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## THE STUDENT BODY

The splendid spirit manifested by the students of Mercer University when they walked, caught rides and rode in box cars to the basketball tournament at Atlanta, has caused a world of favorable comment from the citizens of that city, as well as from the students of other universities.

Some have expressed the belief that Mercer sends a larger bunch of rooters to distant cities to cheer their team than does any other institution in the South. Certainly this is so in regards to basketball. Anyone present at the tournament games played in Atlanta last week certainly knows that Mercer is on the map, for with an entire tier of seats taken up by Mercer students alone, the roof of the giant auditorium was nearly raised when these patriots cut loose with a yell for their team. Never did they waver, but cheered the team on when Mercer's end of the score was trailing as they did when the team had run up a safe margin.

Many expressed their appreciation of the sportmanship of the Mercer students when they would always give the opposing team a hearty cheer at the beginning of the fray. Hissing and hooting the referee and indulging in personalities were conspicuously absent from the sounds coming from the Mercer section.

Of course all hated to see such a brilliant team as ours halted in the semi-finals, but whatever the scoreboard might have read, there is gratification in knowing that the students were loyal to the last man and that the team played hard and clean at all times.

## WELL DONE

This is not intended to be an alibi for the defeat of Mercer's great team in the semi-finals of the South's greatest tournament, but is merely an appreciation of the good work done by this scrapping, fighting, and clean squad of basketballers.

The best team in the country could have hardly desired a more interesting and heavy schedule than chanced to face the Mercer team in every day's play. Not lucky enough to draw a bye on the first day, Mercer was called upon to eliminate Auburn in the first game—or to get eliminated. Mercer succeeded in trouncing the Tigers in handy style, and Newberry and Alabama followed on the two succeeding days, only to be eliminated by the Baptist wrecking crew. Growing weary by the Chattanooga game, the Cody crew fell before the onslaught of Redd and Company. A great rally enabled Mercer's worn team to overcome Tech for third honor after Tech had lost to the Aggies.

All in all, the team proved worthy of the institution which it represented and won great places in the hearts of the thousands of fans who saw their clean and brilliant playing. The team has done well and it should be a day of rejoicing among all supporters of Mercer, even though the team failed to take first honors.

## AND HE WANTED IT

She: "It's six o'clock. I told you to come after supper."  
He: "That's what I'm after."

## EXCHANGES

### A PAPER LASS

The curtains are all lacey,  
Quite pretty paper, too,  
And from a tiny house of red  
She walks out straight to you.

The hollyhocks stand primly,  
A dove is on the wing;  
Her small red mouth's a-pucker,  
Perhaps a kiss she'll fling.

Your hand's outstretched to meet her,  
You take a step or so;  
And now you know you love her, but—  
Her answer might be—no.

Too bad to disappoint you,  
Could you just let it pass?  
Her house is but a paper heart  
And she—a paper lass.

I'm sorry, oh, so sorry,  
Perhaps she's sorry, too;  
That she is blued on paper  
As a Valentine to you.  
—Tennessee College Magazine.

### COLLEGE PROPERTY

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the use of college property among the students here on the campus. Perhaps it is caused by thoughtlessness on the part of a few who do not realize the value this property has, nor the injury caused the college by its destruction and misuse. The buildings and furnishings on the campus are used from year to year by the student body and it behooves each set of students to care for this property through their moral obligation to students themselves if nothing else. However, since each student morally pledges himself to abide by the rules and regulations set down by the authorities of the college when he or she enters the institution, then it is only by disregard for one's own promise that the property is maltreated.

It has been said, it is thought that most of the fault lies in the thoughtlessness of a few students, hence a word to the wise should be sufficient.  
—Rollins Sandspur.

### BAYLOR TO GIVE COURSE IN PHOTOGRAPHY NEXT TERM

With the introduction of a course in photography next term, Baylor College will be the third school in Texas to offer photography in the school curriculum, according to Prof. E. A. White, head of the Physics Department, the only other schools in Texas offering the course being the University of Texas, and the College of Industrial Arts.—United Statements.

### MOTHERS TO VISIT "OLE MISS"

In the spring of this year the University of Mississippi will inaugurate an event which will probably become an annual custom from this time forth—the celebration of Mother's Day. It is hoped that by this event the parents of the students at Ole Miss may make an acquaintance with the institution to which they are sending their sons and daughters, that they may realize more fully the advantages they are giving their children by sending them here, and that a closer feeling of fellowship may be promoted among the supporters of the University. To this end it has been determined to observe Mothers' Day.

### LAW SCHOOL ATTAINS A GRADE STANDING

The Law School at the University of Mississippi has recently been recognized as one of the standard A-grade schools of the country by being admitted to the Association of American Law Schools at its meeting in Chicago the latter part of December, 1922.

The movement to raise the school to this rank was first agitated during the session 1920-21, which was the last year Dr. L. J. Farley served as Dean of the Law School. Upon Dr. Farley's retirement Judge T. C. Kimbrough was made Dean and it has been due largely to the untiring effort of this earnest and competent worker that the present goal has been reached.

