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Burns—An Old Pal of Mine.
One Cure for Chapel Pains.
We Are Wet—Ain't We Kid?
I Christen Thee, Leavenworth.
No Bull Here—Just Opposite.
Free Admission to Trouble.
Country Lawyer Has the Break.
Feed Football Players Apples.
Technocracy, the Unknown!!!!

The Boston University News devotes a whole column to the Robert Burns case. Of course he thinks that Burns was terribly mistreated while here in Georgia. We do not dispute the fact that chain gang life is boring at times; but we do say that if Burns had as tough time in the chain gang in 1924 as we Georgians are having as private citizens here in 1933, he has our sympathy.

One rather progressive Emory student suggests in The Wheel that instead of Emory faculty members making chapel speeches, the students themselves be allowed to make a few. We concede one to you, Emory. As for the qualification of your students in public speaking, we know nothing. We are sure, however, that your plan is great, if your faculty is any ways at all like ours.

Here are more statistics—they are all wet too. They say that out of every three co-eds in the University of Pennsylvania two will indulge in the imbibing of intoxicating beverages. Also out of every five boys three will prove themselves wet. Wonder what they would show sure enough?

A scholarship at Yale, which pays six hundred dollars a year is going begging. They say that since 1919 no one has even applied for it. Yes, you are right. There is a catch to it. For a student to be eligible for it, his first name must be "Leavenworth." Just a hint to you prospective home-makers—why not name him "Leavenworth."

Then a wise bird out in Texas carried a cow up to Wetherford College. He would keep her in the pasture back of the dormitory. The profits derived from the milk went a long ways toward keeping down his college expenses—that is one way of getting by.

The Boston University News carries another interesting item. The Turks over in Istanbul have arranged free marriage licenses for the destitutes. We will have our editorial writer to write an article on that sometime. Once they start that maybe we will be better prepared to make our after-graduation plans.

The country lawyer, in the opinion of Dean Homer Albers of Boston University, has the best chance of all attorneys. This might be of interest to some of Mercer's budding lawyers. He thinks the city barrister drifts into specialty, while the small town lawyer takes on all types of cases.

A head line in the Orange and Blue runs like this, "Football Team Goes to Wake Forest; Coach Gives Them Bushel of Apples." That was at least better than raspberries—wasn't it?

You will probably notice that

BEARS FACE GEORGIA MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN IMPORTANT TILTS

1932 Southern Conference Champs Are Favored Over Mercer

SMITH LEADS BEARS

Leroy Young, Macon Boy, All-Southern Guard, Captains Georgia

The University of Georgia Bulldogs, Southern Conference basketball champions in 1932, will invade the Mercer campus Monday and Tuesday nights, when the two teams will tangle in their annual series at the municipal auditorium.

The Bears will play Tech in Atlanta Saturday night, returning to Macon for a days rest before the Georgia battle. This game, scheduled to be played on the local court, was transferred to Atlanta, when it was found that Lanier High had secured the auditorium for Saturday night.

The Georgia team this season is captained by Leroy Young, Macon boy, and former Lanier High star, who was picked on the all-conference team last season. Virlyn Moore, Bulldog sharpshooting ace, now leading scorer in the new Southeastern Conference, transferred from Emory and was ruled eligible by the new conference.

Ernie Zinkowsky, flashy Bear forward, was dropped from the team this week when his knee, injured during football season, was hurt again, and Coach Russell was afraid if he was allowed to play the remainder of the season, the injury might become permanent, hurting his chances on the gridiron next fall.

Gerald McQuaig, star of last season's freshman team, joined the squad Monday. McQuaig, who was out of the football season because of an appendicitis operation, is expected to add considerable strength to the team. He will probably be used at forward with Bowie Gray. Joe Popeko will be shifted to guard, with Harrison and Reaser alternating. Big Bob Smith, the old reliable, will continue to hold down the center position.

