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## FOOTBALL PLANS FOR '48 ARE FOUND IMPRACTICAL BY TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

by John Hyde

Attorney General Eugene Cook's six month drive for football at Mercer in 1948 was put to an end with the statement issued by the six-man trustee-alumni grid committee after their meeting last Wednesday.

But the following day, John Sammons Bell, alumni executive chairman, announced that the alumni will continue work on plans for resumption of football at Mercer in 1949. Bell voiced disappointment at the inability of the committee to reach a workable solution of the problem. He stated that 90 per cent of the students and hundreds of alumni favored return of the sport, and pledged a continued drive by the alumni committee.

The decision that the present grid plan was not practicable came with the 4-hour meeting of the Trustee-Alumni committee. The committee composed of Bell, Bert Struby, Macon; Bela Lancaster, LaGrange, of the alumni, and Hamilton Holt, Macon, Columbus Roberts, Jr., Columbus; George Sparks, Atlanta, of the Board of Trustees, issued the following statement:

"We are in unanimous agreement that after considering all problems involved it is not feasible to put a team in the field in 1948. This will give us more time to study the matter. The alumni and trustee committee is making a continued study with the idea in mind of working out a constructive program for the resumption of inter-collegiate football at Mercer and we hope we can work out a plan satisfactory to all concerned for 1949."

According to Bert Struby, committee member, unforeseen problems in the alumni plan arose which caused the grid committee to decide not to press the present football issue. He further emphasized Bell's statement with, "The plan for 1949 football has definitely not been dropped."

## Val Sheridan To Play Lead Part In Drama

Val Sheridan of Macon has been cast in the leading role of Matt Denant, an escaped convict, in John Galsworthy's "Escape," to be produced by the Mercer Players February 23 and 24 in the Willingham Chapel.

Other important roles in a cast of 27 will be played by: Mary Alice Sheridan, Macon, as the Girl in the Park; Joe Gossett, Albany, as a Fellow Convict; Aubrey Heflin, Centertown, Ky., and David Morgan, Ellenwood, as two Wardens; Alice Kilmer, Baltimore, Md., as a Lady in a Hotel; James Leitch, Cayman Brac, B. W. I., as an Old Gentleman; Ralph Clance, Macon, Frank Hall, Moultrie, Rosemary Hill, Washington, and Martha Powell, Macon, as Four Picnickers; Sally McKay, Macon, and Clair Silas, Jacksonville, Fla., as wife and husband; Dick Landress as a Farmer; Lillian Moye, Waycross, and Mary Crotteau, Miami, Fla., as two Maiden Sisters; Hank Hollingsworth, Sylvania, as a Parson.

Completing the cast are: Peggy Pierce, Cairo, as a Maid; Lou Jarnagin, Newnan, as a Little Girl; Spencer Jarnagin, Newnan, as a Constable; John Stanton, Macon, as a Bellringer.

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## Spring Term Begins New Law Registration Dean O'Neal Reports

The beginning of the Spring Quarter is the next entering date for students who desire to commence the law course at the Walter F. George School of Law, Dean F. Hodge O'Neal announced today.

Mercer pre-law students who expect to enter the law school in March are advised to make formal application for admission as soon as possible. Since the number of applications from Mercer and elsewhere will exceed the number of vacancies available, a student is not assured of admission to the law school until he has submitted a formal application and the application has been passed on favorably by the Committee on Admissions.

It is particularly undesirable that a large number of students wait until registration day to submit applications, for the time necessary to the committee's careful consideration of the records and qualifications of the late applicants will result in a delay of several days in their registration.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary to the Dean of the Law school.

## MERCER CAGERS, GEORGIA BULLDOGS TO PLAY FRIDAY

The pace will probably be fast and furious when the Mercer basketball team tangles with the strong Georgia Bulldog quintet Friday night in the Porter gymnasium.

A capacity crowd is expected to be on hand to witness what probably will be an action-packed, high-scoring affair between the two well-coached teams.

Earlier this season in Athens the Bears were topped by the Bulldogs, 80 to 62, and when Friday night rolls around, the local lads are going to "shoot the works" in trying to even the count.

It will be a big job for the Orange and Black to stop the point-making ability of Healey, Harvill, and fast-stepping Joe Jordan. This trio sparks the attack of Georgia, and Healey is very accurate in swishing the nets. Mercer's defensive stars, Bob Shuler and Captain "Shot Gun" Sutton, are set to lead the Bear team in attempting to halt Georgia's high scoring machine.

Having an entire week of practice without a game should prove advantageous to the Bears, in spite of mid-term examinations. Coach Cowan and the team are preparing to pit spirit and determination with their basketball savvy against Georgia in trying to upset the favored Bulldogs.

No matter which team wins, it should be a whale of a ball game.

## 'The Centrality of Christ' Marks Theme of Religious Focus Week



Dr. Dale Moody



Dr. John M. McGinnis

## CLUBS COMBINE TO PRESENT MUSICAL COMEDY, PINAFORE, APRIL 22 AND 23

Dr. Arthur L. Rich, director of music, and Miss Mary Brooks Popkins, head of the speech department, plan to combine the Glee Club and the Dramatic Club at Mercer University in presenting a musical comedy. Their selection is Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pinafore."

