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## 800 FOR MERCER

Will Mercer have an enrollment of 800 next year? Will President Weaver realize his hopes in this respect? Will he with his corps of assistants be able to successfully get this number of men through a campaign? The answer is, "Yes, if—"

If the present student body plays its part the 800 men will be here. How can the students play their parts? Of course, there will be an organization similar to that of last summer, to campaign throughout Georgia and the South. But this organization can not alone bring Mercer's enrollment up to Dr. Weaver's goal.

During the rest of this school year and throughout the summer the present student body will have to "sell" Mercer. They must not miss an opportunity to talk up Mercer. As salesmen for Mercer, they will have more good points to present than is ordinarily necessary to clinch a new customer for an automobile. There is the coaching staff of next year, Josh and Everett; the champion basketball team of the South; prospects for an excellent football record next fall; the growth of Mercer during the last few years; the plans of a greater Mercer in another few years; in addition, to all the wonderful traditions and the spirit of Mercer.

All these things can be presented to win men. But the one most important thing is left. That is the personal conduct of every Mercer student toward his alma mater; the spirit he demonstrates before the world. The way a student actually feels will tell the secret of success or failure for Dr. Weaver's plan. It is up to every student to prove his metal, to prove that he is a 100 per cent Mercer man. This alone can bring 800 men here next fall.

Do your bit! Glory to Old Mercer!  
J. L. Hackney.

## UP-TO-DATE SELECTIONS FROM THE POETS

By T. M. HART

### After Longfellow

Tell me not in mournful numbers  
I have slunked another course,  
For my soul is sick for slumbers  
And my voice is growing hoarse.  
Eyes of smart men all remind us  
We can also make an A,  
If to study we confine us  
From nightfall till break of day.

### After Browning

As I ride, as I ride,  
At 50 per, speed cop spied  
Me, now he rides at my side  
As I ride, as I ride.  
"Pull up here," he quickly cried;  
Told me I would have to ride  
To the station at his side,  
As I ride, as I ride.

As I ride, as I ride,  
Then his charge I denied.  
To him cried, "You have lied,"  
As I ride, as I ride,  
With a speed cop for my guide  
My thoughts now dwell on homicide,  
Other courses have I tried,  
As I ride, as I ride.

### After Omar Khayyam

The professor's finger writes (an F)  
and having writ,  
Moves on, nor all your bootlicking  
or wit  
Can make him think that you deserve  
an A.  
No argument may him convince of it.

### After Shelley

I fear thy kisses, gentle maiden  
And with good reason too.  
For they are surely danger-laden  
When they come from you.

## STUDENT POWER

What is wrong with the student? Why is he not a positive factor in the affairs of state in America? Why is he content to loll and swagger along through the collegiate years without finding himself, without impressing himself in a constructive way upon the thought and activities of society, economics and politics?

Do college students, do Mercer students lack self-confidence? Are they still infants in the arms of the times; carried on the none too healthy bosom of a soft age; suckling the pale milk from the flabby breasts of a diseased body-politic? Why do not the students of American college project their energies, their thought-strength, into the world of practical affairs to the upbuilding of cleaner, saner, more constructive social, economic, moral and political programs?

Why not have in Georgia an organization, a union of college students, both men and women, for the purpose of exerting an influence in the affairs of the state. Why should not the students of such institutions as Emory, Georgia Tech, Shorter, Wesleyan, Oglethorpe, Bessie Tift, Mercer and other colleges form a State Collegiate Union functioning energetically for the betterment of our State?

Here at Mercer we should have each week, perhaps at the chapel hour, a student program for the discussion of current affairs. One good student speaker could address the student body on some big question of the hour and the body could then go on record as to their attitude on the subject.

This editorial was suggested by a letter written by a student at Oxford to the Mississippian. Louis M. Jiggitts, a former student of the University of Mississippi, asks this question, "Why is it that the student of Mississippi occupies such a relatively insignificant place in the thought-world of our State?" The writer further shows that "in Europe the student is one of a powerful body active in affairs that concern the nation." It is brought out that a student army successfully opposed the attempt of Carl to regain the throne of Hungary. Says the writer: "High officials of state in England do not consider it beneath their dignity to debate with Oxford undergraduates. I wonder if the Governor of Mississippi would seriously consider debating with undergraduates of the University. . . You know best!"

After urging the students of Mississippi to participate and co-operate AS STUDENTS in the vital affairs of the State, Mr. Jiggitts says:

"The goal cannot be reached in a day; but it can never be reached until a beginning is made. One of the South's greatest problems at present is the question of cotton production and diversification; yet while a few enlightened men wage battle against overwhelming odds of ignorance and tradition, we stand idly by as though the affairs were not our very own. When our Centers of Learning (and Culture, perhaps) are dragged into the mire of Mississippi politics, as they have been for the past fifteen years, our only protest is a subterranean murmur. Who can defend our method of appointing Trustees for the State Colleges?"

