

# THE MERCER CLUSTER

## BEWILDERED BEARS DROP HARD FOUGHT CONTEST TO ARMY ON CADET GRIDIRON

### JACK BUCKLER IS STAR OF GAME AS CADETS WIN, 19-6

Bad Breaks Blamed for Bear Failure to Make Better Showing Against Army

#### TOM PORTER SCORES

Trommerhauser, Lee, Camp, Reddick and Lichtor Play Excellent Game

(Special To Cluster)

West Point, Sept. 20—A slightly bewildered Mercer Bear, after spotting the Army Mule a 13 point lead in the first quarter, thrilled a crowd of 15,000 at West Point last Saturday with a sensational last-half attack, that swept down the field on numerous occasions to close proximity of the Army goal. Several bad breaks kept them from scoring, and the Soldiers left the field, well-content with a 19-6 victory over the battling Southerners.

Before the game had progressed far, Jack Buckler, Army ace, slashed off tackle, and after eluding several tacklers, sped 47 yards to Army's first touchdown. On this run several Mercer men had their hands on the Army flash, but he wiggled loose, and with the aid of his teammate's blocking down the field, he crossed the goal line amid the cheers of the Army stands.

Poor punting by the Bear punters was directly responsible for the second Army score, also in the first quarter. After an exchange of punts, on which Army gained appreciably, they started a steady drive down to the Mercer goal, and Stancock drove over for the score.

With the score 18-0 against them, the Bears finally "woke up." Lee was substituted for Zinkowsky, and immediately the fireworks started. Several first downs were made on running plays, and then

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## Frats Pledge Many During Rush Week

86 Boys and 29 Girls Accept Bids Offered by Various Organizations

After a week of intensive rushing of prospective pledges, the nine social fraternities and the two social sororities on the Mercer campus announce their new pledges. A total of 86 new men were pledged, while 29 women were pledged by the two sororities. This number exceeds that of last year's neophytes by a large margin. The fraternity pledges are:

ALPHA LAMBDA TAU: Richard Burch, Miami, Fla.; Preston McElheney, Paul Tucker, Gray; Mutt Ferrell, Macon; John Wiggins, Ringgold; Red Green, Ringgold; Elbert Sammons, Macon; Frank Groce, Macon.  
ALPHA TAU OMEGA: Sam Howell, Cartersville; Walter Godwin, Summerville; Richard Hearn, Macon; Bud Edwards, Macon; Jesse Allen, Albany; Bill Williams, Macon; Graydon Reddick, Sylvan; Ed Jacobs, Macon; John Ellis, Savannah; Louis Collier, Barnesville.

KAPPA ALPHA: Cariton Warneck, Tarrytown; Virgil Thorpe, Macon; Billy Miller, Macon; Charlie Brown, Cairo; Ed Graham, Macon; John Talley, Macon; Auriel Erwin, Macon; Bill Jones, Griffin; Buggy Stephenson, Macon.  
KAPPA SIGMA: Tom Aldred, Dawson; Lewis Stewart, Union Point; Bill Smith, Albany; George

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## Ministerial Body Plans For Quarter

Chapel to Be Held Every Thursday Morning at 10:30 O'clock

The Mercer Ministerial Association was fully organized by its second regular meeting which was held Tuesday night, October 3 in Roberts Chapel. The officers for the year include: Mr. Cecil Thomas, president; James Brown, chorister; Maynes Rawles, pianist; Clifton Forrester, secretary.

Mr. Thomas announced that Theological Chapel Meeting would be held every Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. This service is open not only to ministerial students but also to students of other departments.

An effort was initiated to locate a number of library books which had been missing. Students, who have library books on the "Life of Christ" are urged to return them to the Theological library as soon as possible.

The message of the evening was delivered by Dr. Freeman. His subject was "Experience and Prayer." He remarked that "the greatest day for parents is not when the child takes its first step, nor when his first tooth appears, but when he first communicates to God through prayer." He urged some 35 ministerial students not to place too much emphasis on preaching, but rather on prayer.

## Players Organize For Coming Year

Dramatic Club to Be Under Direction of Mr. J. C. Shelburne

The Mercer Players held their first meeting of the year Wednesday afternoon, September 27, in the Phi Delta Hall for the purpose of reorganization. At this meeting the following officers were elected: President, Bob Feagin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mary Blanche Hyde; Business Manager, Basil Hall; Stage Manager, Jack Hill.

The Mercer Players are under the direction this year of Mr. James Shelburne, who is assisted by Bob Feagin and Basil Hall. Basil Hall was associated with the Carolina Playmakers at the University of North Carolina until this year.

Ability in various lines of dramatic endeavor is well represented among the twenty-five candidates for the dramatic club this year. The talent of Richard Grimalds will be missed this year, but several of last year's players have reported and the prospects for a good club are bright.

A play for the glee club has not been selected as yet, but work will begin on this at an early date. The dramatic club was represented this way on the glee club last year for the first time and met with such success that another play from the dramatic club will be on the program of the glee club again this year if it meets with the approval of the glee club director.

