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EFFICIENCY PLUS!

(This article is being written by one who knows what he is talking about, and who has had an opportunity to come in close contact with the subject below. Anyone who has been involved in affairs concerning the Athletic Association in the past few months will recognize that the following statements are correct.)

It is about time that our recognition should be given to Major J. D. Blair, and his work as Athletic Director. No one can doubt that affairs have been more efficiently handled this year than in any year in the past decade.

When Major took over his duties at the beginning of the present school year, the athletic association was heavily in debt. Accumulation of unpaid loans and bills had progressed so rapidly that it seemed that it would be several years before Mercer could pull its Athletic Association "out of the red." But now it seems that by the first of next year most of the past debts will have been wiped off the books.

This wholesale scaling down of the debts has not been accomplished at the discomfort of anyone connected with the Association. The football players are equipped with the best material that money can buy; all injuries are immediately taken care of, so that no permanent mark will be left on the boy; there has been no dissatisfaction between the boys and the Association, and when on trips, there has been none of the "skimping to save a nickel" that was so characteristic of the previous regime.

The perfect harmony between the coaches and the Association, which was noticeable by its absence in previous years, is manifested by the speed with which the coaches' requests are complied with.

The report on each game, which Major has placed at a prominent place in the co-op, is another move which has met with the approval of the student body. Now there will be no hue and cry, as there was last year, to find out where the money of the Athletic Association was going.

With the results of his wise leadership being shown, we think that Dr. Dowell made a wise move when he persuaded Major to handle the reins of a department that needed an efficient man to handle its badly mixed-up affairs.

HEAVE ALL TOGETHER!

The Cluster staff doesn't know whether its plea to the student body is responsible for the spirit shown at the game Friday or not, but they would like to commend the students upon the spirit shown anyway. When we say students, we mean every student at Mercer, including the team, band, and cheering section.

If the teams coming to Mer-

cer in the future can be met with half as much spirit and fight as was shown by every man on the Bear squad last Friday it is a cinch that Mercer will be known and respected by every university in America. Not only will it be known and respected, but her teams will be feared by the best. Mercer's victory over Georgia Friday showed that every man on the team was doing his utmost to place Mercer and not himself on top.

The statement that Mercer defeated Georgia is not an error as some of you have probably thought. Georgia had one more point to her credit on the score board at the end of the game but Mercer out-numbered them in numerous other points. The points on fighting spirit, and clean sportsmanship, will always be remembered by every spectator of the greatest game ever presented in Macon. For this fact, the Mercer student-body owes three cheers to each individual member of Mercer's greatest "pig-skin-toters" and should keep it up from now on.

The student body, even if it doesn't show much co-operation in chapel, redeemed itself at the game. There were more sore throats and hoarse voices after the game Friday than ever before, which goes to show that it can be done if the desire to do so is there.

The band played more and louder at the game Friday than in all other games put together. The new school song was played often enough to make an impression on the minds of every spectator.

All in all, Mercer spirit was in the air. With this sort of spirit prevailing, Mercer cannot fail. Come on fellow stu-

Letters to The Editor

To the Editor of the Cluster:

Chapel programs have been a sore spot at Mercer for as long as I can remember, and Prof. Bradley says I have been here ever since he came. It seems to me that the students are not consistent in their criticism of the Monday and Friday programs. It strikes me that the Wednesday program could be improved if the students themselves would so much as strain an eyelash in that direction.

For about the same length of time as Prof. Bradley and myself have been at Mercer, there has been another sore spot—lifeless, purposeless, useless organizations. Why not chunk at two squirrels with the same rock? The students have the Wednesday chapel to do with as they see fit. Let the president of the student body assign to the different organizations a Wednesday on which they will be expected and coerced to entertain the students. How and why should be left up to the organizations themselves. Just emphasize the word "entertain" and have the students expect it. The organizations would have something constructive to do, and the students could look forward to Wednesday chapel. Mr. Editor, think you this idea has any possibilities? Let the students know how you stand.