The writer evidently is aware of the indifference of the average student, for he concludes by saying: "And now I wonder if there are those among you who have the courage and wisdom to act; or whether, having read, a thought will strive vainly for birth, but failing, leave its would-be progenitor in his usual hopeless lethargy."

Perhaps a few students at Mercer will read far enough in this rather long editorial to get these last thoughts: real college life is not a breeder of "snobs," but a builder of society. A real University is not a sponge but a spring from which flows living waters for national re-education. Knowledge dormant or indifferent is power worse than wasted. Knowledge in action and that action finding its motive in Christian concepts of State and World service is what we need today.

In a certain sense the college student finds the world on his shoulders,—will he sink in sleep or stand in strength?

## MEND YOUR SPEECH

While reform movements are now so popular and everybody is trying to reform everybody else, why not let us start a new reform movement here at Mercer, and be in style? Why not stop washing time and energy in trying to mend the ways of the "Flapper" and the "Flopper" and launch a movement to mend the ways of ourselves—in our manner of speech. This cannot be done by starting on the other fellow first. Reforms, like charity, must begin at home, and to be successful each individual must better himself before seeking to better any one else. Let's make this a silent campaign to encourage the correct use of English at Mercer by each student improving his own speech.

College students everywhere seem to have the idea that to speak correctly is a thing of minor importance. They seem to think that as long as they can make themselves understood they need not bother about cultivating a correct style of speaking. It is so much trouble, anyhow, to look up words in a dictionary and to be careful of one's grammar. It is so much easier to use the first word that comes to mind. As a result of this wrong thinking there has grown up among students the tendency, not only to be careless in the use of good words, but to coin slang expressions and words that are vague and indefinite, and often coarse and vulgar. Why is this true? Surely in a college, above all places, the use of good English should be admired and encouraged and striven for. Surely college students, who are supposed to be above the average in intelligence and education, know better than to use the speech of negroes and illiterates. The answer must be attributed to indifference or laziness. To indifference, or they would wish to improve themselves. To laziness, or they would improve themselves.

"By a man's speech is he known" is one of the truest expressions ever coined. Wherever you may go you will be judged by your speech. People get their first impressions of other people by their appearance; the second by their speech. Every time we speak we advertise ourselves and when we use in correct English in the presence of educated people we are classed as bores; let's all resolve to improve our diction. If we do, people will have a higher opinion of us and of Mercer. Unless we do we will find ourselves barred from good society and from success. "Mend your speech lest it mar your fortune."  
W. M. Space.

## HOLD 'EM THERE

Boost Mercer, and keep on boosting.

### "Git fer Home, Bruno!"

"Boys, leave Oakview immediately when the 7 o'clock bell rings, or you will be deprived of your social privileges." The foregoing warning (?) was taken from the weekly paper of Lenior College.

### Tulips

Your lips are just too sweet for words;  
This fact is my excuse and reason,  
Why, so often, I  
Suggest their better use.  
(Atta, Boy!!)

Boost Mercer, all the time, everywhere!

### We Feel for You, Old Man

He was standing in the parlor,  
And he said unto the light:  
"Either you or I, old fellow,  
Will be turned down tonight."  
—Agwan.

Everybody get behind that ball team and boost.

### Among the Frats

He: "Er-er won't you take my pin?"  
She: "Goodness! don't tell me I've popped another button."  
—Technique.

### Boost Mercer!

Doctors agree that kissing is dangerous because of the dread effect that arises. You are wrong, it's marriage!

## Hold Her, Neat!

T'mid Youth: "Could you learn to love me?"

Country Lass: "Maybe so, I learnt to milk a cow!"

Support Mercer's baseball team.

Boost Mercer, and keep on boosting.

### How's Zat?

Check-to-check dancing has its virtues at that; it keeps the fellows shaved.—Sun Dial.

Boy: You Must Know Somethin'  
He: "Would you call a girl with Radiolite lips a shining light?"  
Tee Hee: "No, an Ever-ready!"

All together for Mercer!!

### Hold 'Em, Yale

Speaking of radio kisses, gimme contact, brother, gimme contact!—Emory Wheel.

### Think This One Over

A college paper is a great invention; The college gets all the fame,  
The printer gets all the money,  
And the staff gets all the blame.  
—Spectator.

### Your Move, John!

John (lingering in the hall): "And, dearest, we shall grow old together."  
Father (upstairs): "Well, you needn't start doing it down there, need you?"—Technique.

A tabernacle, modeled after revival tabernacles, as a temporary auditorium is under consideration by the trustees of Ohio State University. The present auditorium is not large enough to hold even the men of the Freshman class and the building program does not include an auditorium for some years.

Tuxedos are worn by ushers at basketball games at Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania, according to news reports.

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