Try outs for the first play, which has not been definitely selected, will probably be held Wednesday, October 4. The cooperation of all Mercer students is requested in order to make this another banner year for the Mercer Dramatic Club.

All human government in the last analysis is experimental.—Prof. Raymond Moley.

## Mercer Football Fate In Balance

Financial Success of Home-Coming Game Necessary To Good Schedule

The ability of the Mercer student body to successfully stage the Homecoming Day game, here on October 20, with the Georgia Bulldogs, may determine whether or not Mercer may stay in the football big league, according to Major J. D. Blair, director of athletics.

"Should the game be a financial success, we will continue to schedule home battles with major teams, but poor attendance will necessitate playing the big teams away from home," he said.

Meanwhile a student committee, functioning under the direction of Rollin Stanley, Dublin, president of the student body, has begun the work of laying wires, which when pulled will bring one of the biggest football shows staged locally into being.

Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the committee, duties of the various sub-committees were outlined. It will be strictly a student body affair, with each organization on the campus taking part in

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## Bear Class Joins Tattnall Church

Mercer Sunday School Class Reorganized; Officers Elected

The Mercer Bear Class, which for two years has been meeting on the campus as a distinctly Mercer group, has been reorganized under the name of the Mercer Berean class of Tattnall Square Baptist Church.

Prof. Josiah Crudup, who has taught the class for the past several years, has resigned, but is teaching the class jointly with Baily Mozo until a new teacher can be secured. It is hoped that Mr. Gus Bootle, Dean of the Lew School, can be secured as permanent teacher. Plans also call for talks by prominent men from time to time as they can be had.

Officers for the class were elected at the first meeting on September 23. Those elected are: Howard Giddens, president; Claudie Scarborough, vice-president; Fred H. Thomas, secretary-treasurer. It is planned to make the class as attractive for the college man as possible. Officers and members are extending a whole-hearted welcome to those who feel any need or urge to attend.

Success depends on what you are, know, and do.—Redfean.

## Enrollment Grows Report Indicates

Sixteen Percent Increase in Number of Students Shelburne Declares

The number of students registered this year at Mercer exceeds that of last year by 59, or 16 per cent, according to an announcement made today by the registrar. The total number of students reaches a total of 422.

Among the students registered there are 85 girls, an increase of 23, and 337 male students. Of this number, 177 are members of the Freshman class. There are 58 transfers from other colleges.

The occupations of the fathers of these students range from merchants to college presidents. The following figures show the varied occupations of the parents of Mercer students: there are 58 merchants represented here, 42 farmers, 30 railroad employees, 39 alsmen, 23 ministers, 19 teachers, 13 doctors, 13 lawyers, 3 bankers, 3 college presidents, 2 Ga. Power Company employees, 5 manufacturers, 5 unskilled laborers, 45 skilled laborers, 7 city employees, 5 county employees, 5 state employees, 11 Federal employees, 10 unemployed, and 66 dead.

## Students Mourn Death of Strib

Famous Boxer Had Offered Services as Coach For Mercer Boxing Team

A character who best exemplified the fine high qualities of sportsmanship in a profession that really needed his ideals, the passing of William Lawrence (Young) Stribling was deeply mourned by the entire student body of Mercer University.

Quiet, unassuming, his presence in Macon was taken quite as a matter of course, and his tragic accident which resulted later in his death made thousands of Macon people keenly conscious of the hold he had taken on their hearts.

Deeply occupied with the details of his profession, he was never too busy to take time off to present some athletic award to a local sport champion or a winning grammar school team. The example that he set for local sports-minded youth will be of incalculable value in the coming years. Only a few days before his death it is said he had offered to coach a Mercer boxing team if the university would organize a team to fight inter-collegiate matches.

To his family he leaves a priceless heritage; the heritage of a fighting heart. The Stribling name will be carried on with honor.

## COLLEGIATE CAVALCADE By JOHN MINTER

Gentlemen, be seated!  
Ta-da!  
Amos: "Yas, suh! They just couldn't tell the difference down heah at Muhsuh!"  
Prof. Allen: "How's that, Amos?"  
Amos: "They jest couldn't tell the difference, Mistah Interlocutah!"  
Prof. Allen: "Between what, Amos?"  
Amos: "Well, it says in the Alabamian that freshmen at Gunnison College have to walk backwards while on the campus, and I don't believe we could tell the diffence, down heah!"  
(Sall in fun, frosh, 'sall in fun).  
Andy: "Haw haw! To say nothing of heh heh! Dey sho mus' have a dumb bunch of freshmen up at Jawsje Washington University!"  
Prof. Allen: "What makes you

think so, Andy?"  
Andy: "They got a article in their paper what says their chemistry professor has counted 31 different ways that his freshmen students have misspelled "nucleus" in the past five years. They sho mus' be a dumb bunch of freshmen, yas suh!"  
Prof. Allen: "Well, Andy, how do you spell it?"  
Andy: "Well,—ah, ahem—you see, ah I got to say is, they sho mus' be a dumb bunch of freshmen."  
Lightnin': "Boy, Ah sho wouldn't take no courses in botany, geology, or volcanic phen—phenon—whatever it is, at the University of Hawaii."  
Prof. Allen: "Where is that, Lightnin'?"  
Lightnin': "Hawaii."  
Prof. Allen: "I'm fine, thanks. Who are you? But speriously"  
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## BEAR GRIDDERS INVADE ANNAPOLIS FOR SECOND INTERSECTIONAL SCRAP

