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Bear Quintet Begins Cage Season Tonight

Medicos Are Foes In Opening Fray

The Mercer Bears will inaugurate their regular 1944 basketball season here tonight and tomorrow in games with the 325th Medicos and the Newberry College quintets. This evening at 8 o'clock the Bears meet the Medicos in Porter Gym and tomorrow night they take on the Newberry College team from Newberry, S. C., same time, same station. Tonight's program will also feature a game between the V-5's stationed here in the Mercer W. T. S. and the team from University of Georgia Pre-Flight in Athens.

The Bears, under Chief Malone of the Navy, lost their first tilt with the talented Medicos in a game played before the regular season got under way. The Mercer five finds the boys from Newberry more or less an unknown quantity in this year's hardwood competition, but the South Carolina school, about the same size as Mercer, has a reputation for turning out consistently good basketball teams.

The lease-lend Bears, composed mainly of Navy V-12 trainees, have broken about even in a series of practice tilts with local service teams and last week dropped a game to the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech. Malone will probably start the same outfit that he used last week against Tech. These Bear cagers are Handy and Hyatt, forwards, Roundtree, center, and Wallace and Pugliese, guards.

Bear Five Loses To Tech Quintet

(Box Score on Sports Page)

Mercer's Bears were defeated by Georgia Tech 48 to 31 Saturday night as they faced their first intercollegiate competition of the year.

Playing in Tech's gymnasium in Atlanta, the Bears were badly outscored in the first half, but came back in the second period to keep pace with the favored Yellow Jackets and actually outscored them in the final half.

Wesley Paxson, a former high school star from Jacksonville, Fla., led the scorers with fourteen points. Jack Wallace and Bobby Roundtree, Mercer forward and guard, paced the attack of the Bears by hitting the basket for eight points each. Mercer has scheduled a return game with the Tech quintet, to be played here in Macon.

Thirteen Mercer Bluejackets Are In Pre-Med Curricula

By TOM PARKER

Mercer's V-12 unit has thirteen potential pre-meds, quoted R. G. Matheson, commanding officer of the V-12 unit. These boys will have their exact pre-med status from the Navy Department in the near future. If they are selected for pre-med, they will complete their premedical work here and if their record, both naval and scholastic, is satisfactory, they will be assigned to

New Trustees Will Consider Finance Plan

Friday marks the holding of an important meeting of the board of trustees of the University. The meeting will be preceded by activities occasioned by annual Founders' Day.

The board will consider the undertaking of a state-wide endowment campaign, which has been in force locally since it was first proposed by Dr. Dowell in June of last year. The plan was to raise one million dollars for the University, the basis for the fund being a gift of a hundred thousand dollars from Mr. Columbus Roberts. The meeting will also effect the formation of a complete organization for the advancement of the campaign.

The purpose of the program is to enable the University to improve and increase her teaching facilities and to provide a reserve which will bolster her financial status after the war.

Six new trustees of Mercer University will step into the posts of those whose terms have expired when Friday's trustee meeting takes place.

The retiring officers are: Mr. T. Hoyt Davis, Miami; Mr. H. P. Fleming, Macon; Mr. Julian Harrison, Atlanta; Mr. Columbus Roberts, Sr., Columbus; Dr. O. M. Seigler, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mr. Edward Shorter, Columbus.

Succeeding them will be: Mr. Bryan Blackburn, Newnan; Mr. H. D. Chapman, Macon; Mr. H. H. Holt, Macon; Dr. Frederick S. Porter, Columbus; Mr. M. D. Reed, Fort Benning; Mr. Columbus Roberts, Jr., Columbus.

Cauldron Candidids Due Next Week

Snapshots for the Cauldron must be submitted next week if they are to be published. Ceda Dowis, business manager of the Cauldron, said this week.

She also urged all campus activities to pay their Cauldron fees by February 1.

L. H. Johnson, editor of the Cauldron, announced that the photographer will be at Mercer next week with proofs for all student pictures, and urged all students to choose the proof they want printed for the Cauldron.

a medical school. In medical school they will hold the rank of midshipman.

The premedical curriculum has as a major, chemistry, and as a minor, biology; plus a year of math, a year of physics and two years of German or French. These provide a full five allotted semesters.

The student has only geo-

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Alumni Return to University For Founders' Day Festivities



Pictured above are two of the outstanding alumni who are here to celebrate Founders' Day. At left is shown Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, and Alabama's Governor Chauncey Sparks is at the right.

