

### BASKETBALL TEAM RECEIVES PRAISE

Noteworthy Comment Given Each Player.

#### COMPLIMENT COACH CODY

By J. P. Leggett

The basketball team of 1922 at Mercer has just completed a wonderful record which no other quintet turned out here has ever equalled. The team has won great praise and has brought honor to the university. Too much praise cannot be heaped upon Coach Josh Cody, who guided the team through to success in winning the championship of the S. I. A. A. When the season began only two letter men reported for practice, but Josh built around these two varsity players a great team. This quintet composed largely of Freshmen, came through the long schedule of games with flying colors and then went through to the finals for the Southern championship. The team that won the championship of the South was composed of men of years of experience in basketball, but Mercer put up a great fight and won the name of being "one of the cleanest and hardest fighting teams in the South."

George Harmon, a first year man, is everywhere heralded as the outstanding star of the tournament. He was high-point man and unanimous choice for All-Southern.

Captain Harper is said to be the hardest fighter and one of the best standing guards in the South. "Smokey" gave the best he had for the team and helped instill in the team that "never-say-die" spirit for which it is noted.

"Consuello" Smith, lanky forward, was chosen on one All-Southern team for his fighting spirit and general floor work, which contributed much to Mercer's success during the whole season.

Bob Gamble played his second year at the pivot position. Although Bob had pneumonia just before the season opened, he improved wonderfully over last year and his playing has been consistent and hard throughout the entire schedule. Bob was elected captain of the '23 quintet.

Pope has probably improved more under the tutelage of Coach Cody than any other man. "Bubber" played in only one game of the regular schedule but showed such improvement that his name was found on the list of regulars and he took part in every game of the tournament.

Wilkes and Wear worked hard throughout the entire year and to them is due much of the credit for the victories over Georgia, Auburn, and Tech. Each of these men are always in the thick of the fight and know the game.

Manly McWilliams is due much credit for the work he did. He played in almost every game of the season. Mac has the "old fight" that will make him a sure man for the quintet of 1923.

Last, but not least, the scrubs deserve much credit for the success of the team. These men battled every afternoon with the varsity, and although often hopelessly outscored, learned the slogan of all Mercer teams of the present and future, "Never Give Up."

### "SILK SPECIAL" WORTH \$4,800,000

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### BESSIE TIFT NEWS

"To the victor belong the spoils," and the Sophomore class being victors to them belongs the championship in basketball for this year. The Sophomore team was victorious in the Fresh-Soph game and the Senior team was victorious in the Junior-Senior game, so that on Monday afternoon, February 20th, the final game for the championship was played between the Senior and the Sophomore teams. It was a fast, clean game, the score being 7 to 5 in favor of the Sophomore team. At supper that evening the Sophomore class entered the dining room singing a song composed for the occasion and bearing the championship banner, which was placed at the head of the table at which the Senior and Soph teams were having supper together. During supper the Sophomore captain, Florine Johnson, gave a toast to the Senior team. After supper the Sophomore class served cream and cake to the two teams in Tift parlors.

The lineup was as follows:  
 Soph: F. Johnson..... RF Senior: M. Hall  
 C. Beasley..... LF M. Sammons  
 S. Smiley..... C W. M. Adams  
 L. Chandler..... RG J. Dyar  
 N. Sikes..... LG G. Hillis  
 At the beginning of the second half the Seniors substituted M. Wood for Dyar.

On last Saturday evening the Kappa Delta Sophomores presented a three-act play entitled "A Summer Day." It was quite exciting to watch the development of the plot and see how deeply in love the friends were with the one girl and how at last honor and love for his friends made Philip give the girl to Captain Dick.

The most charming thing of all was to see the art the girls displayed. We are proud of the talent we are finding in our younger Kappa Deltas. What they are doing in the present gives a brilliant picture of their future.

Another attractive feature of this program was a song, "The Land of the Sky Blue Water," beautifully rendered by Miss Myrtle Wear.

At the second annual Society Day at Mercer University, which was February 22, the Bessie Tift girls were the honorees. It proved such an unusually enjoyable day that it will be long remembered. The day was fair and about 1:00 o'clock twenty cars loaded with crowds of happy college girls started for Macon. Upon reaching Mercer they were most cordially welcomed by the reception committee. Miss Sallie made herself a firm friend of each Bessie Tift girl by seeing that each young lady had special company and not the same one all the time.

