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BONFIRE BLAZES AS STUDENTS HOLD PEP MEETING HERE

Large Number of Students And Alumni Celebrate Before Big Game

BLAZE SEEN FAR

Students Guard Fire Rack For Continuous Week Before the Burning

A match was struck and thrown into a kerosene-soaked wad of butting—the flames quickly spread through boxes, barrels, and other waste over which three hundred gallons of used oil had been poured—columns of smoke mounted to the sky—the surrounding scenery glowed red—freshmen cheered—sirens howled, and the pep meeting was under way.

Three weeks' work went up in smoke as the Mercer student body revived and augmented its spirit for the Mercer Georgia Homecoming Game today. The scene was Alumni Field. The time, last night at seven-thirty.

Mr. Patrick King was in charge of the proceedings. For three weeks he and his predecessor, Mr. Red Green, directed the combing of the city by a squad of freshmen and every day the pile of waste-inflammables grew. During the last week preceding the meeting, a squad of twenty freshmen were posted to guard the heap all night long, and, under instructions from their committee, they armed themselves with every sort of weapon from knives to shotguns. Rumors of trouble with thieves, pyromaniacs, unruly students, and pranking Georgia men who sought to ignite the bonfire prematurely were rampant on the campus, but the Cluster was unable to obtain verification of these.

Witnesses called it the largest bonfire Mercer or Macon had ever seen, and the cheerleaders, who led the students in a round of Mercer yells and songs, stated that the spirit exhibited was all that could be desired.

Mr. Rollin Stanley, Dublin, president of the student body, struck the match that inaugurated the proceedings, and soon the noise and the spectacle had attracted a huge crowd of local people, many of whom joined in the yells and songs.

As the flames began to flicker and grow weak, Mr. Stanley adjourned the meeting and the students hied away to prepare for the Greek Letter Association dance which followed at 10 o'clock, and in efficient unit of the Macon Fire Department hastened the death of the fire with several hoses in order to eliminate the danger of its spreading.

SHADES OF EIGHTEEN NINETY - SIX



H. L. D. Hugler, Manager; G. W. Whitney, Assistant Manager; E. J. Palmour, Captain; T. Cochran, Center Rush; L. Cochran, Right Guard; E. Rowhan, Left Guard; R. Hatchet, Right Tackle; B. Allen, Left Tackle; Turner, Left End; E. J. Palmour, Right End; T. O. Lee, Right Half; H. E. Glass, Left Half; K. C. Moore, Quarterback; C. Harris, Fullback. Subs: C. Mansfield, Fullback; J. Harris, Quarterback; H. Dodson, Right End; S. Allen, Left End; Turk, Right Half; Hill, Left Half; Lasiter, Center Rush; Corbet, Right Guard.

GEORGIA 50, MERCER 0 — 1892

Players to Present Burlesque of Old Melodramatic Type

At a meeting of the Mercer Players Monday afternoon in the Phi Delta Hall a tentative decision was arrived at concerning a play to be presented, if present plans materialize, a week or so before the Christmas holidays. After much discussion and reading of plays by Mr. Feagin, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Shelburne, associate directors of the club, the players have decided to present *The Lady of Lyons*, or *Love and Pride*, a five-act Melodrama written by the famous dramatic playwright Edward Bulwer Lytton.

The cast has not been selected at present, but try-outs are to be held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Phi Delta Hall. All students interested in portraying a dastardly villain, a chaste beauty of the eighteenth century, or a ruggel (Continued on Page 5)

GLEE CLUB HAS BOOKED FIRST TRIP OF YEAR FOR DECEMBER

North Georgia Section to Be Invaded by Songbirds Just Before Finals

IN FORSYTH FOR B. S. U.

The first Glee Club trip of the scholastic year will be taken early in December, according to an announcement made to a Cluster representative by Mr. Thad Murphey, Macon, student manager of the club, who returned yesterday from a booking trip through north Georgia.

Options on dates during the week which will be set aside for trips have been given by the towns of Carrollton, Gainesville (Brenau College and Conservatory), Griffin, Cartersville, Forsyth (Bessie Tift College), Newnan, and Rome. The five most practical towns will be decided on a basis of amount of guarantee and the bus mileage involved, and the other two dropped. These two, according to Mr. Murphey's first rough estimate, will probably be Carrollton and Cartersville, but he called attention to the possibility of unforeseen circumstances changing the present plans.

The week for the trip will be determined with consideration for the dates of final examinations, conflicting attractions in prospective towns, and overlapping activities on the campus. Every effort will be made to keep these factors at a minimum.

The chorus has been rehearsing every week-day afternoon, under the direction of Dr. B. P. Richardson, and the orchestra almost as steadily under the tutelage of Bill Benton, in preparation for this trip. The dramatic club is working (Continued on Page 6)

BUSSEY ANNOUNCES "AROUND THE TOWN" TRIP FRIDAY MORNING

Blue Key Offers Prize For Most Attractive Float By Campus Organization

ASSEMBLE AT 10:30

The first of the activities to take place on Mercer Homecoming Day is a mammoth parade which is to be the longest and the most colorful ever attempted by the Mercer student body. Mr. David Bussey, chairman of the parade committee, announces that he has contacted a number of civic organizations and that the majority of them plan to be represented with a float. Several Macon business concerns are also entering floats and the whole-hearted support of the student body and the campus organizations is necessary to carry out the plans completely.

