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Mercer Drops Close Game to Mommado Eleven in Nashville

Bob Smith Resumes Work After Rest of Nearly Twelve Months.

DIXIE ROBERTS Stars

Vanderbilt Scores in First 12 Plays, but is Held to Final Count of 20-7

Dixie Roberts, elusive Vandy halfback, proved the difference between the Mercer Bears and a possible victory over the Vanderbilt Commodores, Saturday, and led his highly-rated team to a close win over Laka Russell's eleven. Outplayed in the first half, the Bears came back to play the Vandy eleven off its feet to hold the great eleven to a 20-to-7 score.

Vandy started in a hurry, scoring a touchdown a dozen plays after the game opened, but were held at a standstill until a bouncing punt struck Ernie Zinkowsky on the foot near Mercer's 6-yard line, and was recovered as a fumble by Leyendecker. Dixie Roberts in two attempts shoved the pigskin over for a second touchdown. However, the Bears came back in the 3rd period and outplayed the mighty Commodores, and in the last period and outplayed the mighty Commodores, and in the last period scored this last touchdown due to a nice gallop of 61 yards by that troublesome Dixie Roberts.

Bears Battle Hard

Five thousand Vandy fans watched the opening tilt and saw the stalwart Bears holding and fighting every inch and second of the way. It looked easy for Vandy, when on those first dozen plays a touchdown was on their score, but those 5,000 fans were yet to see Bob Sperry, Swede Olsson, Dick McNabb, and Cotton Harrison display their wares in the line and Zinkowsky, Walden and Cimperman in the backfield, not forgetting the swift, bullet-like Trommerhauser passes, which caused those same fans to shudder each time his mighty arm drew back.

It was a moral victory for the Orange and Black and a glorious day for Big Bob Smith, rated as one of the greatest centers in the South in 1930. It was his first contest since the Citadel game in '31, but nevertheless his big frame was still the same in diagnosing plays and as a power on the defence. He himself seemed to inspire the Russellmen to greater endeavor.

The game opened with Cimperman, acting Mercer captain, winning the toss from Meyers who had the same capacity for Vandy. He elected to kick south with the wind.

Roberts Scores Easily

Sperry kicked to Roberts, who (Continued on Page 4)

Band Members Get Complete Uniforms

Benton and Jones Will Be Successors to Professor Kaler.

Wearing, for the first time in the history of the school, a complete uniform, the Mercer University band will parade in the Centennial Stadium between the halves of the Mercer-Howard football game, Saturday afternoon.

Under the tutelage of Henry Jones and Bill Benton, Macon, who, since the death of Former Instructor W. C. Kaler, have been in charge of their training, the musical Bears, thirty in number, have been practicing twice daily in preparation for the part they will take in (Continued on Page 4)

CUB-BULLPUP GO SET FOR TODAY

Vezev Leads Rat Team Into Annual Tilt With Georgia.

LATE BULLETIN: Communication from the University of Georgia officials at Athens Thursday morning cancelling the annual Cub-Bullpup game, scheduled to be played in Athens today, was received by Mercer officials. This will be the first time in recent years that the two freshmen teams will not meet, the Mercer Cubs hold a 2-to-1 edge over the Bullpups in the last three years. This is the second Cub game that has been cancelled, the G. I. C. having called off the game last week.

Mercer's Freshman eleven, shaping us as a fine machine closed a double-objected week. The Cubs helped prepare the Varsity for the game with Howard, and at the same time prepared for their annual battle with the Georgia Bullpups, today in Athens.

Tom Vezev, intigible varsity end, has made the freshmen an excellent coach. He has as an able assistant Donald Grey who is taking post-graduate work at the University. The coaches have rounded the team into good shape. They have a well-balanced line and also a fine group of fast-stepping backs. The linemen who are going to carry the battle against Georgia are: Edison, Ponder, Rader, Bernd and Warden ends; Curry, Ward, Groce, (Continued on Page 4)

CO-EDS ADD LUSTRE TO MERCER CAMPUS, CONSENSUS OF OPINION

TIGER BENNETT NAMED AS COACH

Former Georgia Star Succeeds McNabb; Vezev Frosh Coach.

J. C. "Tiger" Bennett, former University of Georgia football star, has been added to the staff of coaches here replacing Harold McNabb, who is now head coach at Albany High school.

For three years Bennett was a co-star at Georgia with "Red" Maddox and "Red" Leathers, at guard and his addition to the staff will be of great value to the Bear eleven. "Tiger" not only can instruct the linemen, but can show them how it should be played.

Bennett's addition gives Coach Russel another valuable assistant. "Skeet" Horner, of the University of Tennessee, was secured last fall to coach the Mercer backs.

Vezev Named Frosh Coach

It was also announced this week that Tom Vezev was ineligible. He was immediately given charge of the Freshman equad. Vezev has enough hours to graduate but is taking extra work to finish his degree in the law school. He is being assisted in his work by Don Gray, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, who is taking post-graduate work at Mercer. These two men have been working hard in preparing the Cubs for their first game with the University of Georgia Freshmen Sept. 30 at Athens.