At Mercer a new dining hall has just been finished, very complete in all its equipment. It was a happy thought on the part of the Mercers and one very much appreciated by Bessie Tift girls that they were to help in the dedication of this new hall. If the report of that evening bespeaks what may be expected from that quarter in the years to come, there is one college where the fare will be beyond criticism. First on the program after leaving the dining hall was an oratorical contest in the auditorium. Again it was a battle between the Phi-Deltas and Ciceronians. It was novel and amusing to hear the young ladies cheer for the Society to which their friends belonged. Many new members, so to speak, were added to each Society.

Later in the evening came the closing, if not the crowning feature of the day—a brilliant reception in the new dining hall. It goes without saying that with such a crowd of

be made in one special train instead of two.

The "silk special" contained 448 cases of manufactured silk and 4,808 bales of raw silk.

This cargo was forwarded from the Orient to New York, and it reached Seattle on the Japanese steamer Arabia Maru. It was hauled up the Cascade Mountains without a helper by one of the powerful 3,000-volt General Electric locomotives and was lowered down the heavy grades on the other side by electric braking. With the electric locomotive the air brakes are held in reserve, and regenerative braking is used in descend grades.

### ODOM IS SELECTED CICERONIAN HEAD

Green, Johnson and Atkinson to Represent Society at Chapel.

W. H. Odum was elected president of the Ciceronian Literary Society at the election of officers last Monday night. Paul M. Sayer was elected vice-president, G. A. Jones as critic, and D. V. Cason as chaplain.

It was decided that J. H. Green, A. S. Johnson and Guy Atkinson should represent the society in leading Thursday's chapel exercises.

The debate, "Resolved, that influence is stronger in securing promotion than is ability," afforded a good argument in which debaters and orators of power were brought to light. The affirmative speakers were F. G. Jones, B. N. Herring and J. C. Turner, while the negative speakers were W. C. Lowe, T. C. Carlyle and R. F. Ricketson. The negative side won by the unanimous decision of the judges.

Whether President Warren Harding achieved the presidency by his ability to govern or by his ability to pull the proper wires was one of the interesting points.

Two-minute speeches on the subject were given, after the debate, by W. B. Freeman, Talley Kirkland, G. A. Jones and several others.

### NEW FRATERNITY ADDED TO MERCER

Pi Kappa Phi Frat is Granted Charter.

By W. S. Erwin

The Omega Phi, a local fraternity at Mercer University, petitioned the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity for a charter and this has been granted, and at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mercer University they granted the Omega Phi the right to establish a chapter at Mercer.

The charter members of the Pi Kappa Phi are James Ross, W. B. McMillin, D. H. Davis, R. L. Bennet, Marvin Pharr, P. C. Muse, W. B. Coke, Ralph M. Miller, Lewis Cobb, Joe McClain and L. M. Purvis.

This makes seven national fraternities at Mercer. They are: Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and Pi Kappa Phi.

It is thought that several other fraternities will be established at Mercer in the near future, as the school is growing fast.

### CLEGG IS WINNER IN MARCH ELECTION

Eagerness of Phi Deltas Defy Rain.

By L. L. Lovett

Old Jupiter Pluvius was crowned and gowned in all his glory last Monday night, but even clothed in this attire he could not drown the everlasting eagerness of the Phi Deltas to meet.

The election of officers for March was first on the program. The following were elected to places of honor in the society: J. L. Clegg, president; O. R. Hardin, vice-president; J. A. Ruffin, critic; B. F. Farrar, censor; W. J. Carwell, chaplain.

Following the election of officers the usual debate was called. The subject for debate was, "Resolved, that intercollegiate athletics do not promote the best interest of a college."

The fighters for the affirmative were J. W. Little and L. D. Tyner. The negative side was represented by R. E. Walker and "Farmer" Daniels. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the negative side.

merry makers, the reception was all that it should be, and as was said in the Mercer Cluster each man was given a last opportunity to complete his special welcome to the girls from the college in Forsyth, and for the institution on top of the hill in Macon, as the Wesleyan girls who were also guests of honor added to the occasion. Here's hoping that Society Day may find a permanent place on the Mercer social calendar.

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