Recreation Committee Gives Definite Plans For Carnival

Definite plans have been announced by the recreational committee concerning the winter carnival to be held in the Co-op Saturday evening at 7 o'clock on January 29. Spotlight of the affair will be the crowning of the queen of the winter carnival and her maids who will reign for the night.

A committee of all fraternity presidents and the student body president, with Sanford Mullen and "Pop" Owens representing the Navy, will draw up a list of candidates for the queen and maids, and at the next student chapel a ballot will be given all students for voting. Provisions will be made for all Navy men to participate in the voting with a place designated in Sherwood Hall to receive the ballots.

All fraternities and sororities

State Guard Unit Has Weekly Drill

Mercer's company of the Georgia State Guard completed its organization and began initial instruction at its second regular weekly meeting held last Monday.

Mike Warr and Tully Bond were elected platoon sergeants and Larry Schwartz, Bill Werthen, Luther Thigpen, Alton Gladden and Ernest Brown were elected to be squad corporals. A new officer, Lieutenant L. D. Askew was attached to the company as plans and training officer.

Following the completion of the company's organization, a short period of platoon and squad close order drill was given. Lieutenant Johnson of the Macon Guard gave a lecture on military courtesy and Captain Burns of the Battalion staff demonstrated the manual of arms, pointing out the difference between a good and a bad soldier.

Later in the evening eight new men were sworn in by Captain Bill Taylor, Company Commander.

Outstanding Grads Head Celebration

Mercer University celebrates today its 111th anniversary with Founders' Day ceremonies in Willingham chapel. The ceremonies will bring to the stage the governors of two states, both alumni of Mercer.

Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia and Governor Chauncey Sparks of Alabama will be the principal speakers. Wiley Moore, prominent business leader of Georgia, will introduce Gov. Arnall who in turn will present his colleague from Alabama.

Many prominent alumni of Mercer have accepted invitations to attend the luncheon to be given by the board of trustees in honor of the two governors and other distinguished guests at Mary Erin Porter Hall immediately following the chapel exercises.

Two of the guests at the luncheon will be Justice R. C. Bell of the Georgia Supreme Court and Justice D. F. Stakeley of Montgomery, judge of the Alabama tribunal. Justice Stakeley is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Mercer. Judge Bell, a Mercer alumni, has long been identified with the official bodies of the school.

Approximately 150 guests are expected for the luncheon including visiting alumni and Mercer faculty members.

Students Asked To Supply Data

All Mercer students should make known to the registrar's office their major and minor subjects, it was announced by the Rev. Dick Horne, registrar, this week.

This is necessary so that when students classify, their major professors can talk over their courses with them, give advice when necessary, and recommend special reading on each student's major subject.

Blanks are available at the registrar's office. All students are urged to submit this information as quickly as possible.

and other local campus groups will present short skits, and booths will be placed in the Co-op offering games and refreshments. The carnival will open with the coronation of the queen, after which a Navy floor show directed by Stan Walker will be presented. The skits will follow the floor show with group singing and informal games between the skits.

Sam Crossley is chairman of the carnival, and Echols Mayo, Elaine Taylor and Harriette Kahrs will assist. Other committee chairmen include:

Orchestra—L. H. Johnson.
Publicity—Sanford Mullen and Jeanne Lukens.

Decorations and designing of sets—Harriette Kahrs.

Fraternity skits—"Ug" Lee and Echols Mayo.

Booths—Doris Croom.

Carnival queen and maids—Elaine Taylor.

Costumes—Ann Chapman.

Finance—Charles Clark and Charles Standridge.

Floor Show and Navy—Stan Walker.

A Twelvester's Plight

By BABE WEBB

The new year has brought new grief to the members of the Mercer V-12 battalion, as is evidenced by the long, sad faces which are so numerous around the campus. Down in the University-Co-op (where friends, co-eds, sailors and V-5's meet to rub elbows and walk on each other's toes), there is always an air of frivolity, however.

You can always find some woe-befallen person who is musing his last bit of intellectual strength in an effort to pass a laugh-provoking quip, such as, "Y'know what Paul Revere said at the end of his famous ride?" Naturally, some sucker with more education than common sense replies "No, what did he say?" Yes, you have guessed it... the poor, misguided youth in the Navy Blue shrieks with mirth, and calmly says "Whoa, Jackass!"

But bring that same misguided youth back to his home in dear

old Sherwood Hall, and you will soon find that his entire train of thought has been derailed at a small, rusty siding—a siding which comes under the heading of "Your Immediate Future"—which brings us to the general purpose of this article: to enumerate the many griefs and woes which have arisen since the beginning of the new year.

First, there's the question of mid-term examinations, and the short six weeks (or is it seven) between mid-term and final

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