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A BENEFICIAL STEP

Although no one has yet taken advantage of the offer made by Dr. Dowell recently to take produce and other farm products as payment on tuition, we believe that the plan is a wise one, and will benefit Mercer and the people of this section of Georgia in time to come.

The idea is not new, having been tried out in the West and Middle West two years ago, and perhaps in other sections in the center of agriculture communities. We are not familiar with the results and know little about the marketing plan of such schools, but from all accounts the plan seems to be working, and we have heard of no institution discontinuing this offer.

The advantage to the farmer is that he is able to send his children to college without waiting to get rid of his products. It was true in the West, if it will not be true in Georgia, that many students were able to attend under this plan who would not have gone otherwise.

The offer will benefit Mercer by the publicity given the announcement, and the university can, by better advice, dispose of the farm products better than an individual.

LAKE RUSSELL GOING?

Both Macon newspapers Wednesday carried a story to the effect that Coach Lake Russell had been mentioned by University of Florida officials as a possible successor to Coach Bachman, Alligator coach, who tendered his resignation recently to the athletic board of the university. Although the announcement was not definite, we feel it is likely that Coach Russell will be the man they will choose; and he has expressed his willingness to go if he is chosen.

Although the Cluster does not blame Coach Russell for contemplating the change, and feels that he would be doing himself an injustice in not accepting the offer, it believes it is expressing the opinion of the entire university in saying his place cannot be adequately filled; especially in view of the fact that Mercer is facing the hardest schedule of its history next fall. The Army and Navy on successive Saturdays and a game with the University of Georgia later in the season will demand the best efforts of any coach, and Russell has had singular success with the team which will represent Mercer in 1933.

Coach Russell came to Mercer in 1929 and took over an "average Mercer" team. With this material he worked hard enough to win about half the games on his schedule. In 1930, his second year at Mercer, he managed to win several more games than the previous year. But his two most successful years—years we students are proud to associate with him—were 1931 and 1932, when Mercer lost only two games, out of hard schedules, each season.

Coach Russell made a name for himself and his team this year, when Mercer held the strong Vanderbilt Commodores to a 20-7 victory, after displaying a wonderful brand of football. Although the Mercer-Furman game was not a Southern football classic, so far as football goes, both teams—and especially Mercer, in spite of losing—gave an exhibition of as fine football spirit as has ever been shown. Furman had played a 12-0 game with Army earlier in the season.

If, as it is believed, announcement will be made of Russell's acceptance, we should like to congratulate Florida on her selection, and assure her she can expect a wonderful team under his coaching.

HOOEY!

Participation in a student activity is its own reward, and this is the sum total of the reward the Cluster is offering now in a new kind of activity on the campus.

Perusal of the handbooks from almost any campus in the south will show that, with a few exceptions, the college slang of the day is a cut-and-dried, practically universal vocabulary. The use of such terms as "bust," "crip," "crib," and the like is widespread, while one or two schools have a system of slang which is peculiar to them alone, thus giving them an individuality in the collegiate world well worth having.

A casual dropper-in on a conversation at West Point is in no position to comprehend the terms used, no matter how well educated he may be; the same is true of other outstanding schools of the north.

Here at Mercer there are a few terms which are Mercer's alone; "beanery" is about the only one that occurs to us which has general acceptance. Glee Club men refer to each other as "Milts" and the stock greeting is "Ho, Milt!" Frequenters of the "Pharm" call each other "suckers," and "cubs" are journalism students (to you).

But all these are restricted to a certain group, and not the entire campus. Wouldn't it help Mercer greatly in her climb to distinction to develop a system of slang original with her, so witty, so suggestive, that other schools would envy her?

There are many things we students have in common which could well be earmarked with original terminology. Standing examinations, making eight-thirties, cutting chapel, bootlicking, "hooning," Going to see the Dean, and such could be more strikingly and more simply designated than with these words, and the Cluster would like to see the student body take it upon itself to develop a new system of slang here. The staff will keep its ears open, and when a new word has been evolved and accepted generally, due publicity will be given it in the Cluster, and a memorandum of our new slang kept up to date in the office; or even in each issue of the paper if the students desire it.

Come on, men. Be brazen!

SPORTSMANSHIP

On Monday and Tuesday nights, Mercer and Georgia will meet in their annual basketball games at the auditorium. As usual these games will have the same fight, closeness, and the usual characteristics of the Bear-Bulldog battles of previous years.

Last year's games were marked by play of extraordinary roughness and because of this and some of the officials' decisions, the Mercer student body resorted to that unsportsmanlike conduct of booing the officials and we are afraid on one or two occasions were guilty of booing the visiting players. Such conduct by any student body is certainly uncalled for, thoughtless, and anything but sportsmanlike. If the officials are not calling them as we think they should, it will not help matters by such tactics.

