

WE'LL SEE YOU
IN ATHENS
TOMORROW

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CAMPUS FRATS FINISH LEAN RUSH SEASON

Pan-Hellenic Split Blamed For Low Pledge Total

Fraternity officers announce this week that 73 men have been pledged to their respective fraternities. This figure is considerably under the total number of men pledged last year, and that condition is probably due to the split in the Pan-Hellenic Council.

The following is a list of the men pledged by the nine social fraternities on the campus:

SAE: Harry Stewart, Macon; Ben Chatfield, Macon; Wilson Haley, Ashburn; Vibret Funderburks, Moultrie; Grady Rainey, Tifton; John Maddox, Jessup; Fred Clements, Adel; Paul George, Macon; Russell Reed, Macon; Emory Stroberg, Macon.

PIKA: Bill Cutts, Calhoun, Bill Barrett, Macon; Harold Irwin, Macon; Searcy Hollis, Macon; A. G. Pinkston, Ludowick; William Kaderly, Macon; James Poppell, Homersville; Pete Demetres, Macon; Olin Morgan, Macon; Sam Chiles, Tifton; Charles Crow, Macon.

ALT: J. W. Groom, Waycross; Henry Bridges, Valdosta; Fred Harper, Jessup; Bill Durham, Leary.

Kappa Sigma: D. V. Childs, Gray; Pierce Anderson, Gray; Victor Russell, Gray; Wombie McRae, Abbeville; Charles Hodges, Macon; Guy Cagle, Macon; Trammel Shi, Macon; Gus Marshall, Macon.

KA: Kirk Bethune, Macon; Bailey Small, Macon; Bill Hall, Lavonia; Bob Carter, Sandersville; Meredith Price, Swainsboro; Ben Yeomans, Rome; Bill Geddis, Fernandina, Fla.; Billy Miller, Macon.

Sigma Pi: Ward Pritchett, Macon; E. E. Wellons, Macon; Jack Jackson, Macon; Bill Green, Gray; Jack Rayburn, Macon.

Phi Kappa Phi: John Varnedoe. (Continued on page 3)

DR. DOWELL SAYS

To the Students of 1935-36:

The improvements in campus and classroom facilities that greet your coming for the new year is Mercer's peculiar way of expressing to you her happiness in welcoming you, old and new, to the home of your college days.

The promptness and orderliness with which registration and classification have gone forward, the spirit of cordiality and cooperation that seems to prevail and your ready adjustment to the relationships and responsibilities of college life bespeak a definiteness of purpose and a quality of personnel that make membership in the Mercer family of such superior worth.

In bidding your heartiest welcome let me express the very earnest hope that the year now beginning will be for each and every member of our Mercer household one of fullest and finest growth and development in character, in culture and in career-mindedness.

Sincerely and cordially,
SPRIGT DOWELL,
PRESIDENT.

Fresh Coed Crop Replaces Makeup With Cotton Socks

Green bows and black cotton stockings reign again at Mercer. Yes sir! Rat court is just before being held—and woe be unto you who break the sacred rules laid down by the upperclassmen.

It's a funny thing how the combination of green hair ribbon and black stockings have effected the freshmen. Did you notice the bright, plaid gingham dresses that were on the campus the earlier part of the week?

The very first person I saw when I came to school this week was Dorothy Cox, coming around the corner of the Chapel building. As the saying goes her nose was shining in the morning sun. She was the first of the checked dress brigade. Then came Jessie Sheppard, Frances Mercer, Peggie Chapman, Margaret Bar-

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PRESS BUREAU ORGANIZED ON LOCAL CAMPUS

Dr. Wilbur Stout Heads State- Wide News Service

Along with many other improvements on the campus, Mercer university will have a news bureau for its first time this year. Dr. Wilbur Stout will be the director, and will be assisted by Aileen Bacon, Pembroke, who graduated last year but has returned to work on her M. A. degree.

The bureau has established temporary headquarters in the office of Prof. John D. Allen, head of the journalism department.

The function of the news bureau is to furnish the newspapers throughout Georgia with news of the activities at Mercer. Besides supplying the larger dailies, who have correspondents on the campus, with news, it will also release stories of local interest to the many weekly papers over the state. W. T. Ashmore, editor of last year's Cauldron, has given the bureau pictures of the students. These will be used for publicity purposes.

The bureau will work in connection with the journalism department for the training of students in reporting and feature writing. It will also cooperate with the alumni pub-

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PATTEN SAYS

To the Students of 1935-36:

The chapel speeches of last Friday left me little originality for welcoming the class of 1936 into the "Mercer family." Even at the expense of repetition, I wish to welcome them personally and officially—and to commend them upon their purpose to become Mercerians. It is for them to learn the full and true meaning of that word Mercerian.

