russell. McNabb then presented the members of the freshman team: Bill Darby and Ben Smith, ends; Carlos Cone and "Sugar" Cane, tackles; "Buster" Brown and John Sammons, guards; James Lary, center; Bob Lee, quarterback; Ben Stanaland, Tom Nesbitt, and "Shorty" Barrett, halfbacks; and Gerald McQuaigh, fullback.

### Twenty Letters Awarded

In awarding certificates and letters to the twenty players, Dean C. B. Wray praised the team for its "hard work, cooperation and loyalty to the coaches." Then awards were made to Bob Smith, Harry Lichter, and Joe Seryak, centers; "Cotton" Harrison, Nat Raesor, Tom Vezey, and "Tony" Long, ends; "Swede" Olsson, "Red" Camp, "Tub" Reddick, and Alf Bunch, tackles; Joe Popeko. (Continued on Page 4)

## A K Honors Pledges At Valentine Party

Pledges Riddle And Newby Entertained By Sorority

Miss Mildred Williams entertained the members and pledges of the Alpha Kappa sorority with a Valentine party, Saturday night, honoring Misses Helen Riddle, Macon, and Aurelia Newby, Vienna, new pledges of the organization.

Among those attending the party were: Misses Mildred Holder, Macon; Helen Erwin, Macon; Mary Pettit, Macon; Maurine Stroberg, Macon; Mary Blanche Hyde, Sparta; Louise Smith, Macon; Lolale Fountain, Adrian; Christine Findley, Macon; Elizabeth McBride, Macon; and Dorris Jacobs, Macon.

Joe Marion, Lindale; Ben Overstreet, Jr., Savannah; Tom Fountain, Adrian; Ralph Rickatson, Macon; Vinson Lloyd, Fayetteville; Ted English, Macon; Kermitt Dekle, Thomasville; Fred Stroberg, Macon; Raymond Coppenger, Atlanta; Paul Jordan, Macon; Tom Witherspoon, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Clarence Pittman, Commerce.

## Basketball League Will Begin Monday

Opening Postponed When S.A.E. Team Withdraws

Withdrawal of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon team from the inter-fraternity basketball league caused the starting date of the league to be postponed until Monday, and forced the drafting of a new schedule, according to an announcement made by J. P. Cowart, chairman of the basketball league committee.

### 21 Games

The old schedule which called for 28 games and was to continue throughout March 5. With the dropping out of the S. A. E.'s, however, the Pan-Hellenic inter-fraternity council committee was forced to draft another schedule. The present pairings calls for 21 games, the first to be played Monday February 22nd. Seven fraternities are entered namely, A. T. O., Pi Kappa Phi, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Pi, A. L. T., and Pi. K. A. Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and the S. A. E. will not enter teams.

### New Rules

Eligibility rules were announced by the committee as follows: No persons who have ever made a varsity letter in basketball at Mercer shall be eligible. No member of the present varsity or freshmen squads shall be eligible, nor any person who has played in varsity games this season. Players who made basketball numerals in former years will be eligible to participate in the league.

### McNabb Official

The games will be played at the Riverside Arena, starting at 8 o'clock in the order named with the following officials: Harold McNabb, referee; Mac Perry, scorer; and Jack Kasserwitz, time-keeper.

The new schedule is as follows:

### February 22, 1932

A. T. O. vs Pi. K. A.  
K. S. vs K. A.  
A. L. T. vs S. Pi.

### February 23

Pi. K. Phi vs K. A.  
A. T. O. vs K. S.  
A. L. T. vs Pi. K. A.

### February 24

K. S. vs S. Pi.  
K. A. vs Pi. K. A.  
A. T. O. vs Pi. K. Phi.

### February 25

Pi. K. A. vs K. S.  
S. Pi vs Pi. K. Phi.  
A. L. T. vs A. T. O.

### February 26

K. A. vs A. T. O.  
Si. Pi vs Pi. K. A.  
A. L. T. vs Pi. K. Phi.

### February 29

S. Pi vs K. A.  
A. L. T. vs K. S.

### March 1

Pi. K. Phi vs K. S.  
A. T. O. vs S. Pi.

### March 2

Pi. K. A. vs Pi. K. Phi.  
A. L. T. vs K. A.

## CUBS CLOSE SEASON LOSING TO G.M.C. FIVE

Playing a great defensive game, the scrappy Mercer Cubs were defeated in a close game by the powerful G. M. C. quintet, 26-18, last Saturday night in Milledgeville.