Among the many attractions of the parade will be the presence of the honor guests, Mayor G. Glen Toole, Mayor-elect Herbert Smart, and chief of Police Ben T. Watkins along with many other notables. If possible, the committee will get the Macon Drum and Bugle Corps to participate in this occasion.

The parade is to form at the corner of Oglethorpe and College streets promptly at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. It will then proceed down Oglethorpe street to Broadway, up Broadway to Poplar street, down Poplar to Fifth street, and then up Fifth to the Terminal Station. Here the procession will meet the University of Georgia student body and band promptly at 11 o'clock. From the Terminal Station the parade will proceed up Fifth street to Mulberry street, up Mulberry to Cotton avenue, from Cotton avenue to Cherry (Continued on Page 5)

Friday's Foes Played First College Game In State at Athens

On Saturday, January 30, 1892, Mercer played Georgia in Athens in the first inter-collegiate football game in the state. Georgia won by a score of 50 to 0. Incidentally, a touchdown in those days counted only four points, the try after the goal being worth two points.

Dr. Hugh Awtrey recently collected data on the formation of Mercer's first football team and the match with Georgia from old files of the Macon Telegraph. To him is due credit for the facts of this story.

A Mercer Athletic club was formed Nov. 14, 1891, with 22 charter members. The club went about the business of (Continued on Page 5)

OLD GRADS RETURN FOR GALA PROGRAM ON HOMECOMING DAY

Pilgrimage Expected to Reunite Old Classmates of Years Ago

GRID GAME FEATURE

Greek Letter Dances, Fraternity House Parties to Be Part of Program

By JACK AVERY

The pilgrimage of the old grads will reach the goal today as members of the Mercer classes of yesterday gather again on the campus to renew old friendships at the annual Homecoming Day exercises.

An elaborate program, which got off to a flying start with a huge bonfire and pep meeting Thursday night on Alumni field, will reach the high spot this afternoon when the 1892 edition of the Mercer Bears engage the bulldogs from the University of Georgia at Centennial stadium, beginning promptly at 2:30 p. m.

A gigantic parade, embracing civic organizations, local business firms, and fraternity and campus organizations of the University, will form, with the head at College and Oglethorpe streets this morning, leaving for a circle of the downtown streets at 11 o'clock. In the parade will be the 56 piece band of the University of Georgia and the 48 piece outfit of Mercer. Notables expected to be at the head of the long procession include Senators Richard B. Russell and Walter F. George; Hon. Eugene Talmadge, governor of Georgia; Mayor G. Glen Toole, Mayor-elect Herbert Smart, and other civic and state officials.

The first of two dances being staged by the Greek Letter association was held at the Hotel Dempsey Thursday night. The second dance is scheduled tonight at the Dempsey, from 10 to 2, it was announced.

Practically all of the nine social fraternities on the campus will hold open house immediately after the game this afternoon; it was said.

Sponsors for the game, announced by Rollin Stanley, Dublin, president of the student body, will be Miss Frances Scott, Wesleyan; Miss Alice Atherton, Bessie Tift; Miss Constance Reno and Adrian Toole, Walmage; N. C. Mercer.

Na-won-ye, boys' team with a record scholastic record, King Solomon, with a record patch of a galfa, supposed to have made a hit with at least one hundred women.

If you need a good hold on the cash in the bank, war every year.

COLLEGIATE CAVALCADE

By JOHN MINTER

In an effort to root the widespread impression that Oglethorpe University is a "Crip school," officials there have provided that members of the band shall receive regular scholastic credit for their work in this organization, and a course in "Harmony" has been added to the curriculum. Can't you just imagine such remarks as this going round the campus—

"I put something about Massenet's Elogy in a Country Farquhar in my exam, and the prof promoted me to second-year hot-cha." and—

"Harry blew another sour note today in 'Sabre and Spurs March' and if he doesn't look out, he'll bust the course." or—

"If I don't pass the next three themes, I'll be in the brass section again next year."

"Council Sets on Social Functions"—says the University Hatchet. First, one wonders if it shouldn't be "sits," then (Continued on Page 8)

HAIL TO MERCER!

Come all ye loyal Sons of Mercer,
Ring out the victory song,
United all each foe we'll conquer,
The battle now will not be long,
The Orange and Black is proudly flying,
Like a Sign high in the sky,
That leads us on in triumph,
For Mercer we will live and die!

In football fame we'll place her name
Ahead of all the rest,
In scholarship when put to test
She is the very best.

Hail to thee!
Mercer University—
Hail to thee!
Mercer University—
Hail to thee!
The best school in the land.