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Alumni Bureau Has New Staff Of N.Y.A. Help

Stout Supervises Work To Rearrange Filing System; New Cabinets Added

INFORMATION CORRECT

Tracer Cards Sent Out To Check Addresses of Former Mercerians

The alumni office has organized a new staff of ten NYA students to complete the work on alumni records undertaken last year, according to Dr. Wilbur Stout, supervisor of the work.

The whole plan calls for a single alphabetical file of folders containing the complete record of every student who has ever attended Mercer university, whether he received a degree or not. Eight steel file cabinets of four drawers each have been provided to contain the folders, and other materials are at hand for carrying on the work.

In this file the names are typed on green folder labels for non-degree alumni. Each year degree graduates are brought up from the green classification to the dignity of yellow labels. Finally, when the alumni dies, his name is retyped once more on a white label that is attached to his same folder of accumulated information.

Last year staff members went back to old catalogs for the authentic data and completed the job of making folders for all Mercer degree graduates. In addition they almost completed making folders for non-degree alumni back to 1900.

Since all previous lists and card files prove to be unreliable, it has been necessary to check every name by the catalog. The present work is intended to be accurate and permanent.

As soon as the staff has made folders for everybody, tracer cards will be sent out and addresses checked previous to the mailing data sheets for inclusion in the folders. These data sheets provide very comprehensive information on the whole activity of the individual both while he was a student in college and since.

BAILEY INTERVIEWS TEAM FOR BENEFIT OF FRESHMEN

By Herbert Bailey
(Note: This series of interviews is presented so that the Mercer student body, especially the freshman class, may become better acquainted with our boys who fight for the honor and glory of dear old Mercer out on the football grid-iron).

The first member of the Bears encountered by your loquacious, garrulous, and otherwise offensive commentator was that mighty man from Al-benny (Al-benny he insists, with scholarly assurance), Red-haired Bill Smith. A senior quarterback, he will be playing his last game before the home folks at Albany Friday night. There's little chance that Billy will call a wrong signal; he's majoring in math, you know. Numbers are more duck-soup to him. Interviewed, Billy said:

"Yes, I like football, because it's done more for me than anything else. It will do the same for any

ALBANY GAME

Student athletic tickets will be honored at the Mercer-Oglethorpe game to be held at Albany tonight, according to Maj. J. D. Blair, director of athletics. Plans for a special train or bus were not completed and Maines Rawls, student body president, said that "it is doubtful that exclusive transportation can be arranged, but several cars have vacancies and will be glad to carry students for expenses."

Arrangements for carrying the Band to Albany were completed yesterday. W. F. Walker will be the director again this year.

Work On Library Begins Next Week

Reconstruction Job Continues As Steel Is Obtained From Pennsylvania Company

Work on the reconstruction of the University library, which has been postponed because of lack of steel to be used on the job, will be resumed next week, according to H. K. Adams, advisor for renovation of the library and the Penfield student activities building.

The inability to get steel on time from a Pittsburg company is responsible for delay in the library reconstruction, according to Mr. Adams. The steel is expected to arrive this week, however, and work will begin next week, he states. Supplies were delayed because the company keeps contracts arranged ahead of time, Mr. Adams said.

Mr. Adams, Wrightsville, who has been employed to supervise the work, is a recognized authority on building. Under his direction the new Penfield hall student activity building, which will occupy the same site as the present activity building, will be built, and the library will be completely remodelled. Thirty-five thousand dollars are being spent in making the library a fire-proof building with additional wings and stacks for books. Kenneth Cameron will continue in the position of head librarian, assisted by Miss Annie Mays.

LOWLY FRESHMEN CO-EDS PUT IN RIDICULOUS GARB

By Helen Glenn

The lives of the freshman co-eds at Mercer for the past three days have been a symphony of black cotton stockings, mis-made-up faces, too-short or too-long dresses, baby dolls, lowly rat signs, queer hair dresses, all day suckers, and even onions. For the traditional ridding rules have been enforced by the upperclasswomen during the latter part of this week, in preference to having an entire week of ridding.

