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A. T. O.'s BEAT K. A.'s; MEET KAPPA SIGMAS IN FINALS WEDNESDAY

Gene Nesmith's Play Is Feature of Hard Fought Contest; Orr And Lunsford Star For Losers

By JACK KASSEWITZ

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity earned the right to meet the Kappa Sigma five for the Mercer fraternity championship Tuesday when they defeated a scrappy Kappa Alpha quintet, 29 to 23, in a rough and fast game.

Led by Gene Nesmith, flashy guard, the A. T. O.'s were never headed after the first five minutes of play. With the score tied 9-9, the A. T. O.'s pulled five points in the lead, and at the half were four points ahead.

With five minutes to go in the final quarter, the winners were leading by one point, 23 to 22, but Cook, sophomore forward, rang two beautiful field goals, and Nesmith came through with a third goal to send the Omegas to 29 points. The Kappa Alphas got a foul goal by Daly Smith for their final point with one minute to play.

The Kappa Alphas put up a stubborn fight during the entire contest, and played a fast breaking type of ball, but they were not able to cope with the scrappy defense set up by the Omegas. Orr and Lunsford led the K. A.'s in scoring, the former shooting three goals and a foul, and Lunsford getting three field goals.

Nesmith led the A. T. O.'s with
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Half-Term Work Is To Be Offered

Second Half Of Present
Quarter To Begin
April 17th

An innovation in educational policy, designed to meet the needs of large numbers of grammar school and high school teachers in the state of Georgia, was announced during the past week by school authorities.

Standard college credit will be offered for the first time to all registrants for a half-term of study beginning with the middle of the current quarter. Teachers whose schools have ended the regular session or which have been forced to shorten the term because of the depletion of state educational funds will be enabled, by the new policy, to complete seven and one-half or eight hours of college work before the university commencement.

By attending the half-session and a summer school quarter teachers or other students will be entitled to credits equalling the work of a half year in the college of arts and sciences.

Matriculation for the second half of the spring quarter will be held by Monday, April 17. The spring quarter began March 20. Commencement exercises will begin May 27.

MERCER TO INSTALL MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN IN FALL TERM

Students Will Have Option
Of Paying Monthly In
Advance At Discount

CAN SAVE \$53 A YEAR

Plan Has Been Under Investigation In Other Colleges For Some Time

Beginning with the fall term next September, Mercer students will have a unique way to pay their tuition, according to an announcement by Dr. Spright Dowell, president. Students will be able to pay their tuition and other fees in monthly installments. This monthly payment plan is used in only one other college in the United States, George Washington University, in Washington, D. C. Mercer officials decided to adopt the new plan after several months of investigation throughout the colleges of the nation.

Students will have the option of paying the fees in advance with a discount being allowed to those
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OUR CUB COLUMNIST

Dr. Dowell has consented to write a column for the Cluster each week. His first appearance is elsewhere in this issue.

Many of us, even those who live on the campus, see little of Dr. Dowell except when he presides over chapel, and then he always gives the floor almost immediately to another speaker. Therefore, the Cluster feels that this innovation should bridge a gap between the students and their president that would otherwise be practically insurmountable.
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First Round In Net Tourney Complete

Orr, Wallace, Wilson And Wilcox Draw Byes In 2nd Round Pairings

By JACK KASSEWITZ

Play advanced to the second round in the University tennis tournament with the completion of all matches with the exception of two to be played by Wednesday.

In the pairings for the second round Harry Orr, Hugh Wallace, David Wilson and George Wilcox drew byes. J. S. Hays will play the winner of the Ben Smith-Frank Mitchell match; Joe Stephens meets Jimmie Jackson; Martin Moseley meets the winner of the Bodenhamer-Marshall match; Sid Weinstein plays Walton Davis; Daly Smith plays Jack Murr; Leo Blum meets Wright Bagby; Heyward Vann meets C. K. Poake; and Charley Thomson plays Cooper Etheridge.

In the first round matches the weaker players were rapidly weeded out from the stars. There were no upsets. J. S. Hays beat Tom Snow, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Stephens beat Couch in a long engagement,
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THEOLOGS HEAR DR. RAGSDALE

Mercer Alumnus And Former Faculty Member
Lauds J. E. Dawson
And Jesse Campbell

Dr. B. F. Ragsdale gave at the Ministerial Association Tuesday night a brief survey of the lives and works of the most outstanding characters who were influential in the founding of Mercer. This historical review was a supplement to the review given by him in chapel on Friday of last week.

Dr. Ragsdale calls John E. Dawson, of whom he spoke last week, the "five talent man" in Mercer's
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DEAN WRAY WILL QUIT POST; RESIGNATION TO BE EFFECTIVE IN JUNE

Forensic Teams Off
On Year's First Trip

Varsity Will Debate Six
Times; Freshmen
Four

The University Debating Team left Tuesday morning for an extensive trip through Alabama. The varsity will debate six times in four days, while the freshmen will participate in four contests during the trip. In order to do this, they will have to debate both morning and evening in some cases. The varsity team is composed of Brainerd Currie and Searcy Garrison. The Freshmen making the trip are: Durant Couch, Tom Snow, Jack Murr, and Emory Leander.