The most unfortunate situation on the campus is the formation of unsympathetic or even antagonistic cliques; athletes, law students, preachers, fraternity men, non-fraternity men, student parties; Pan-Hellenic Councils, etc.; none of them being primarily interested in the advancement of the whole university. This can not be remedied in a year or even four years; but it will be the special charge of these newcomers to overcome this handicap. Here at Mercer we have a small enough student body for each member to be interested in the affairs of the others, and to support every movement and occasion which is for the betterment of the whole. They must develop an esprit de corps, a healthy school spirit. It was this spirit which built a Mercer and it is only with that spirit that we shall be able to build a greater Mercer.

The future for the university is bright and it is the particular opportunity of this class to share in this advancement.

WOOLVIN PATTEN,
President Student Body.

DR. RICHARDSON EXPECTS GOOD GLEE CLUB SEASON

Freshman Irked at Upperclassmen; Draws Gun

By Hampton Dunn

Another generation of freshmen started on the hard road of initiation into the Sons of Jessie Mercer organization this week. And without a single exception they came through the solemn rites feeling none the worse for their experience. That is, only one was physically disabled—although once it looked as if several upperclassmen would be assassinated by one serious-minded freshman who did not quite appreciate the spirit of the occasion and drew his artillery out in order to protect himself from the horrible, terrific sophomores. However, later on during the annual "Orientation exercises" Tuesday night, he came across and was welcomed into the great neighborhood.

Several dozen yearlings learned they had another "handle" to their names, and will be known henceforth as Freshman Emory Trawick or whatever his name is. King Noise and hilarity reigned during the session, better known as Rat Court. His Highness, Bob Crandall, president of the second year men, pronounced the sentences for the various offenses that had been committed by the freshmen during their brief stay on the campus.

One future minister of the gospel very quickly turned into a stage entertainer, cut a jig and accompanied himself by yodeling. Two freshmen, namely Funderburk and Dixon, became very sentimental. (Continued on page 3)

Forty-Five Students Try For Places at Opening Tryouts

With approximately 20 of his old men back and an additional 15 new men in his group who show promise Dr. Richardson states that he anticipates a great year for the Mercer Glee Club.

Of the estimated 45 who tried out for glee club work Monday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock, in the chapel building, between 30 and 35 will undergo daily rehearsals under direction of Dr. Richardson to train for future presentations. Dr. Richardson reports that of the approximate 12 freshman tryouts at least 8 possess some splendid talent.

About 5 first tenors, 5 second tenors, 5 first basses, and 5 second basses will be taken on glee club tours, and those that are not taken on tours will be used as reserves and will also take part in home recitals. Dr. Richardson indicated that the 35 men who will practice daily include practically all the tryouts that had ability to offer.

"It is my old stand-by that save the day," Dr. Richardson replied when asked if he held very enthusiastic hopes for a good glee club year. "It is they whom I always count on. With most of last year's best tenors and basses back, we're bound to have a good year."

Practice will be held each afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the chapel building. The first drilling was held Tuesday afternoon. In view of the fact that he will practice his boys for a few days and then try them out individually again, Dr. Richardson says that perhaps a few of the present glee club cast may be eliminated later.

MERCER BEARS OPEN GRID CAMPAIGN IN ATHENS TOMORROW

Macon Contributes Heavily Toward Penfield Repair

Dr. Spright Dowell announced this week that \$4,000 in cash pledges had been raised in Macon alone toward the \$25,000 campaign to completely renovate Penfield Hall for a student activity building.

The plan was approved by the Board of Trustees at its last regular meeting, and the move is well underway as several other towns in Georgia have already contributed, and pledges from all over the state will be coming in before long, according to Dr. Dowell.

"This is a worthy object, and because of the early success of the move we have every reason to believe that the building will be ready for use by the fall quarter, 1936," Dr. Dowell said.

Activities Given Places

On the right as one enters the building will be two connecting rooms, the first a campus store and beyond that the post office, which will have another entrance in the rear, adjacent to the men's rest room. On the left of the hall will be two large social rooms. In the rear a small auditorium for the glee club (Continued on page 4)

BRUINS RENEW ANCIENT FEUD WITH BULLDOGS

Players Will Leave Early To- morrow in Private Automobiles

RUSSELL OPTIMISTIC

Hopes for Victory High as Mercer Students Leave for Game

By Ben Chatfield
Mercer University's husky football team will launch its bruising 1935 football campaign tomorrow, playing the highly rated University of Georgia Bulldogs at 3:30 o'clock in Sanford stadium at Athens.