PROF. KALER DIES AFTER ILLNESS

His Former Students Are Active Pallbearers At Funeral.

William C. Kaler, director of the Mercer band, died at a local hospital at 6 o'clock Friday morning. Funeral services, with military ceremonies, were held at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, the services beginning in the Mulberry Street Methodist church, conducted by Dr. Walter Anthony and the Rev. James A. Harmon.

A military escort of the 121st Infantry band, which Mr. Kaler once directed, escorted the cortege to the Rose Hill cemetery, and an honorary escort from the service company joined the procession and fired a salute over the grave. Roy Atkinson, assistant director of the infantry band sounded taps.

Mr. Kaler, who had lived in Macon 40 years, had directed many of the city's bands and had taught many musicians. He was director of the bands of Lanier High School and Mercer university, besides a member of other musical activities in the city.

On Thursday, September 19, Mr. Kaler addressed the freshmen in Roberts Memorial chapel, and outlined the plans of Mercer's band for the coming year. He was instrumental in getting uniforms for the band this year, the first year the band has had uniforms. He was taken ill with appendicitis Wednesday, September 21, and removed to a local hospital. Peritonitis set in after he underwent the operation. (Continued on Page 4)

Seventeen Delectable Freshman Make First Appearance at Mercer.

Co-education is here to stay. In contrast to the wave of disapproval that arose three years ago when co-eds made their first appearance on the campus, the consensus of opinion from the males this year seems to favor the "fair ones".

Seventy strong, a group of giggling co-eds, among whom were seventeen freshmen, entered Mercer to uphold the dignity of the institution. But alas! most of them have already succumbed to the influence of the other "gels", and seem strongly inclined to carry out the tradition of their sex.

"As a whole, however, they do not ask many irrelevant and senseless questions as they did a year or two ago," one cynical male confided to me.

Another masculine commentator said they did not affect him one way or another, but he could see no special reason for objecting to them.

But to consider them quite objectively, they do add color to an otherwise drab campus, what with their green ribbons and green socks. And after all, as I heard one of the stronger sex say, they giggle and make quite a lot of noise when one of the boys says something funny, thus adding to the gaiety.

One boy told me that he could not keep his mind on a lecture when the girl in front of him was continually turning around. Perhaps this student should not have started shaving and wearing a coat to class just because his seat was behind an attractive little co-ed. Oh, well; you're telling me—or I'm telling you—or somebody's telling somebody.

It is true that a boy's mind may be quite taken from his work in the class room. For example, it (Continued on Page 4)

Former Teachers To Resume Work Here

Allen, Awtrey and Knight Return After Months of Study.

After being away on leave of absence for study, three of Mercer's instructors, Professors Allen, Awtrey and Knight resumed their work in their respective departments this year.

Prof. Allen has been spending his time studying and doing research work. In 1930, he spent most of his time at Vanderbilt doing graduate work in the department of English. The past year has found him studying and collecting data at leading libraries, including the Library of Congress, in Washington, D. C., and those in Philadelphia and Worcester, Mass. He is returning to continue his work as Professor of Journalism at Mercer. In addition to this, he is working the data into shape that he collected this past summer.

Dr. Awtrey received his A. B. degree in Paris from Mercer in 1925 and attained his M. A. there a year later. While in Paris, he completed his theses for his doctorate, which he attained in April of this year. In addition to this, he worked with the New York Herald of Paris, which is the European edition of the New York Herald. He was Paris Night Editor for this paper. He was also connected with the Chicago Tribune and Paris Times, now defunct. His doctorate thesis bore the title of "The Anglo-American Press—A Criticism". He is returning to Mercer as head of the department of foreign languages and is Professor of French.

Prof. Knight has been away for two years on his leave. He spent most of his time in North Carolina, being connected with State Board of Health. Prof. Knight is professor of German and psychology at Mercer.

Edward Page Dies After Protracted Spell of Typhoid

Edward Page, Mercer ministerial student, died Sunday afternoon, September 24, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Page, at Harrison, Georgia. He was stricken six weeks ago with typhoid fever while holding a revival at Cedar Grove Church, near Wrightsville.

Last year he enrolled as a junior in the Mercer School of Christianity, after he had received his diploma in June, 1931 at Brewton-Parker Institute. His plans were to return this year to complete his studies at Mercer.

Although he had been in Mercer for only a year, he had joined in with the students and was very active in religious activities on the campus. He not only was an ardent worker among the students, assisting in the ministerial chapels, helping in the church and Sunday School and participating in other campus activities, but he was among the ministers who would go out in the surrounding counties and preach.

A large number from Mercer attended his funeral which was held at his home. Among them were: Dr. John G. Harrison, Joe Grant, Vincent Loyd, Ostelle Womack, Raymond Coppenger and D. W. Edwards.