Signed,

W. D.

Editors Note:

The president of the student body has been consulted and the Cluster joins with him in thanks for the timely suggestion. The

students, let's show the United States and Macon that we have a university in Macon and not a would-be prep school by keeping up the good work.

president authorizes me to announce that all organizations should prepare to be called on to furnish programs should the suggestion meet no disapproval from the students.

To the Editor of the Cluster:

Mr. Jaffee's letter and column in last week's Cluster brings those famous lines, by Kipling, to my mind, "If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools." Because the great Joseph Edward Jaffee has surely twisted the meaning of the words in my last epistle. He takes our (pardon me Mr. Jaffee, my) sentences and quotes part of them so their meanings become asinine and hopelessly confusing. If you will reread my last letter to the editor you will find that you have misconstrued the meanings of many of my sentences and statements.

In all probability you have already noticed the editor's note at the foot of your letter, Mr. Joseph Edward Jaffee. Perhaps you will be kind enough to explain why you made the statement, "I, (meaning the Joseph Edward Jaffee) talked with members of the staff and they tell me they have never tried the plans that I suggested in my article." Just another example of the Jaffee inconsistency.

You invited criticism of your column, and such an invitation could not be resisted, yet when it is forthcoming you immediately retaliate with a critical analysis of the critic's letter. What's wrong Mr. J. E. Jaffee can't you take it?

In this letter I am trying to make my statements so simple, that even you, Mr. Joseph Edward Jaffee, can understand them and will not allow your unparalleled incongruous imagination to distort their meanings. I used the editorial we, in the place of I, because my journalism teachers and

Phi Deltas Hold Regular Meeting

Literary Society Holds Extended Business Session On Monday Evening

The Phi Delta literary society devoted the major part of its time to the business of the organization, during its last meeting on Monday evening. Thanks were extended to Messrs. Bale, Hatfield, and Murr for decorating the float for the Home-coming parade. Plans were discussed for debates, and possible debaters were advised to prepare for the try-outs.

The society adjourned early in order to accept the invitation of the Ciceronians to hear their freshmen debate.

Democracy has not failed; the intelligence of the race has failed before the problems the race has raised.—Dr. Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago.

books both agree that a critic should use the pronoun we and not the pronoun I, however in this letter you will find that Mrs. Barrington's son, Ronald, has used I in order that you can better understand this letter, as you seemed to have thought that I had committed an unpardonable sin in using the pronoun, we. Mr. Jaffee the above Journalism lesson has been furnished to you without charge, and I only regret that I haven't time to instruct you more fully.

After reading this criticism you will probably bestow the great honor of being the one to whom you dedicate your column upon my undeserving shoulders once again, and the thought of hearing your life history fills me with anticipatory pleasure; may I bring along some friends?

RONALD BARRINGTON, JR.

DON'T READ THIS

With everything there is a reason, unless we except of course why we came to college or why co-eds insist on being alternately dumb and learned. The admonition at the top is a special catch with which the writer attempts to ensnare the unsuspecting reader.

I feel that the students look on the Cluster as something that happens every week, or does not happen some weeks, a nonentity at most, what we could do without without knowing it, which adds nothing, subtracts nothing, and in general is permitted only because it does not intrude.

Do you value the Cluster enough to do it a very good turn at no expense on your part?

This is the idea. Student subscriptions to the Cluster are sufficient to put out two editions of the paper. This quarter not a week has been skipped and none such are in sight. This means, if we put out nine editions this quarter, seven of them must come from advertising.

Local business men as a rule do not believe that ads in the Cluster yield returns. Your part comes in here. Watch the ads carefully. (Mr. Jaffee may tell you that you can't find any, but look for them at least). When buying at a business advertising in the Cluster, mention seeing the ad. If the business does not advertise in the Cluster mention the fact, and tell owners that Mercer would like to keep informed. It is a little service that will pull the Cluster out of the red in a big way. It will prove to Macon business men that the Cluster is the medium for getting their wares before the students.

KERMIT DEKLE, Business Manager.

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