POWELL NAMED BOXING COACH

Popular Macon Boxer Selected As Mercer Boxing Instructor

Jimmie Powell, one of the most popular young fighters in the south, has been named as boxing coach and instructor, by Lake Russell, head coach, and will begin Monday to train a boxing team for the Bears.

The present plans call for a series of classes on the lighter work, such as road work, rope skipping, and shadow boxing, to get the boys in shape. Later on during the month, the candidates will put on the gloves for some rough stuff.

Just what kind of bouts that will be planned, will depend entirely on the material and prospects. There is a tentative plan for an intra-mural tournament and then if any of the prospects develop enough, inter-collegiate bouts may be had with other schools of the state.

Last season about twenty boys took part in the boxing classes and while there was no inter-collegiate bouts, there were several good prospects working regularly. Most of these men are back in school and will report to Coach Powell next week.

The mystery is not why lecturers come but why audiences come.

Honor Frat Elects Bob Smith As Head

Callaway Named Vice-President; West, Treasurer, By Blue Key

Robert M. (Bob) Smith, Akron, Ohio, was elected president of the Mercer chapter of the Blue Key national honor fraternity, at a regular meeting Monday night, at the Oriole dining room.

Mr. Smith, who succeeds Dan Kelly, Fernandina, Fla., as president of the organization, is a member of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity, president of the senior class, a star member of the Mercer basketball team and last fall was named on the Coaches and Associated Press All-S.I.A.A. and Dixie Conference football teams.

T. W. Callaway, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., president of the student body organization, was named vice-president of the group, to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Smith. Joe West, Macon, a member of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity and former business manager of the Mercer Cluster, was elected treasurer of the fraternity, to succeed Ben Overstreet, Jr., Savannah, who did not return to school this quarter.

The fraternity voted to establish a trophy cabinet, to be placed in the co-op or library, and to seek permission to move numerous trophies, now in the president's office, to this cabinet, where they might be better displayed.

At the next meeting Joe Popeko, Akron, Ohio; Ben Ayars, Milledgeville; and Bob Carswell, Macon, will be initiated into the group.

Intra-mural League Opens Monday Night

Sophomore - Junior Game Opens Class Basketball League

Mercer's Intra-mural Class basketball league gets under way Monday night when the Sophomore team will face the Juniors, in the municipal auditorium, as a preliminary to the Mercer-Georgia game.

Tuesday night, the Freshmen and Seniors will meet at the auditorium as a preliminary to the second Bulldog-Bear battle. The remaining games will be played at the Mercer gymnasium.

The schedule for the first half is as follows:

Monday night, January 23rd—Sophomores vs. Juniors.

Tuesday night, January 24th—Seniors vs. Freshmen.

Wednesday afternoon, January 25th—Freshmen vs. Juniors, 3:00 o'clock; Sophomores vs. Seniors, 4:00 o'clock.

Thursday, January 26—Juniors vs. Seniors, 3:00 o'clock; Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

CUB BASKETBALL TEAM PRACTICING DAILY

Thirteen candidates for the Mercer freshman basketball team are working daily under the direction of Coach Skeet Horner and expect to round into shape by the latter part of the week.

While no schedule has been announced, Coach Horner said Wednesday that the Cubs may meet Barnesville Normal in Barnesville, Friday night. Other games will be scheduled during the week.

This week, Horner has been running Eugene NeSmith at center, Tom Porter and Charlie Cooper at forwards, and Henry Allen and Wright Bagby at guards.

Among the others who are showing up well in practice are Spec Wiseman, Adel; John Callaway, Atlanta; Willie Smith, Atlanta; Ozo Curry, Clearwater, Fla.; Charles Edens, Atlanta; D. H. Adams, Macon; L. H. Warden, Midville; and Skip Skipworth, Columbus.