Bears Tangle Bulldogs, Conquerors of Petrels, In Important Home Tilt

Dr. E. Sammons Is Chief Speaker In Opening Exercises

Marks Mercer's Hundredth Year as an Institution of Public Learning.

350 STUDENTS ATTEND

Dr. Dowell Welcomes Students; Callaway and Smoth Make Short Addresses.

Dr. J. Ellis Sammons, pastor of the Vineville Baptist church and president of the Georgia Baptist convention, delivered the principal address at the opening of Mercer's centennial year in the convocation exercises held in the Mercer chapel Wednesday morning.

The exercises marked the first gathering of all Mercer's students, although freshmen had been on the campus since Wednesday of the week before. More than 350 students listened to the convocation exercises before beginning the first day of classes for the year.

Dr. Spright Dowell, president, welcomed the students to Mercer on behalf of the institution. Rev. George M. Wilcox, pastor of the Vineville Presbyterian church, asked the invocation and benediction, and the opening music for the exercises was played by the Yartrough trio. Miss Eunice Harper, professor of music at Wesleyan conservatory, sang. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Raleigh Drake.

T. W. Callaway, president of the student body, and Miss Leila Smith, president of the Co-ed club, made short talks to the students.

In his address, Dr. Sammons declared Mercer's greatest glory has been men.

"If Mercer were called upon to give an account of her stewardship," he said, "it would not be the congressman, the senators, the big business men of whom she is most proud. It would be men who have tried to live 'like men'—who have tried to show the world how to live. This is Mercer's greatest glory."

"I was very much struck with a sign I saw in a show window the other day 'Salary raising institution'—were the words written on the sign. In my mind I compared that with a few words that are inscribed over the gate of a great college—'Let us make men.' What a contrast we have! It is relative." (Continued on Page 4)

Ciceronians Install Garrison as Leader

At a meeting of the Ciceronian Literary Society, held Monday night, Searcy Garrison, Ochlochnee, was inaugurated president for the fall term. Retiring President Joe Pickard presented the new executive with a speech in which he outlined the ninety-eight years history of the society, pointing out that many United States Senators, Congressmen and state leaders had belonged to this society.

The key note of Mr. Garrison's address was "Service". The new president urged the members to assume places of importance on the campus and in society by performing valuable services to humanity.

Other officers to serve the society during the fall term are: Tom Johnson, Sparta; Vice-President, James Bulloch, Ochlochnee, Secretary and Treasurer, Joe Pickard, Beuna Vista, Critic.

STRONG HOWARD TEAM INVADES BEAR HOME IN OPENING BATTLE

Game Expected To Be Real Fight, As Both Teams Rated High.

REASOR IS INJURED

Fine Showing of Both Elevens In First Games To Draw Large Crowd.

With Mercer facing an ancient and formidable rival in the Howard Bulldogs from Birmingham, one of the most thrilling games of the football season is expected to be played in the Centennial stadium here tomorrow. The game will begin at three o'clock.

Mercer will enter the fray fresh from an imposing showing against the Vanderbilt Commodores last Saturday, but minus the services of Nat Raesor, star left end, who received a sprained ankle in scrimmage last Monday. This will not seriously handicap the Bears as Bob Sperry is being donned for Raesor's post, and Sperry is no novice at this position, having been coached for this position during spring practice last year. Howard, with no serious injuries reported, will probably start her regular line-up, which defeated the Oglethorpe Petrels last Friday 14 to 6, while the Bears were holding Vanderbilt to a hard-fought victory of 20 to 7.

Pep Meeting

One of the best pep meetings of the year was staged by the students under the direction of the cheer leaders in the chapel Wednesday morning and another spirited meeting is to be held in the chapel at eight o'clock tonight. All freshmen are required to be present, and the entire student body is requested to turn out.

A crowd of probably five thousand people will witness the game tomorrow. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Body office or from anyone delegated by Dan Kelly, manager of home games.

The Line-up

The starting line-up will probably include: Harrison and Sperry, ends; Olsson and Reddick, tackles; McNabb and Bell, guards; Smith, center; Trommerhauser, quarterback; Popoko, Walden or Zinkowsky, halfback; and Cimperman, fullback.

GREEKS PLEDGE MANY NEW MEN

Sixty-Nine Students Accept Bids From Social Fraternities.

Sixty-nine students were pledged to Greek letter fraternities in the Mercer campus for the first week of the school year, ending last Saturday, according to announcements of the nine fraternities Monday.

Fraternities with chapters at Mercer are Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Lambda Tau, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu.

The following men have been pledged:

Pi Kappa Phi: Tolbert Cooper, and William Harbiam, Milledgeville; James Whitten, Thomaston; Joe Cash, Canton; Cleveland Kaiser, Pelham; Tom Lee, Dallas, Wright Bagby, Dayton and Julian Prance, Americus.

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