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Marching Through Georgia

The feeling that some glorious autumn afternoon Mercer's Orange and Black shall go marching at will through Georgia's legions and score the victory that loyal Mercerians have been dreaming about for years is just as strong today as it was when it sprang full-blown into being some 40-odd years ago when the schools helped bring football to the state.

And so tomorrow when the grandstand resounds with the cheer that the kick-off always brings out, Mercer men will be on the sidelines looking for the sight that Mercer men have been looking for thus far in vain.

The Georgia coaches no longer consider the Bears the setup the Bulldogs need to get themselves set for a stiff season. The undignified haste with which they snatched up Tiger Bennett two seasons ago proves that the gallant stand Mercer made two years ago, in which the Bulldogs barely nosed out Mercer, 13-12, shows they no longer take Mercer too much for granted.

This year both teams are primed. The Bears are all set to make that dream come true — the Bulldogs are just as anxious to keep their record clean. Will the Bears go marching through Georgia? Whatever the answer, the game tomorrow ought to be well worth the ride for anybody.

Academic Lockstep

The abolishing of class recitation cuts and the tightening up of regulations regarding class attendance appear to The Cluster as being a step backward rather than a step forward. Elimination of the five cuts which were allowed last year will work a definite hardship on some students who will this term have to resort to subterfuges, not to say prevarication, in order to keep their record straight with the registrar.

Class attendance is a necessary thing. There is no point to an instructor blasting away at empty benches. But it is equally true that a student needs an occasional absence from class for a number of reasons, and the new regulation robs the student of this freedom. It is putting university life on a grammar school basis. It takes us back to the days when we had to bring written notes from our parents, excusing absences or tardies.

Many of the students attending Mercer should be above the note-fetching stage. But the authorities apparently do not realize this. They seem to suppose that the inquisitorial system need be carried over into university life.

The arbitrary wording of the ruling removes from the registrar the power to consider each case from an individual standpoint. The rules are written, and are definite. Mercer students must conform to the mould and the devil take the individual.

The business of forcing students to class by such academic regulation is something that some of the universities are happily getting away from. That Mercer should go back to the old academic lockstep after having allowed her students some measure of freedom appears to be a definite step backward.

PASS IN REVIEW

By SAM HOWELL

Not much on the exchange this week. I've searched and read and wracked my brain (took about two minutes to do this) and all I can find is inside football dope, which unfortunately can't be used for betting purposes; business meetings of the Ladies Aid; the Town Talk Sewing-Circle spent a delightful afternoon at the residence of their worthy sister, Mrs. Whadayouno Telallucan and a delightful time was had by all. Faculty and election announcements also add zest to the papers.

Here's something that might interest you. Our old friend Presbyterian announces the fact that they have this year the largest enrollment on record and one of the strongest football teams. We'll grant the first but we'll strongly dispute the latter on Oct. 19.

They're trying to bust into the nobility up there too. It seems that three of Haile Selassie's sons attended a Presbyterian college somewhere and they're about to wear out the books trying to find record of it. Maybe we ought to look around. Who knows, perhaps there are some Ethiopian princes running around here in disguise. We oughta at least find a duke or an earl or sumpin'.

Randolph-Macon comes to the front. They're going to have dances in the gym this year, and what's more, the faculty is going to be on the dance committee. But don't get excited, they are only being there to act as regulators or censors.

Here's a suggestion to Mr. Price. At the Florida State College for Women it was noticed that some of the freshmen weren't eating as they should. When some enterprising matron asked the reason she found out that if anyone gained over five pounds on dormitory food they would be charged an exorbitant additional fee. Something new in the curriculum it seemed.

At Wake Forest College each fraternity is allowed to have only one event which is a smoker during rush period and no freshman can be in the frat house after nine o'clock except on the night of this affair. Their rush period is four weeks.

The Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, Ark., has put in a placement bureau. This bureau seems to be doing well, placing teachers as far away as Puerto Rico.

WHO WAS IT?

By the way, does anyone know the name of the freshman who ran out looking for the fire the other morning when the breakfast siren blew. Don't laugh, you probably would have done the same thing if you had come from — which is on the left side of the road going south. Don't worry freshman, I'm merely asking for information.

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CAMPUS POETS

(Note: Any person having an artistic ability toward writing poetry is invited to present the results of their efforts to the Mercer Cluster for publication. Contributions should be placed in the Cluster office.)

I do not know,
I do not care,
How far it is
To anywhere.
I only know
That where I'm not
Is always an
Attractive spot.