Tuesday morning the co-eds were given their ridding rules by Virginia Williamson, president of the co-ed student body due to the failure of Dona Nicholas to return to school this fall. Wednesday they appeared in the ever-present black cotton stockings and orange and black rat caps, along with the all-too-truthful placard, "A Lowly Rat" hanging from their necks. Their dresses were notably shorter, up to their knees, in fact, and their books were recognizable in flour sacks and pillow cases. Each girl lovingly carried a baby doll in her arms throughout the day... together with any and all books which the upperclasswomen should see fit to ask them to carry.

Thursday the dresses seemed to have grown much longer, together with the hair of this freshman crop, for every where was hair

drawn up into huge, ineptly arranged balls. Some faces were scarcely recognizable with naught else but cold cream decorating them, and low heeled shoes and glasses seemed to make studious looking freshmen.

On Friday faces came into classes with only one side made up, crowned by the doubtful glory of plaited hair. All day suckers were everywhere in evidence as were also delightful smelling onions. The upperclasswomen were privileged to ask any freshman at any time to carry her books, also, so many freshmen seemed almost too studious to be in character as they toiled over the campus with armfuls of enormous books of all sizes, shapes, and descriptions.

The co-eds were welcomed by Miss Williamson and urged to take advantage of all extra-curricula activities which Mercer offers. Helen Glenn, president of the Pan-Hellenic council of social sororities also extended to the students an invitation to ask aid of any member of the council in any matter.

The annual rat court for all freshman co-eds is to be held in the University chapel one night next week, it was announced by Miss Williamson. The public will be invited to witness the penalties which will be inflicted on all violators of the rules and customs set forth for freshmen.

STATUS OF MERCER GRADUATES COMPILED BY ALUMNI OFFICE

Co-Ed Panhellenic Distributes Rules

New Rushing Regulations Posted For Sororities

The Panhellenic council of social sororities has distributed copies of the rushing rules to each new co-ed at Mercer and to all non-sorority girls in an effort to explain more clearly the plan of preferential bidding which this organization put into force last fall.

A special meeting of both old and new members of the council is to be held at the home of Helen Glenn, president, next Wednesday afternoon in order to elect new officers to serve for the coming year. Those who will attend the meeting are: Miss Louise Moore past-president of Alpha Kappa; Miss Glenn, representative of Alpha Kappa; Miss Mildred Donnan, past-president of the Phi Omega; Miss Emma Norris, past-representative of Phi Omega; Miss Elizabeth Willingham, past-president of the Theta Sigma; Miss Martha Dean Stewart, former representative of Theta Sigma; Miss Eleanor Anthony, new president of Theta Sigma Beta; Miss Nellie Hill, new president of Phi Omega; Miss Edna Steger, new representative of Phi Omega; and Miss Nell Fincher, new president of the Alpha Kappa. The new representatives of Theta Sigma Beta and Alpha Kappa have not yet been selected.

Under the plan of preferential bidding as enforced by the Panhellenic council, the new co-eds have been formally rushed for the past two weeks, but will now be given an additional period of four weeks to become better acquainted with the girls in the sororities, before the invitations to sorority membership will be distributed.

Most Have Positions Related To Major Subjects Survey Shows

More than sixty-seven per cent of the Mercer graduates of the eight classes since 1928 have jobs either identical or closely related to the major subject studied in college, according to a report given out last summer by Dr. Wilbur Stout, acting alumni secretary, on the economic survey of college alumni being conducted by the Mercer alumni office, in conjunction with the United States Office of Education.

All summaries in the report, Dr. Stout said, really are approximations, since only 37 per cent of the graduates responded to the questionnaire. Yet there is every reason to believe, he said, that those who did respond are representative.

In finding first employment, 16 per cent took jobs with no connection to the major subject studied in college. At present the number doing identical or closely related work remains 67 per cent, but the number of jobs with "no connection" is decreasing, and the number with "slight connection" is increasing, it was observed.

It is probably a coincidence, Dr. Stout said, that scholastic honors were reported by 30 per cent, and approximately the same number stated that they secured their first jobs through personal initiative. Those who first said they chose their first work because it was the kind of work they really wanted to do numbered 26 per cent.

About 53 per cent said they had not been idle since graduation. Of those who reported some time out of work the median amount was about three months. Scarcely any had been on public relief, the survey indicated.

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CAULDRON PICTURES

Freshmen and sophomores have had their pictures made for the school yearbook, the Cauldron, this past week.