### KNOW YOUR PROFESSOR

Do you know your professor as man to man? You may think that while he is in the classroom that is the only time there should be any intercourse between you and the pro-

fessors. Do you talk with them outside of the classes? Do you ask them for advice? Southwestern professors are not frightful monsters, as some would make them out to be, but real men and women, ready and willing to extend to the students a welcome not only to their friendship but into their homes. Many of our professors have experienced wonderful adventure, traveled extensively, and are well informed along lines of art, drama and music. Their chiefest delight is to talk with students interested in what they are interested in. Know your professors, not only in the classroom, but in their homes as well.—Mega-phone.

### WARD-BELMONT

"How a Family of Six Can Live Wholesomely and Well on Two Dollars a Day" is being taught in the Ward-Belmont Domestic Science Department.

### WELL BRED

He is well bred:  
Who causes the humblest illiterate person to feel a restful ease in his presence.

Who, under the stress of an embarrassing situation, in the company of either men or women, can relieve the suspense by a quick word fitly spoken.

Who assumes a friendly attitude toward the fellow whom everybody dislikes.

Who has time to speak a kind word of cheer to a despondent friend.

Who is conscientious and sincere.

Who is not afraid to love everybody and is slow to accuse anyone.

Who has a refined sensitiveness to what is coarse or suggestive of vulgarity.—Ex.

### WHY DOES A GIRL CHEW GUM.

Why does a girl chew gum? One understands why a man chews tobacco, why a cow chews her cud, and why a goat chews rags. It may even be understood why a crazy man who thought he was a paper mill chewed rags.

But why does a modern girl, loving boys and trying to captivate them as she does, chew? There are several reasons.

Probably she uses this product of hoofs to exercise her jaw muscles so that in her incessant conversation her mouth may never tire.

Again, she may wish to excite admiration by her dexterity in keeping the wad in one side and talking thro' the other side of her mouth without biting her tongue.

She may have a musical soul which finds expression in the rhythmic smacking sound that she makes while chewing.

Dr. Watkins says that most people think with their mouths, so maybe she's merely exercising her thinking apparatus.—Rollin Sandspur.

### AVERAGE BAYLOR GIRL'S WEIGHT IS 126 POUNDS

One hundred and twenty-six pounds is the average weight of the 550 college girls who have taken physical and medical examinations this year including the new girls who have been given their tests since Christmas. The fattest girl weighs 210 pounds and the smallest 80 pounds.

The tallest girl measures 5 feet 9 3/4 inches, while the shortest reaches only the point of 4 feet, 5 inches. The average strikes the medium of 5 feet, 4 inches.

One girl increases her chest measure 5 inches when she inhales. There is another student, however, who can not expand at all. The average inspiration is 3 inches.—Baylor United Statements.

### AT THE TOURNAMENT

"Colonel" Red Simmons was the shining light of the tournament in the first day's play, being favorably commented upon by all the Atlanta sport writers as a scrapping, red-haired preacher. We doubt seriously if "Red" is a minister, but we do not doubt that he was in every play and fighting all the time.

Orange colored caps worn by Freshmen, Sophs, Juniors and Seniors were quite in evidence about the streets, especially in the vicinity of Nunnally's and Tom Pitts'. One would

have thought that Mercer University had moved its dormitories just around the corner.

These aforementioned hoboes and patriots were royally entertained during their sojourn in the Gate City. Some of them enjoyed strolling the streets all night or lounging in some hotel lobby until the crack of dawn, all because there was no other convenient to rest a weary head. Others more fortunate, found a friend from Tech, Emory, or Oglethorpe, and stuck to him like a leech until bedtime and meal time, making these institutions appear as if they had affiliated with Mercer University.

The dashing, rangy and ferocious "Consuelo" Smith, All-Southern forward, has the distinction of making the most fouls of any player in the tournament, fourteen in number, being ejected from the play three times for this offense. And yet everyone who saw him play, and all who wrote about his great work, have said that not a one of these fouls were intentional, but which were made in the thick of the fight and the swiftness of play and were unavoidable. Any way "Crook" won the hearts of every one and is today the unanimous choice for the mythical All-Southern quint.

No doubt Al Doonan and his club would like to put on a tournament every week if they could be insured of the patronage they got in the recent contest. Al says he's "sittin' pretty" and going strong. Something

over \$15,000 was received and the expenses are said to be around \$12,000. Not such a bad sum for less than a week's endeavors.

George Harmon, All-Southern guard of last year, failed to be chosen on the team by the composite vote of the Atlanta sport writers this season. The team was chosen according to the work in the tournament games only and not for the season's record. Many sport writers gave their opinions that if the year's work had been included that George would have made their team in a flash. Harmon's work was brilliant at many times in the recent games and he proved that he hadn't forgotten all his stuff about dribbling a ball and leading his team in a rally.

Manly McWilliams and "Bubber" Pope figured in at least two triple loop-the-loops when they collided with one of the opposing players. The play was simply so fast and hard fought and at times there was nothing to do but keep training for the next fall's gridiron team. McWilliams did a flying Dutchman dive for the ball once and landed on his right eye. A strip of tape and a slap on the back by one of his teammates and he was off again after the sphere, fighting, and darting about like a demon.

The saddest sight of the tournament was the sight of "Colonel" Simmons hobbling about with a cane after the fierce game with Chattanooga. "Red" didn't look quite natural, but he had "done his stuff" already.  
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