Every real basketball fan in Macon saw just how much such foolishness cost the local high school this week, when they dropped a game by one point to the visiting team, after having made two technical foul shots good for just such unsportsmanlike conduct, not by their team, but by their supporters.

Surely Mercer students, you will not be guilty of such conduct this season. Although we are arch-rivals with the Georgia Bulldogs, they are our guests, and we must treat them as such. So when the Bulldogs play here let every Mercer student treat them as an honored guest, and also let every loyal Mercer student do his part to keep down any unnecessary booing during the games. Let us show the Georgia players that we are glad to have them here.

THE OLDEST FREE SCHOOL BUILDING

The old school building built by George Washington at Alexandria in 1785, known then as the Alexandria Academy, and still in use by the public school system of that city, was marked with a bronze plaque recently. The civic bodies which participated in the ceremony were the Federal Office of Education, the National Education Association, the Washington Society of Alexandria and the American Legion.

The history of this building was forgotten for many years until recently, when the Washington Society discovered a letter from the first President to Jefferson in which it was stated that it was created "for the education and support of poor children, especially the descendants of those who have fallen in the defense of their country."

The old three-story brick structure is probably the oldest free school building in continuous use in the United States. It faces the new Mount Vernon Boulevard and is used for the overflow from the grade school building next to it.

Miss Sally Boone

By ROY RHODENHISER, Jr.

When Miss Sally Boone with her cherry "h-e-l-l-o" first came to Mercer the Library was in a small room back of the chapel. The space was inadequate, and there was practically no equipment, and very few books. Since then the library has grown to its present size and Miss Sally has become a Mercer tradition, and she is a very lively tradition too.

Miss Sally Boone was awarded an A. B. degree from Wesleyan University in 1887, and need it be said that she was the first honor graduate. Soon after that she came to Mercer as librarian and she fulfilled her duties so efficiently that she has kept that position until this day.

A cheery smile, a hearty laugh, and a good word for everybody makes a person easy to like and hard to dislike, thus it was that Miss Sally was liked by all the students when she first came to Mercer, and the students of today like her just as well as the students of yesterday. In 1908 when the present library was opened all the students helped Miss Sally move and rearrange the books.

Miss Sally loves boys. It is probably this fact that makes her so willing to help any boy that happens to be in distress, mentally or otherwise. If a disagreement between a student and a member of the faculty arises she is always glad to take the student's part and try to arrange a compromise. She greets each boy by name, and when an alumnus visits the campus she can call him by name just as easily. There are no favorites with Miss Sally, she likes each boy individually and likes them equally. There are no bad boys according to Miss Sally, but there are no good boys. They are all alike with varying individual characteristics.

"The college boys of today are no worse than they were twenty years ago," says Miss Sally. "The one big difference is that the students of today think more courageously and express themselves more frankly."

Miss Boone, (to use a name that is rare upon the Mercer campus), is a native of Macon, Ga., and of a distinguished family. Miss Sally is the niece of Bridges Smith, former mayor of Macon and editor of the Macon Telegraph. She is also an accomplished linguist and speaks French, German and Spanish fluently, and she can read Latin and Greek as if it were English. In 1927 Mercer conferred an honorary M. A. degree upon Miss Sally.

"It is interesting to note," said Miss Sally, "that the students at Mercer do not crave yellow journalistic periodicals. Instead they prefer magazines of a more refined nature."

Miss Sally has more admirers than a debutante. She is a born humorist and optimist. Someday after you graduate from Mercer if you should care to come back to visit your Alma Mater you will go to see Miss Sally and talk about the time that you were at Mercer, and she will greet you with "hello" and call you by name.

ON THE SLY

Back again under a new title . . . and after big and better news hits . . . As usual, who was left in Milledgeville after the glee club performance at G. S. C. W.????? and when is the club going to Cuba???? or Albany???? Did the bus break down??? Might add that the club again won the unanimous praise of the student body and faculty of G. S. C. W. and many of the lassies and faculty members declared after the performance that the club is best in years . . . before we forget . . . who made the trip that hadn't been practicing with the club????

What is the matter with the Pan-Hellenic council when it goes to elect officers???? The method used in its election of officers was recently made the subject of discussion in an Ethics class on the campus . . . Seems that the council has agreed to disagree . . . The old Mercer politic . . . and has the deferred pledging system been voted down again????? Wonder how one man of one faction was elected president and two men on the other faction was elected to the two other offices???

The Blue Key fraternity seems about to come out of winter quarters or something . . . They plan to place all the trophies in the president's office into a new cabinet and place it in the co-op . . . Nice work boys, should have been done long ago . . . Any by the way, what members of the Blue Key are about to be dropped for non-attendance?????