Today members of the junior class whose names begin with the letters A-L are to report to Metro studio and those with names beginning with M-Z tomorrow. The same alphabetical schedule prevails for the seniors Monday and Tuesday.

Last year's Cauldron, which was a takeoff on the magazine "Esquire", drew all-American praise from the Collegiate Press association. Will Johnson, editor for his second year, is now working with other members of the Cauldron staff on a home for this year's edition.

Dr. Koo Speaks At Friday Chapel

Chinese University Graduate In National Preaching Mission Held in Macon

Dr. T. Z. Koo, graduate of St. John's university of Shanghai, China, spoke to Mercer students during chapel exercises this morning.

"Our speaker is a learned gentleman, cultured in the field of education. He is an experienced leader of young people," Dr. Spright Howell said with references to Dr. Koo.

Dr. Koo is taking part in the National Preaching Mission being held in Macon this week-end. He was for three years an official in the administrative department of the Chinese Railway service before joining the staff of the National committee of the Y. M. C. A. of China.

In that connection he was given special responsibilities toward colleges and universities, and later was given the task of cultivating better international relations. He has recently worked with students in England, and is said to have made an excellent impression on the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Chapel exercises began ten minutes earlier than usual today so that Dr. Koo could speak at similar exercises at Wesleyan college immediately afterwards. He will speak again this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Mulberry Street Methodist church and at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the municipal auditorium.

ONE MINUTE INTERVIEWS

Do you think the "Cluster" is controlled by politics?

We interview WILL JOHNSON who says:

"No further than the student elections of students for the editorial boards goes. You may take that as you please. All the CLUSTER BOARDS I have known have been particularly interested in giving us a clean, unbiased news sheet no matter what their political faction is."

Being interested in what a former member of the Cluster Board would say, we looked up BOB ASHMORE, who asserts:

"I don't know anything about the paper this year but I believe it was controlled by politics last year because of its methods of censorship."

We tipped down to the science building and there interviewed BILL BARRETT, a graduate student in the chemistry department.

Crowds To See Bears, Petrels In Annual Game

Albany Tilt To Dedicate New Stadium; Lions Club Sponsors

SEATS FOR 8000

Bruins In Good Condition Despite Grueling Georgia Game

By Jack Tarver

Mercer's Bears left yesterday afternoon for Albany where they will meet the Stormy Petrels of Oglethorpe in their annual battle tonight. This game will mark the dedication of the new municipal stadium in Albany, the finest of its kind in South Georgia.

Every one of the 6,000 seats is expected to be filled for Albany's first college game, and, in addition, nearly 2,000 temporary seats have been erected to care for the overflow. The attendance will well exceed 7,000 is the opinion of Grady Cooksey, leading member of the Albany Lions club which is sponsoring the game. Mr. Cooksey was one of the leaders in the movement which gave Albany its magnificent new stadium. He has also had experience in sports promotion and thus may be regarded as somewhat of an authority in his estimate of the number of persons who will be present.

The Bears, in excellent condition, despite their grueling battle with Georgia last Saturday will be able to place practically every man on the field. Ed Varner, fleet half-back of Bainbridge, is the only member of the Varsity squad who will be unable to see service. Varner suffered a sprained ankle in the last quarter of the Georgia game and will probably be out of the lineup for the next fortnight.

Reports indicate that Oglethorpe, as always, is pointing for the Mercer game. They won their opener from Newberry, an S. I. A. rival, 19-0 last week, and from all indications Coach Patrick has a far better team than the one which the Bruins beat last Thanksgiving in a sea of mud.

Scores of games between Mercer and Oglethorpe

1921	6	7
1922	18	16
1923	6	7
1924	0	25
1925	21	7

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He states:

"It has been in the past but I believe the political situation will be improved in the future."

JOE CANIPELLI a pre-med student said:

"I wouldn't know, I'm just a registrant."

Here is EMORY TRAWICK, sophomore in the arts college. He says:

"I don't think the Cluster is controlled by politics, because any student who knows how to write and who is willing to work has as much chance of getting on the staff as any other student regardless of party affiliations."

Other students have expressed their opinions that although the Cluster is not supposed to have any connection with the university administration, the paper is more or less controlled by the school in ways other than politics.