LEE BIRTHDAY HONORED MY MERCER AND U. D. C. IN JOINT CELEBRATIONS

Mrs. L. M. Bashinski, Past President United Daughters Confederacy Speaks

MERCER GIVEN SEAL

Copy of Great Seal of Confederacy Is Presented by Mrs. Green

Mrs. L. M. Bashinski, Troy, Ala., past President-General United Daughters of the Confederacy, was the principal speaker at the Mercer exercises of the Robert E. Lee birthday anniversary during which a copy of the Great Seal of the Confederacy was presented to the university.

Dr. John G. Harrison, dean of the Christianity school, presided in the absence of Dr. Dowell and introduced Mrs. Izzie Bashinski, Dublin, president of the Georgia Division, who spoke on the work of the U. D. C. and Robert E. Lee. Then she presented Mrs. Thomas W. Green, Athens, Third Vice-president and Mrs. Frank Dennis, Eatonton, Third Vice-president and Mrs. L. W. Green, Sycamore, state editor.

Mrs. Green presented to the university the copy of the Great Seal of the Confederacy, telling the history of the Seal, the disappearance for years and the finding of the same in 1912.

Mrs. John G. Harrison, president of the Sidney Lanier chapter of Macon, introduced Mrs. T. O. Chestney, Mrs. Walter D. Lamar, Mrs. Ruby Grace, Mrs. Mark O'Daniel, Mrs. K. F. Dunlap, and Miss Carrie Patterson, past presidents of the chapter.

Mrs. L. M. Bashinski paid tribute to Robert E. Lee, the gentleman, soldier, statesman, scholar, christian, and saint, one of America's truly immortal men.

Hutchins To Speak At Mercer Program

University of Chicago Head To Address Students, Clubs

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, will be the guest of Mercer University and will address the student body, February 23rd. Dr. Spright Dowell announced this week.

Dr. Hutchins will speak at a joint meeting of the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Exchange, and Civitan clubs of Macon at a luncheon meeting at the Dempsey hotel, February 23.

After serving as dean of the Yale law school, where he had been a member of the faculty for years, Dr. Hutchins was elected to the presidency of the University of Chicago before he was 30 years old.

His visit to Macon was arranged by Dr. Dowell and the luncheon will be given through the cooperation of the civic clubs. He will leave in the afternoon for Atlanta, where he will address the students of Agnes Scott, February 22nd, he will be the guest of the University of Georgia at Athens.

Mercer Glee Club Winter Term Trip

Club May Play in Nine Georgia Towns and Florida

Plans for a nine day trip for the Mercer glee and instrumental in early February, are being made by Student-manager Bob Carswell, Macon.

The club opened the winter

RUSSELL MAY REPLACE BACHMAN AT FLORIDA; MERCER WOULD RELEASE

Produce Payable For Tuition Fees, Dowell Declares

Up to date no student or prospective student has taken advantage of the plan announced by the university January 7 under which farm produce is accepted as part payment of college expenses, according to reports from the business office.

Students who have already registered in the university for this quarter cannot present produce for any deferred payments, it was learned Wednesday. The plan was devised primarily for students who are unable to see their way clear to come to Mercer. It is thought that the announcement came too late for those who had made no plans to enter college to take advantage of it.

The plan as announced by Dr. Dowell provides for the acceptance of such farm commodities as cotton, peanuts, corn, pecans, syrup, meat, and such perishables as can be used by the university for part of the expenses of the student. Cotton will be accepted at one cent per pound above the market price at the time the student registers. Other commodities will be taken at the prevailing market price.

Explaining the motives of the plan Dr. Dowell said that it was designed to meet the needs of hundreds of boys and girls in Georgia and in the South who cannot attend college because of financial difficulties. He added that many of these or their families have produce, much of which they are unable to sell.

Dr. Dowell further stated that he expected very little loss to the university through the operation of the plan. He explained that some of the produce can be used by the university cafeteria, while corn, cotton, and other similar non-perishables could be stored and disposed of at the most suitable time.