Robert Oliver, with eight points, and a great floor game, was the outstanding man for the cadets, while the entire Cub team played well, they were led by "Red" Ellison, and Jack Kasserwitz. The G. M. C. game brought to a close the present season for the yearlings and also produced some boys who will be of great service to the varsity next fall. (Continued on Page 3)

## MERCER FIVE WILL ENTER DIXIE CONFERENCE PLAY AFTER LONG ROAD TRIP

## NEWTON HOLDS MERCER REVIVAL

Alumni Association Head Conducts Services

"Man can never have dominion over the world until he puts himself subservient to the will of God," declared Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist church, Atlanta, and president of Mercer Alumni Association in the second of a series of services, before Mercer students at the university chapel Monday morning.

The text of Dr. Newton's talk was from Psalms: "And thou shalt have dominion over the world."

### Services All Week

Dr. Newton opened the revival with services at Mercer chapel Sunday evening. With morning evening services in the Tatnall services in the Mercer chapel and Square Baptist church, the revival will run through Friday, February 19.

"I believe that the average man, knowing wrong from right, would rather do right," said Dr. Newton. "But this is not all that is needed. It is not always in man's power to determine wrong from right. The only sure course is to put his will directly subservient to the will of God."

"It is in every man's power to accept God, to place himself at the will of God, and to uphold his tenets. One does not have to go out of the way to deny God. The choice of accepting or rejecting Him is as easy as choosing to ride a street car instead of an automobile, or of taking one path in preference to another. It is one thing every person has got to decide."

### Scientist Believes

Dr. Newton told of the eminent scientist who, when asked to explain the principle of some scientific phenomenon, replied that it was the will of God. When the story appeared in the paper, it was found to be one of the best of that year. The Associated Press (Continued on Page 4)

## Inter-class Baseball Planned For Spring

Track And Tennis Also Included In Spring Program

A five team, inter-class baseball league at Mercer will be organized at an early date, according to announcements made recently by Maj. J. D. Blair, director of intra-mural athletics.

Coach Lake Russell announced last week that a series of track events would be held this spring and that if there was enough material on hand at the try-outs a team would be picked to represent Mercer at the S. I. A. A. track meet. He also announced that tennis matches would be arranged with other schools.

The inter-class baseball, tennis and track program is to replace inter-collegiate baseball at Mercer this spring. Last season the Bears were members of the Dixie League but due to the financial losses occurred in the league last season, the athletic board decided not to enter a team in the circuit this spring.

Complete plans for the inter-class league will be perfected at an early date. It is the plan of officials to try to develop a number of players, who could be of valuable service to a Mercer team, should the authorities deem it advisable to re-enter the league next spring.

## IMPORTANT BATTLES FACING BEAR QUINTET AS TEAM HITS TRAIL

Orange And Black Team One of Pre-Tournament Favorites

### SMITH STILL INJURED

Tech, Chattanooga, Sewanee, and Atlanta Y Faced On Trip

Coach Lake Russell and his Bear Quintet left Macon Thursday morning on a ten-day road trip, which will end in Birmingham, Alabama, at the first annual Dixie conference tournament. The team will meet Ga. Tech, Chattanooga, Atlanta "Y," Sewanee, and B. Y. H. A., before entering the tournament.

The road trip schedule is as follows:

Feb. 18—Ga. Tech in Atlanta.

Feb. 19—Atlanta "Y" in Atlanta.

Feb. 20—Chattanooga in Chattanooga.

Feb. 22—Sewanee in Sewanee.

Feb. 23—Chattanooga in Chattanooga.

Feb. 24—B. Y. H. A. in Birmingham.

Feb. 25-26-27—First Annual Dixie Conference Tournament in Birmingham.

### Bears Favored

The Orange and Black five is second in the standing of the Dixie conference at the present time, and are being considered as favorites second to Millsep to capture the initial tournament. The Mississippi team has yet to suffer defeat at the hands of a conference foe.

The home stand this season was a fair success, the Bears having beaten Tech "Yellow Jackets," Chattanooga; Howard in two games; and the Georgia Crackers pro team. They were beaten by (Continued on Page 4)

## ROLLINS HOST TO I.R.C. GROUP

Mercer Club Expects To Send Delegate

Winter Park, Fla., Feb. 16.—The International Relations Club of Mercer University has been invited to send delegates to the Southeastern Conference of International Relations Clubs to be held at Rollins College from February 24th to 27th, it was announced here today.

Sixty-eight clubs in the eight southeastern states are members of the conference which meets annually under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The conference has as its aim the formation of closer contacts among the member colleges, the exchange of ideas concerning the activities of the clubs and the discussion of topics of timely interest in world affairs. United States and World Peace is to be the main topic to be considered at the Annual Conference, with discussions on the League of Nations, the Kellogg Pact, the World Court, and Disarmament.

Prominent men and women in affairs who are expected to participate in the program are Irving Fisher, James G. Thompson, Jane Adams, Frederick C. Hamilton Holt.