What has happened to the Mercer co-ed club?? Has it gone the way of the President's club and the Round Table???? And by the way one group of co-eds act toward another????? Girls will be girls, oh yea . . . Is it true that in two more years Mercer will have as many co-eds as men students???? Why?

How was it that the Atlanta papers carried the news that Lake Franklin Russell might go to Florida as head coach, twenty-four hours before the Macon papers did????? And are the Mercer students up in the air because of the rumor that Lake will leave . . . One of the most popular coaches in the history of Mercer, the news that he might leave, brought many many expressions of regret, but all the students are anxious to see Russell secure a promotion to a larger school.

Should Russell go to Florida (and are we selfish enough to hope Mercer can retain him) it will take a brave, very brave man to succeed him . . . Army, Navy, Georgia, Clemson, Furman, Birmingham-Southern, Chattanooga, Oglethorpe, Spring Hill, and an unnamed opponent . . . Yale and an optimist . . . We hate to think of losing Lake, but if he should go, who will it be???? If it is to be an alumnus of the old institution . . . we nominate WALLY BUTTS . . . champion producer of junior colleges, whose teams at Madison and G. M. C. have won him quite a rep in the south . . .

HERE AND THERE . . . If the students are to pay tuition in cotton, cabbages, and produce . . . Will the faculty members be paid off with same???? And what Mercer prof is afraid he will be paid off in cabbages and salt fish??? When will the Cluster be out??? So we would like to know . . . The students want to know too . . . What about it editors, when do we get our papers????? And we dare you to publish these notes every week . . . without your usual cutting . . . "Teacher I didn't learn my lesson tonight!"

MERCER GLEE CLUB WINTER TERM TRIP

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 term season last Monday night, playing their annual show at the Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville. For the past two seasons, the Mercer club has been voted the best and most popular club to visit the G. S. C. W. campus.

The proposed winter term trip into south Georgia may include Vidalia, Macon, Fitzgerald, Cordele, Tifton, Albany, Dawson, Cuthbert, Americus, Bainbridge, and possibly Quincy, Fla., and Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee.

Wednesday night the club will play at Greater Wesleyan, Jack Dawson, Macon, president, announced. Last year the club did not play there, but by special request the club is giving this performance before their trip into south Georgia.

The program is composed of the usual chorus numbers and selections by a twenty-four voice chorus, declared by many to be the best in the history of the school; selections by Jack Dawson, Macon, and Harris Dukes, Valdosta, soloists; a novelty quartette, one of the best hits of the program; and the fifteen piece jazz band, under the direction of Bill Benton, Macon's King of Jazz.

EINSTEIN NO SPIRITUALIST

Vienna—(IP)—Great men are kept busy as a rule denying beliefs attributed to them by quacks who misquote them in support of the quacks' theories. Recently Prof. Albert Einstein found it necessary to deny that he believes in spirits or spiritualism. He added that he would be very happy if no one else did.

The denial was made in a letter addressed to a Viennese woman who had written him asking his beliefs on these subjects. The woman quoted a London spiritualist who said that the famous scientist was a believer in spiritualism through mediums.

"The London statement," said the professor, "is utterly without truth."

NEW WORLD MAP

Washington—(IP)—A new map of the world issued last week by the National Geographic Society contains 1,226 names that are different than the names of the same places in the society's map made ten years ago. Moreover, 500 new names have been added to the map of the world this time. The total number of names on the map is 4,800.

Just to show how rapidly the names of places in the world change, the society let it be known that in the latter three weeks of the map's publication, it was necessary to stop the presses three times to record new changes in names.

EDUCATED DRINKING NOW PROPOSED

Cincinnati—(IP)—The best substitute for Prohibition, in the opinion of Dr. William Muhlbeg, former member of the faculty of Harvard University and now medical director of the Union Central Life Insurance Co., is education in "the art of drinking."

In fact, inasmuch as Prohibition seems definitely to be on the way out, Dr. Muhlbeg favors beginning such education immediately. "It is not too soon," he says "to begin educating people who want to drink in the art of using alcoholic beverages. In fact such education is a definite responsibility of all organizations interested in public health."

"We know that abstemious persons have good life expectancy ordinarily, but it is interesting to notice that authorities now are tending toward the belief that moderate drinkers do also, and it is probable that they are just as good risks as the abstemious persons. It is the higher brackets that cause trouble."

The physician proposes that we Americans be taught to drink as Germans do, with their meals.

I am quite aware that an import duty is not immoral, and that an economic "principle" is nothing but a generalization about business or welfare. Consequently, I read economic discussions, including Lord Beaverbrook's speeches, sometimes with a yawn and sometimes with a smile, but never with a blush.—Lord Hugh Cecil.

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