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HAIL TO THEE!

Looking around, catch a glimpse of a new student. Happy to have you at Mercer, fellows.

We don't know why you came or what you think of what you have met around Mercer University. We don't beg you to like it.

If you came to have fun, we hope you have plenty; if you came because you couldn't go anywhere else, we wish you balm for your pains until you can make better connections; and if you came to Mercer to live, shake, brother.

MEDIOCRE?

We are about to establish our rating.

Our handling of the honor system will determine to all observers whether we are of college calibre or not.

The outlook is gloomy. Student support has been practically nothing. The logical thing would seem to remove the honor system, but this will be admitting defeat in a very tedious quarter. We stepped out into something that sounded harmless to find no retreat when it becomes dangerous.

Retreat is not the word. We must not countenance the idea.

What is the program? Try to appeal to the students to put the honor system over? This will go the way of most appeals. The burden of the enforcement of the honor system must be shouldered by the men designated by the students as the honor tribunal, or by some student or students who wish to do Mercer University a lasting service.

Under the present set-up for the enforcement of the honor system the honor tribunal is a passive body. Cases must be reported by students observing the violations. The court hears the evidence and gives a decision. The code must be amended to make the court militant. The court must be given power to impose lesser fines than the expulsion penalty in order to compel the appearance of necessary witnesses. Cases of violation must be investigated with zest and in earnest. The court must be empowered, by amendment to the code or by interpretation of the present statement, to call to its service other students in its investigations.

A thing like an honor system should be executed squarely and in the open. Such changes as may be implied above will probably shock your "democratic" spirit. We are not bound to be democratic. We are definitely bound to clean up Mercer exams.

A NEW PRESIDENT

Searcy Garrison is the new president of the student body, moving up from the position of vice-president at the withdrawal of Rollins Stanley. Stanley has finished his work at Mercer.

Garrison is well qualified to

lead the student body. Leadership is his natural inclination and he has the tact necessary to secure cooperation in the things he undertakes. He has already shown a willingness to listen to the students in his efforts to secure additional Christmas holidays. This initial endeavor met with obvious success.

Stanley did a fair job as president. Following on the heels of Tim Callaway, president last year, he did much to take the office from the ranks of the figureheads which have made Mercer honors infamous. He was very active in putting over what he undertook.

Garrison will not relinquish any of the necessary authority. It is highly unlikely that he will make himself obnoxious in the exercise of it. He ought to have a successful term.

The office of president of the student body is not at the present time a sinecure. There are things of moment to Mercer University which will be aired before the present leader finishes his term. Leading the list is the honor system. Not that Garrison must shoulder the entire burden of finding a solution to the problem; but it remains that his position marks him as one from whom much is to be expected.

There is a decided lack of cooperative spirit on the campus. Garrison's diplomacy will be taxed severely. Students criticize with no basis for their criticisms. They are showing a decided preference for the ridiculous at a time when there is room for hard work with serious intent. When a little fire of just and honest criticism appears it is smothered or warped out of all meaning. Mr. Garrison, the job is yours. It is a good chance to check up on yourself.

PWA LOAN REFUSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MERCER CAMPUS

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last clause of Section 202 (c) further restricts our aid to non-denominational institutions which have received public aid, are receiving public aid, or are of a character appropriate to receive public aid. The latter condition means that any appropriation of public funds for the college would constitute an appropriation for a public purpose within the meaning of the state law. It is only when such appropriations are made or can be made that the non-denominational private institution is so far public in its functions that it may be properly deemed to serve the interests of the general public.

"So far as the line of demarcation between denominations and non-denominational institutions is concerned, we rely upon the classification of the Office of Education, Department of the Interior."

New Plans Formulated

President Dowell of Mercer, along with the leaders of several other denominational educational systems, have made an appeal to the President of the United States in an effort to have that section of the act applying to denominational schools revised.

Upon learning of the refusal of the committee to grant the loan to Mercer, Dr. Dowell began work in getting other leaders in various denominations to cooperate in asking that President Roosevelt ask the next congress to remedy the situation.

Some of our noted politicians are in favor of inflation, but they blow up before they can make their positions clear.

A man never knows the full meaning of the word institution until he gets married.

DIRT

By HOMER ZILCH



(We are going to lay off the inside tattle this week, and give you our impression of the broadcasting room at a local radio station. The announcer is reading the play-by-play account of the game from telegraph dispatches coming over the wire. He is trying to give the impression that he is really at the game.)