Whether the weather be cold;
Or whether the weather be hot,
Whether the weather be fair,
Or whether the weather be not,
Whatever the weather,
We'll weather the weather,
Whether we like it or not.

TO and FRO

By Aileen Bacon

The Sophomores might some day be good lawyers or teachers or something, but they'll never be good barbers.

Maybe the authorities do know what's best—for them. After we stand in line three or four hours waiting to register we're too tired to take up their valuable time arguing about courses.

What could be more appropriate than green hair ribbons for freshman girls?

Definition—A freshman is a student who has a new trunk, keeps his watch set with the siren, and goes to chapel on time.

Sixty-eight days until exams. And the earnest student has already learned where the library is.

BEARS' 1935 SCHEDULE

- Sept. 28—University of Georgia (Athens).
- Oct. 5—Navy (Annapolis).
- Oct. 12—Permanently open.
- Oct. 19—Birmingham-Southern (Macon) Homecoming. Night game.
- Oct. 26—Furman (Greenville, S. C.)
- Nov. 2—Clemson (Augusta).
- Nov. 9—Chattanooga (Chattanooga).
- Nov. 16—Presbyterian (Macon). Night game.
- Nov. 23—Oglethorpe (Macon) Thanksgiving.

After being questioned by a student on a certain author, a University of Chicago professor launched a vigorous attack on the author in question, only to find that he was the father of the student who had raised the question.

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Women swarm over our campus, enter our law school, and get in our collective hair generally. We are driven to the final stronghold; and Custer-like we shall maintain this column for the benefit and amusement of the male element only.

Throughout the year, we'll have our mice out scouting for items of virile, masculine interest: what drinks go down without a final clutch at the Adam's Apple; the location and tax of the bawdy hot-spots the town offers; suggestions as to what's new and sensible in the way of clothes; those babes that delight (or repel) us; and an occasional MOT that can be repeated successfully in salon and saloon alike.

—MC—

What with our continued sweating in the throes of a relentless summer, we remain partial to cooling draughts. Beer, of course, demands a cultivated taste; and for those who still vaguely associate it with another liquid, we suggest that palatable, clear fluid, mixed with Lime Rickey plus a pinch of sugar. Not bad.

—MC—

In the event that you've some odds and ends left over in black and brown (and who hasn't?), the wise guys say it's as good as gold. It may be; and anyway, it gives us an excuse to utilize the old clothes. On the other hand, we're getting some color in the costume via ties, socks, and handkerchiefs. Stripes and plaids are good, as are the new "partridge" colors. Double-breasteds with the long, rolled lapel will top the suit selections. And don't forget suede or rough buckskin shoes. The long pointed collar is as dead as Huey Long.

—MC—

MOMENTS OF MUSING... The new band at the Tavern stinks in ice... and don't go unless you're flushed... From all we've seen, the new crop at Wesleyan should be plowed under... Black cotton stockings are enough to turn a man's

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GREEK WORLD

By HOWARD OVERBY

Fraternities at Mercer seem to be headed for a happy and prosperous year, as has been indicated by a goodly number of pledges.

Only three fraternities this year have retained their last year's location. These are: Alpha Tau Omega, 636 College St.; Phi Delta Theta, on Coleman Ave.; and Pi Kappa Alpha, 519 Johnson Ave. The other six social fraternities on the campus have found new houses. Pi Kappa Phi has rented the old Kappa Sigma house at 628 Adams, while the Kappa Sigma are now located at 421 Johnson Ave. Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have new houses on Lawton Ave. Sigma Pi is now at 1178 Elm St. The Alpha Lambda Taus are at 625 Adams.

Most of the fraternities held some kind of social function these past two weeks. The Pi Kappa Phi had a smoker Thursday night of last week. The Sigma Pis are having an open house tonight, and they were hosts at a smoker last Sunday afternoon. The ATO's held open house Wednesday night of last week, and the Pi KA's held a similar affair last Wednesday. Phi Delta Theta gave a dinner at the New Yorker for pledges and Alumni last Wednesday, and are having an open house this afternoon. SAE's held open house Tuesday of last week. The KA's entertained with a spaghetti supper last week at the home of Forrest Davis, and a steak supper at Harry Orr's Thursday. The Alumni association of Kappa Sigma gave a dance for pledges at Ridley Hall Tuesday of last week.

The writer of this column would appreciate any contributions in regards to fraternities. Just communicate with the writer, or the Cluster office.

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