### Assignments Made For Moot Court

Stanley and Cash to Have First Case; Many Law Students Return

The Moot Court of the Mercer Law School held its first meeting Tuesday night October 3rd. The Moot Court, as most students already know, is a practice court for future lawyers. At these mock trials embryonic barristers are given a chance to show what they will do when they face a real judge and jury. All students are invited to be present at these trials and if any student desires to learn just how it feels to sit on a jury and listen to the pleadings of the councilors all he has to do is signify his desire and it will be readily fulfilled.

At the meeting of the Court Tuesday night cases were assigned to the members of the senior law class who act as attorneys at these trials. Cubbidge Snow, Macon attorney is in charge of the Moot Court work.

If any student desires to learn just how a real trial takes place, let him be present next Tuesday night at 7:30 in the court room of the law school. Rollins Stanley and John Cash are to represent each side of the case.

Most of the old law students have returned to Mercer to resume their studies of that honorable pro-

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## Literary Society Elects Officers

Phi Delta Group Chooses Jack Murr, President; Others Elected

The first meeting of the Phi Delta Literary Society for the present term was held Monday night at the Phi Delta Hall upstairs in the Library Building with a rather large crowd. Some little unfinished business was speedily disposed of and election of officers for the fall term was held. The new administration is composed of:

President, Jack Murr, Americus, Ga.  
Vice-President, Robert Bale, Louisville, Ky.  
Secretary and Treasurer, W. T. Ashmore, Jr., Macon, Ga.  
Critic, G. D. Wilson, Conyers, Ga.  
Program Committee, Chairman, Minnie Darden, Barnesville, Ga.; G. Brainerd Currie, Augusta, Ga.; Robert Bale, Louisville, Ky.; Custodian, Warwick Norris, Louisville, Ky.  
Jester, "Speedy" Meek, Forsyth, Ga.

The last named office is new to the society, but the contest was so hot between Norris and Meek for the honorary position of custodian, and they both made such fine showings in their campaign speeches for that office, that another office had to be created to take care of them both. In answering questions from the floor in regard to his platform, Mr. Meek was asked in one instance what he thought of the agricultural conditions at the North Pole, and he came back with the very apt reply, "It's all frozen up!"

Mr. Meek, who, it seems, occupied the limelight for the most part of the evening with the exception of the election of officers and even in that stole his share of the show, gave the group a rendition that kept them in gales of laughter. The new officers

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## CURTAIN RINGS UP ON THIRD CONTEST WITH NAVY AS FOE

Bears Expect Stiff Opposition From Team Coached On Notre Dame Plan

### TWO TEAMS TAKEN

Mercerians to Be Guests of Honor at Hop to be Staged At Academy

The curtain will go up on the third act of Mercer's football drama Saturday as the Bruins take on the second of Uncle Sam's service teams—Navy—at Annapolis. The set-to is scheduled to get underway promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Mercer's gallant stand against Army last week is expected to be duplicated against the Middies tomorrow. National interest is high, since the outcome of the battle is expected to determine the relative power of the two service teams.

The visiting Bears are hitting stiff opposition in the tilt with Navy. The Navy Coach, Edgar (Rip) Miller, a graduate of the Notre Dame School, has developed two squads of almost equal power, which will probably mean that many substitutions may wear the locals down.

This maneuver was employed successfully against the William and Mary eleven by the Navy coach last Saturday, and a repetition is expected tomorrow.

A scant two teams will allow the Bears little in the way of substitution. All of the players on the Mercer squad are expected to be in good shape for the tilt, however.

The Mercer party will be the guests of the Academy while at Annapolis. The schedule calls for the Bears to arrive at the Academy early this afternoon. The grid-

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## Glee Club Plans Extensive Tours

Songs and Features Are Said To Be Superior To Last Year

The Mercer Glee Club and orchestra have been having daily rehearsals for the past two weeks and it is believed that this year's club will surpass the great club of last year. There is a number of candidates for the chorus who have good voices but as yet a soloist other than Jimmie Lawson, president of the club, has not been discovered.

Bill Benton, director of the Mercer orchestra, states that the orchestra at present is superior to the orchestra of last year at its best. This organization has been rehearsing several new tunes and the outstanding ones of last year. The orchestra this year will probably have a membership of eighteen men.

There has been between thirty-five and forty men trying out for the glee club chorus. This number will probably be reduced to twenty-five or thirty before the first tour is made. With the combination of the good voices that are now working with the chorus and the new selection of songs being practiced under the direction of Dr. B. P. Richardson, the chorus of this year's club should surpass that of last.

According to these contemplations, if the novelties make an improvement over last year's, the Mercer Glee Club of 1933-34

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