Mercer would definitely gain by the operation of the plan, was the expressed belief of Dr. Dowell. He said that Mercer's teaching staff and accommodations would easily take care of a substantial increase in the student body.

Football Practice Begins Next Week

Candidates Will Report For Spring Drills Early

Mercer's spring football drills will begin January 30 and continue indefinitely until the team rounds into shape satisfactory to Coach Lake Russell and his assistants, "Skeet" Horner and "Tiger" Bennett. It was announced this week.

The big problem that faces the Mercer coaches is the replacement of the eight stars who have finished their Mercer careers. These are Bob Smith, Bob Sperry, John Cimperman, Pinky Walden, Dick McNabb, John Jasonis, Joe Seryak, and Joe Marton.

Harry Lichter, star of the 1931 line, who was out last season with an appendicitis operation, will replace Bob Smith; Gerald McQuaig is being counted on to replace John Cimperman, but the big puzzle and hardest job will be the replacement of the guard positions, left vacant by Bob Sperry and Dick McNabb.

Men who will report January 30 are: Harry Lichter and O. P. Gilbert, Jr., centers; Swede Olsson, Red Camp, Alf Bunch, and

BEAR COACH MENTIONED FOR OPEN FLORIDA JOB BY UNIVERSITY BOARD

Mercer Authorities Would Release Russell From Signed 1933 Contract

NO OFFICIAL ACT

Local Board Would Not Bar Way To Coach Russell's Promotion

Lake F. Russell, who led Mercer football from a wilderness of defeats to two successful seasons and who is under contract to direct the Bear machine through the Centennial schedule, the most difficult in the history of the school, may not return to Mercer this fall, but may take over the job of head football coach at the University of Florida, according to reports circulated in Macon and Atlanta papers Wednesday.

The only comment Russell would make in reference to the press dispatches regarding his acceptance of the Florida opening, left vacant by the resignation of Charles Bachman, was, "I would be very glad to coach in the new south-eastern conference." He did not deny or affirm the report that he was seeking the place at Florida.

Dean C. B. Wray, chairman of the Mercer athletic board and athletic director said: "While I know nothing official on the matter, Mercer would certainly hate to lose Russell, but we would not stand in his way for deserved promotion." (Continued on Page 4)

MERCER HISTORY GIVEN IN REVIEW

Baptist Institution Begins Centennial Year of Service

Mercer was officially opened at Penfield, Ga., Monday after the second Sunday in January, 1833, with Dr. Billington Sanders as first president, and Dr. Ira O. McDaniel as assistant president. There were thirty-nine students enrolled during the first year of the institution, five of whom were ministerial students. One of these was W. U. Wilkes, one of the earliest pastors of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta. Another was William Melton Tryon, who went to the Republic of Texas as a missionary, and later founded Baylor University at Waco.

The first faculty was composed of such outstanding educators as J. F. Hillyer, J. W. Attaway, W. D. Cowdry, A. Williams, and a little later Shelton P. Sanford, grand-father of Dr. S. V. Sanford, president of the University of Georgia; Dr. J. J. Brantley, Dr. J. G. Ryals, Dr. P. H. McH, Dr. E. A. Steed, Dr. Joseph Willet and Dr. S. G. Hillyer.

The school was founded with the idea of the students doing manual labor as a part of the cost of education and this custom prevailed for eleven years.

The first board of trustees of Mercer was composed of Jesse Mercer, for whom the institution was named; V. R. Thornton, C. D. Mallary, Jonathan Davis, John E. Dawson, Malcolm Johnson, W. D. Cowdry, J. H. T. Kilpatrick, J. T. Campbell, S. G. Hillyer, Absolom Jones, P. Q. Dickinson, William Richards, Thomas Stocks, T. G. Jones, J. M. Porter, Lemuel Green, James Davant, F. W. Chesler, E. H. Macon, William Lumpkin, J. G. Powell, Lett Warren.

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