"Well folks, the game is about to start. Both teams are down there on the field getting their last warm-up, and they look like little toy men prancing around on a carpet of green. The crowd is pouring in the gates, and it looks like a capacity crowd for this championship game between Hahira and Podunk." (Harry, hasn't that wire come in yet? I must have started too early.) "You ought to be here in this beautiful stadium. These two teams are both keyed up to the last notch, and I feel sure the game is going to be chock-full of thrills." (Damn that wire service. Do they think I can keep this up all day?) "Podunk's starting eleven is running signals, and the two captains have joined the officials in the middle of the field. It won't be long now, folks, so stand by for the big battle." (Thank gawd, here comes that wire at last.)

The game has started folks, and Podunk kicks off to Hahira. Homer Zilch, that All-American halfback for Hahira, is down there waiting to receive the ball. He has it, and here he comes up the field to the 15, 20, 25, and he finally is downed by Pete Whifflebottom; Podunk's choice for President, on the Hahira 28-yard line. And did he hit him! You could hear that tackle way up here in the stands. Boy! What a tackle!

"Hahira lines up in the huddle, now they're coming out of it, and Zilch is back. He gets the ball from center, and starts fading back. I believe he is going to pass, yes, no, yes, no, he is running around his own right end and he is almost away, but Horace Applegate, the Podunk's safety man comes up and slams him to the ground for a ten-yard gain. He was almost away folks, and from the way that boy was running then, he is going to be hard to check this afternoon." (How am I doing Harry? Pretty good, eh? I hate to fool these people like this, but it must be done.)

"The Podunk line held Hahira and now they're getting ready to kick. Zilch is back in punt formation, and he gets off a beauty. It's high in the air, and Applegate is way down there on the Podunk 35-yard line waiting for the ball. He has it, and here he comes back with it. Well folks, neither team can do anything with the other's defense, and they are having a punting duel now. . . . There's the end of the first quarter, folks, and the score is still 0-0. It's still anybody's ballgame.

Second Quarter

"They're changing goals now and it looks like Coach Stoopteagle, of Hahira, is getting ready to send in some substitutions. Yes, he does, and we will let you know in a minute who they are. He is taking Zilch out, and the Hahira stands groan. You can hear them way up here. No, he didn't take Zilch out. It fooled us for a moment, as Zilch ran over to the sideline to fix his shoulder pads. Homer Zilch, that running fool of Hahira is still in the game folks."

Zilch Punts

"Play has been resumed, and those fresh men on the Hahira team are standing to one side, preparatory to getting in the huddle. The Wildcats line up, the quarter backs his signals, boy, he has a clear voice, and it looks like an off-

KO-EDS' KOLUMN



A Change For The Better
 London says she reckons we will stop the old gag about her now! Well, Earl Carrol's prediction of the theatre business is coming true rapidly so the North Carolina Dramatic Club Player still has a chance.

Shakespeare Knew That

We were going to tell you this one before Christmas but since the Cluster didn't come out we failed to let you hear it. "Buggy" Stephenson told the Dirt Digging Daisy that he learned in Chicago that girls would not play true. Well, "Buggy" you know what Shakespeare said about us mortals!

Did You Know That

The co-ed's basketball team is going to have a certain professor as its manager? We suppose some more of you lassies will be coming out for the team. We saw Page Morton playing a grand game of basketball just before the holidays.

tackle play. Yes, it is an off-tackle play, and it gains five yards. But Podunk holds, and Zilch is forced to punt. It looks like they are going to punt, punt, and pray for the breaks. . . . There's the whistle for the end of the half, and the score is still 0-0, and its still anybody's ball game." (Harry order me a dope from the drug store.) "We will now let you listen to the bands for the next fifteen minutes. We will be back in about fifteen minutes folks, so stand by. The bands are now getting ready to march out on the field. Yes, there goes the music. (He puts a record on the machine, and lights a cigarette. "How did I sound, Harry? Sounds like the real stuff, eh?)