The scheduled contests are at Alabama College, Montevallo, Birmingham-Southern, Howard, University of Alabama, and Auburn. On the return trip the varsity will engage with Emory in Atlanta. With the exception of Alabama College, the varsity team will uphold the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved That The United States Should Cancel The Inter-Allied War Debts." At Alabama College the teams will defend the negative side.

The debates held on the campus here have been a form of practice for Mercer teams. They have been no-decision affairs, and have afforded the team much practical information in the debating field.

Next week the other half of the varsity team will make a trip through the two Carolinas, debating the same question. This division of the team is composed of Bill Bodenhamer and James Bulloch.

A sucker is the person trying to make a short cut to Easy Street.

DEAN OF COMMERCE WILL NOT COMMENT ON HIS DEPARTURE

Rumors That School of Commerce Will Be "Killed" Thought To Be Cause For Action

DOWELL MAKES STATEMENT

Dean C. B. Wray, head of the school of commerce Monday afternoon stated that he would sever his connection with Mercer at the end of the present term. Conjectures as to the reason for his resignation were that it was due to rumors that the school of commerce is to be abolished at the end of the quarter.

"I would prefer not to make an extended statement," Dean Wray told a representative of the Macon Telegraph. "I prefer that the details be given by Dr. Dowell."

"I would say, however, that after thirteen years of work at Mercer I feel that I have a love for Mercer that no man could have having not associated with Mer-
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SNOW PRESIDES AT MOOT COURT

Stansbury Also Sits On
Law Students' Case

Two cases were held in moot court last Tuesday evening. Judge Cubbage Snow presided in the case of H. M. Mitchell vs. The Securities Investment Company. The suit was brought in Equity in the United States Federal court. A motion to dismiss the case was denied, but a motion to transfer the case to a court of law was granted. H. M. Mitchell was represented by Attorneys Ren Ayars and Frank Evans, while the Hon. E. E. and R. S. Hunter were attorneys for the Investment Co.

Dr. Dale F. Stansbury, presided in the case of Mason V. Wilkes Manufacturing Company as Judge of the Superior Court. This case was an appeal from a judgment rendered by Judge Snow in the lower court at its last session. The suit was brought by Mason to recover 50% attorneys fees for obtaining a refund from excessive income tax paid in 1924. The judgment was for the defendant, Wilkes Manufacturing Co. The plaintiff appealed. The Hon. William Towler represented Mason and Hon. Charles Noell was attorney for the Manufacturing Co.

Next evening a hearing for a motion for a new trial in the case of T. C. Burke, Inc. vs. A. M. Martin will be held. Attorneys Spence and Cash are retained by the Burke Co., while Hunter and Stanley represent A. M. Martin.

COLLEGIATE WHIRL

By MIKE GOLDWIRE

We find from The Davidsonian that the Davidson Glee Club is going to give a performance in Valdese and is making arrangements to play at Salem College. I wonder if they talk about going to Cuba TOO.

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We see in the WO-CO-ALA News that Rollins College has hit upon a new plan of taxing her students. "Its 'Remit-Cost Plan' provides that the year's tuition will be determined by dividing the estimated cost of operation by the expected number of students." Would we get along better with that plan, or would we?

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When the Vassar girls discovered that they couldn't cash their checks from home a few weeks ago, they issued scrip of their own. Why didn't we get that idea before we registered?

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Here's a good one for you. The Florida Alligator states that a certain maiden at Tallahassee, Miss Bud Greer, has a soft place in her heart for our big blushing blond editor, John Minter, and wants to know if the Florida boys are going to let a man from Mercer invade their "stomping-ground." If they stick around awhile, they will find that this big blond hippo will butt in where angels fear to tread and all the Florida Gators can't stop him. (He resents the "hippo" part).

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Headline in The Duke Chronicle—DUKE WOMEN WORK TO REHABILITATE "THE A.R.K." Wonder if they are expecting another flood. Anyway I thought "Duke women" were titled "duchess."

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Fraternities at the University of Maryland sign new anti-clique pledge for coming elections. Yeah, that always does work before the elections.

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Hats off to the Clemson Tiger, the best April Fool edition received by this paper through the exchange. Tell us how you get away with that kind of stuff? We would also like to know how much Aunt Lydia paid for that there ad.

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We notice in the Boston U. News a warning to the co-eds to be on their best behaviour from March 28 to Junior Week, which takes place early in May. The reason being that the second annual Queen of the Prom Contest will get under way at this time. Gosh! do they have to bribe them to be good up there too?

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