Coach Lake Russell will herd his squad of 26 players into Athens early tomorrow morning determined to give the Bulldogs trouble. Coach Russell is expected to leave here with every member of his squad, including Jack Morris and Carl Altonen.

TRAIN TIME

A special train for the Mercer-Georgia game will leave for Athens at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning, it was announced this week by Woolvin Patten, president of the student body. The train is scheduled to arrive in Athens at 12:30 p.m., and will leave for Macon immediately after the game, from Sanford stadium.

Round-trip tickets, which allow for a return trip on the 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning train for those who wish to stay overnight in Athens, will be \$2.00.

Mercer students will be sold student tickets to the game for fifty cents upon presentation of their athletic cards. Students are urged by Major J. D. Blair, athletic director, to purchase these tickets from him before leaving for the game, to avoid confusion at the stadium.

About two hundred students are expected to take the train. The large majority have made arrangements (Continued on page 3)

MERCER	POS	GEORGIA
NeSmith	LE	Harrold
Tyson	LT	Shi
Williamson	LG	Johnson
Gilbert	C	McKnight
Curry	RT	Harmon
Dodd	RG	Moorehead
Hemple	RE	Wagon
Bloodworth	QB	Treadaway
Owen	HB	Bond
Thomas	HB	Minot
Porter	FB	Hartman

Students to Follow Team
Over three fourths of the Mercer student body plan to follow the team to Athens confident of a Bear conquest. The players probably will journey to the scene of their initial 1935 encounter in automobiles.

Early during the week Coach Russell told the determined Bruins that he wanted them to sleep in their own beds Friday night in Sherwood hall. He believes that the players will sleep better at home than in an Athens hotel, and that travelling to Athens three to an automobile will be better than going up via bus or (Continued on page 4)

MERCER SORORITIES FORM OWN PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

Stephens Speaks To Chapel Goers

Mercer Graduate Talks to Stu- dents on "Sharing Life"

"We have to share our lives with others if we are to get along in life," Dr. Bunyan Stephens, Mercer alumnus and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rome, told students and faculty of Mercer university Wednesday morning at the chapel hour, in a speech titled Sharing Life.

"In sharing life with others we have to be altruistic, we have to completely forget ourselves." The speaker pointed out that Moses was a man who gave himself for others, while Napoleon did not. "And whenever you see a list of the ten greatest men in world history," he declared, "Moses is always listed . . . Napoleon, never."

"You may not have much in material things but you can give yourself. Give yourself in the interest of others and you liberate gain," he concluded.

Helen Glenn Elected as First President of Organization

Miss Helen Glenn was elected president of the Pan-Hellenic Council of Social Sororities at its initial meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. E. Overton. Miss Emma Norris was elected vice-president, and Miss Martha Dean Stewart secretary and treasurer. This council is formed of the president of each of the three sororities on the campus, a representative member from each sorority, and the advisors of the sororities. Those present Tuesday afternoon were Mrs. John B. Clarke, advisor of the Phi Omega sorority, Mrs. Gordon Singleton, advisor of the Theta Sigma Beta, and Mrs. E. E. Overton, advisor of the Alpha Kappa. Louise Moore, president of Alpha Kappa, Elizabeth Willingham, president of the Theta Sigma Beta, and Mildred Donnan, president of Phi Omega; Emma Norris, representative from Phi Omega, Elnor Anthony of Theta Sigma Beta who was taking (Continued on page 4)

CAMPUS QUARTERBACKS

With the advent of the football season, THE CLUSTER announces another football contest. The prizes will be much the same as last year. No entries will be accepted after six o'clock Saturday. The contest is open to all students. The winner of the week's contest will receive passes to see Janet Gaynor and Henry Fonda in "The Farmer Takes a Wife."

Indicate your choice of the winner by scratching the team you pick to lose, and drop the list in the box provided in the co-op.

Alfred U. vs Defiance.
Amherst vs Colby
Baldwin Wallace Col. vs U. of Buf.
Bates vs Arnold
Baylor vs Hardin-Simmons
Boston vs St. Anselms
Brigham Young vs Montana State
Canisius Col. vs Cortland
Carnegie Tech vs Case
Centenary vs Louisiana Normal
Clemson vs Virginia Poly
Colgate vs Niagara U.
Colorado State vs U. of Wyoming
Cornell vs St. Lawrence
Creighton U. vs St. Louis U.

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