Fourth Quarter

"We're now in the last quarter folks, and its still anybody's ball game. So far it has been a battle between two powerful lines, and Homer Zilch is the only back who has been able to do any damage. Hahira is lined up on its own 25-yard line, and it looks like an off-tackle play. Yes, Zilch is going off tackle. He is away. He cuts off left tackle, reverses his field, and now he is up to the forty. A Podunk tackler is running him toward the sideline but he shakes his hips, the tackler sprawls in the dirt, and he is still running. He is up to the fifty, the forty-five, the forty, and it looks like he is clear. Yes, he scores standing up, and was it a beauty! You should have seen it. The score now stands 6-0 in favor of Hahira. The blocking on that play was marvelous, and you should have seen him side-stepping two would-be-tacklers. Well, well, well. Overby failed to convert the extra point, and now the score is still 6-0. That kick hit the crossbars and bounded back into the playing field. . . .

"There's only a few seconds of play left folks, and Podunk is kicking from back of its own goal, but its still anybody's ball game. Ah, there's the gun for the end of the game, and Hahira is the new champion of the Faraway Conference. And Homer Zilch, that human dynamo, is a sure bet for All-American honors. The Hahira supporters are swarming down on the field, and they have uprooted the goalposts. Now they're snake-dancing down the field, and another glorious page is added to the annals of Hahira history.

"(Boy, am I glad that's over. But I guess I make the people think I was right at the game, I wonder if the National Broadcasting Company could use a good announcer.")

"Toots" Weddington, Hilda Beggs, Virginia Williamson and Hettie Elder certainly have places on the first team.

Seen At The Termite Convention
 Katie Smith and Eleanor Murrah Wilson attended the Termite Convention in Miami during the holidays. Well suh! if Katie didn't win the big racing event. We suppose she learned how to run when the train left her in Millen. Anyway, Eleanor says she didn't enter the race.

About Dean Peyton Jacob

This column wishes to express its regret in the loss of Dean Jacob. His absence has been keenly felt, and we will continue to miss him. A good friend, excellent teacher

and executive has gone out of our life. We congratulate him in the honor bestowed upon him, and wish him all the success and happiness possible in his new work.

The most advanced portion of the human race was halted, so to express it, at certain stages of progress, until some great invention or discovery, such as the domestication of animals, or the smelting of iron ore gave a new and powerful impulse forward.—Morgan: Ancient Society, pages 89 and 40.

Now that the Nobel peace prize has been awarded there is no need for Europe going to war over the matter.

COLLEGIATE CAVALCADE

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"Students wishing to ride with their friends must leave from the loggia, and return to it with their friend or chaperon." and "Students are required to be in the college by eleven o'clock, ten-thirty on Sunday." and

"Restrictions may be raised by the President of Student Government when members of the immediate family are in the city and desire to take the student out."

But there is nothing really laughable about a mere grammatical error. How's this: from "Hints to Freshmen:"

"Begin well. Bad work the first semester may handicap you through the whole."

"This is the place to make friends, so don't play around with one girl exclusively."

"You never like anything until you try it."

Now try to parse this sentence: "Students may ride on Sunday afternoon with friends of their family in the city returning not later than 5:30, 6:00 o'clock after Spring holidays."

One finds in this interesting little bit of the world's literature that there are three ways to spell "Counselor," even when you are talking about the same person each time, and one also learns that there are several idioms in good usage (oh, yes they are, because they are in the book) such as "Bumming rides" and "call down" (meaning "upbraid").

For shining examples of "Rhetoric as she is Writ," get a load of this:

"The Veteropt is the year book of Wesleyan College published annually by the Senior class."

"No person shall play in a match game when physically unfit without the permission of the physical director."

"Music—the depths within us are touched by the music through the music club for music lovers, through steps-sings, Christmas carols and the worship of music."

"Each retiring cabinet shall conduct a training school for the incoming cabinet before the installation of the new cabinet."

"Upperclassmen may go to the Pharmacy any evening except Sunday at any time."

Then for the miscellaneous chuckles:

"Students may order Sunday night suppers from the Pharm on Saturday. These are delivered Sunday evening."

Among the minor offenses: "Spending the night too many in the room."

"Do not enter the dining room until the doors are open."

This is just too juicy: "Membership is automatic upon matriculation on the college. Any member of the institution may become a member."

Then there's something that must be done "not later than before Spring Holidays."

"We have enough sports for everybody to go out, so come prepared."

KO-ED KATE SEZ



Belk says
 "When a girl has to swallow her pride—it doesn't go down well!"