The student body will be given an opportunity to see "Pinafore" on April 22 and 23. Following this, it will be presented to different clubs and organizations in neighboring cities.

The last production of this type to be given at Mercer was four years ago when Dr. Rich presented Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury." It was very successful, and Dr. Rich feels that another production is well in order.

The cast has been tentatively selected but is not definite. If you are interested in taking part, see Dr. Rich or Miss Popkins.

## Legal Fraternity Holds Pledging, Initiation

Thirteen members of the Walter F. George School of Law have been pledged to Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, according to George Sims, president. The fraternity also initiated Buckner Melton of Moultrie into brotherhood.

The new pledges are Kenneth Askew, Chipley; Henry W. Bostick, Tifton; Noble C. Doss, LaGrange; Harry D. Boswell, Columbus; Emmett Floyd, Covington; J. A. Gilmore, Milledgeville; Thomas F. Gordon, Moultrie; John H. Holder, Hardwick; Richard Thornton, Parrott; William L. Tyson, Ashburn; Mullins Whisnant, Waverly Hall; Edward T. Wright, Ladue Valley, Mo.; and Griffin Bell, Warner Robins.

## Bears' Florida Trip Proves Successful

Making their week-end invasion of Florida successful, the Mercer cage team won over Florida State, 61-48, on Friday night and defeated Stetson, 54-42, on Saturday night in Deland.

Bear center Glenn Wilkes boosted his season's scoring total by hitting the buckets for 35 points in the two games.

## SEMINARS FEATURE NOTED SPEAKERS

by Pete Nunn

Attention will be focused on the theme "The Centrality of Christ" during the Religious Focus Week services and seminars beginning next Monday, Feb. 2, and continuing through the following Friday noon.

Under the auspices of the Baptist Student Union, the series of meetings have the purpose of focusing our attention on the centrality of Christ and applying His teachings to every phase of our lives.

Featured at the regular chapel hour, which will continue until 12:45 with attendance being checked in the usual manner, will be Dr. Dale Moody, Professor of Theology at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Moody will speak on the following subjects: "Out of This World," "God Is Not Dead," "Wretches," "Scandal and Follies," and "Fire on the Earth."

The evening services at 7:00 in the chapel Monday through Thursday will feature the preaching of Dr. John M. McGinnis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cedartown, Ga. The prominent religious leader will address the groups using the following subjects as themes: "Jesus and Life's Practical Philosophy," "Christ and Life's Highest Loyalty," "Christ and Life's Deepest Transformation," and "Christ and Life's Other Alternatives."

Dr. Moody and Dr. McGinnis (Continued on Page 2)

## GRADUATION EXAMS

Announcement comes from the office of the Dean to all Seniors who expect to apply for graduation after the Winter or Spring term that they must stand a comprehensive examination in order to gain a degree. If you have not yet registered for this examination, you are requested to do so as soon as possible.

## GABRIEL'S HORN IS REPLACED BY NEW BSU PAPER

The appearance of the Gauntlet, magazine of the Mercer Baptist Student Union, came yesterday with a strong editorial appeal for unity and Christian loyalty. Replacing the previous publication, Gabriel's Horn, the new magazine is under direction of Lamar Brooks of Edison.

Members of the BSU who will support Brooks in editing the Gauntlet are Ray Brewster, Pete Nunn, Pearl Holmes, Millard Hunt, Henry Durham, Marion "Curly" Matthews, Landon Spradlin, Charles McMillan, and Jimmie Jones.

## SERVICE FRATERNITY TO TYPE BLOOD

Alpha Phi Omega is formulating plans to enable students willing to donate blood in an emergency to have their blood typed.

A survey will be conducted in the near future to determine the students who wish to have their blood typed; later, a blood typing unit from Macon City Hospital will be on the campus. When the results are obtained, a permanent file will be maintained in order that a source of blood will be readily accessible in cases of emergency.

New officers for the fraternity, elected January 15 are: Henry Durham, Fernandina, Fla., president; Charlie Davis, Hawkinsville, vice-president; Ray Brewster, Cedartown, pledgemaster; Willie Gunn, LaGrange, secretary; Carroll Wright, Folkston, treasurer.

## Floyd Made President Blue Key Chapter

At a call meeting Monday, the Mercer Blue Key chapter elected Emmett Floyd, of Covington, president to fill the unexpired term of Tommy McLane, Atlanta.

Floyd, a law student, was tapped for Blue Key during the fall quarter. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Omega, BSU, Ministerial Association, Flying Club, Law School Association, Mercer Cluster, Glee Club, and Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT NOTES

A report was read to the Student Council concerning the Administration's plans, if any, to place Mercer graduates in jobs. It was voted to have a survey made by Council members to determine what efforts should be made to set-up an employment service on the campus. The survey will be made by a committee headed by Norman Beverley.

The new constitution will be completed in the near future. Present plans call for the creation of executive, legislative and judicial branches of government; student government management of the student activity fund and a new apportionment of student representatives on the council. Details are to be worked out by a special constitutional committee.