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## Statue of Toby, The Bear, To Be Erected on Campus

### Bears End Season With Presbyterian, Newberry

#### Wilkes Leads Run On Blue Hose 83-62

by Bobby Bonner

Coming back from a defeat last week-end and seeking revenge over the Blue Hose, the Mercer Bears tripped Presbyterian College, 83 to 62, in Porter Gymnasium last night.

Presbyterian rallied first but the fast-breaking Bears broke loose and gained a slight lead, Mercer held the lead, but the visitors threatened several times in the first quarter. By halftime the Bears were leading the Blue Hose, 46 to 23.

The scoring duel between Glenn Wilkes, captain and forward for Mercer, and Dwight Groninger, Presbyterian forward ended with Wilkes on top again. Wilkes took high scoring honors with 25 points while Groninger looped in 20. The first encounter between the two teams found Wilkes with 21 and Groninger with 20.

Wilkes turned in a top performance. Besides being high individual scorer, his floor work and faking was exceptionally outstanding.

Rudy Stewart, Mercer guard, connected with 8 field goals to give him a night's total of 16 points. The

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#### Will Face Indians In Tonight's Game

by George Chamlee

Mercer University's basketball Bears will end their regular 1948-49 season at Porter Gymnasium tonight as they tangle with the Newberry Indians of Newberry, S. C. The Bears will be out to avenge a 58 to 55 defeat administered by the South Carolina five earlier in the season.

The visitors reportedly will floor a squad that has undergone a great deal of improvement since its last encounter with Mercer. They trounced Presbyterian last week-end, 55 to 50. The Indians will be looking for much of their scoring punch to come from forward John Valdizian who tallied 13 points against the Bears three weeks ago.

The Bruins' great forward, Glenn Wilkes, will be playing his last game for Mercer on the home court. At the end of 20 games the indomitable Bear marksman had an average of 22.2 points per game and he is almost certain to end the season with a better than 20 point average.

The six-foot, three-inch senior is

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### Mercer Art Students Plan To Construct Life-Size Figure

by Ellen Willis

Plans are now being made to erect a statue of Toby, the Mercer bear, on the campus in front of the Co-op. The idea originated with Ben Tucker and Pete Murray. Various members of the student body are now working on the project.

The life-size figure of the bear will be constructed by students of the Mercer art department under the direction of Marshall Dougherty. Plans also call for a small pond around the statue with walks and stone benches to be added later.

#### Inscription Contest

A contest open to all campus organizations will be conducted to select the lines which will be inscribed on the pedestal of the statue. The winning organization, which will be announced during chapel exercises, will be awarded a loving cup which it will keep permanently. Each organization will receive a letter stating rules and regulations of the contest. A committee composed of Dean O. D. Knight, Marshall Dougherty, Mrs. Helen Plymale, Pete Murray, Joe Clements, and Ellen Willis will judge the contest entries.

#### Committee Heads

Ann Harris and Val Sheridan have been appointed to head the student committee. Various sub-committees have also been chosen.

Heading the finance committee will be Kitty Carmichael, chairman, and Sally Serson, Jack Cleghorn, Jackie Ward, Roy McMurray, Lenora Griner, Nell Poole, and Becky Watson.

In charge of price estimates are Dan Bullard III, chairman, and Dan Dunwoody, Hilda Harris and Russell Wilson.

The publicity committee will be headed by Ellen Willis, chairman, and Ralph Temple, Pete Nunn, Bob Littell, and Marion Barfield.

Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University, who highly favored the project, appointed a faculty committee composed of Dean O. A. Knight, Prof. Riley B. Plymale, and Marshall Dougherty to work with the student group.

### Ray, Aikman, Address G.C.P.A. As Cowan Presides At Banquet

Select a specific department and specialize in it along with regular journalism work while in college, William J. Ray, assistant managing editor of The Atlanta Journal, advised college journalists at the annual Georgia Collegiate Press Association dinner in Athens Friday evening.

Ray shared speaking honors at the banquet with Leo Aikman, editor of The Cobb County Times, who replaced Editor W. R. Smith of The Macon News who was unable to attend the dinner.

Jim Cowan, president of G.C.P.A. and editor of The Mercer Cluster, introduced the speakers as presiding officer at the dinner in the Holman Hotel in downtown Athens.

John E. Drewry, dean, Henry W. Grady School of Journalism, welcomed the college editors to the University of Georgia for the banquet and the Georgia Press Institute which had earlier concluded its third day of activities.

After the dinner President Cowan

presided at a short business meeting of G.C.P.A. members. Proposed changes in the association's constitution were discussed by the group and will be voted on at the annual collegiate press meet in May. Cowan entered an application for the meet to be held again on the Mercer campus under the joint sponsorship of The Cluster and The Bearskin.

Schools which were represented at the G.C.P.A. banquet included Mercer, Wesleyan, University of Georgia, South Georgia College, West Georgia College, and Georgia State College for Women. Mercer delegates were Cowan, John Hyde, associate editor of the Bearskin and the Cluster, and Jack Perry, managing editor of the Cluster.

### Minor Tremors On Campus Are Caused By New Staff Member Of Men's Dining Hall

by Jack Perry

The slight quake which shook the campus last Saturday night was due to very unnatural causes, namely the astonished tremblings of the inmates of the men's dining hall. Reason: an institution had fallen; instead of the time-honored menu of hot-dogs, the men were confronted with a delicious concoction of Chicken a la King.

Most of the male students have attributed this, and other small but welcome improvements, to the addition of a new staff member in the dining hall, Mrs. Katherine Terrell, assistant dietician.

Mrs. Terrell is originally from Tennesse, Georgia. She received her training at dietician's school in Milledgeville, Georgia, and was previously at Pearl Stephens School in Macon. Mrs. Terrell's duties include helping to plan the menus, and supervising the dining hall from noon through the evening meal.



Mrs. Katherine Terrell ... Causes Slight Earthquakes

### Rifle Team Enters 3 Paper Matches

Major Malcolm Johnson announced that the following cadets have been selected to form the Mercer ROTC rifle team: Carlyle Sullivan, George W. Floyd, Rollin Middlebrooks, Carl Lancaster, Hal Boswell, B. A. English, D. W. English, Frank A. Jones, David Cannon, and L. L. Sheldon. The group was selected on the basis of targets fired in a series of elimination shoots held the past three weeks.

A paper match has been held with the University of Mississippi. The team, also, entered the Third Army Intercollegiate Competition and has fired in the William R. Hearst Match.

**LAW SCHOOL OFFICERS:** Marvin Dean, Sycamore (center), is the newly elected president of the student body of the Walter F. George School of Law. Carl Westmoreland, Rutherfordton, N. C., (right) captured the vice-presidency of the group, and Frank Jones, Macon, (left) was named parliamentarian. (Cluster Staff photo by Harriet Rankin.)

### Marvin Dean Wins Law School Election As Westmoreland Takes Vice-Presidency

by John Ward

#### Forrest Lanier Is Main Speaker For Youth Revival

Forrest Lanier, Mercer graduate now enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be the speaker for the week at the Macon Youth Revival, May 2-7 in the municipal auditorium, it was announced today by Wallace DuVall, program chairman.

In a telegram confirming his acceptance yesterday, Lanier said:

"In prayerful humility and with gratitude for the opportunity I accept the invitation offered me by your committee. Please ask entire student body pray that the Lord's will be done in all our lives and that we may be used as channels for His glory. Write further information and instructions. Am very humble in the face of the task, but am confident that the Lord in spite of our inadequacy will bless us beyond our greatest expectations in His work.—Forrest."

Lanier was graduated from Mercer with the Bachelor of Arts degree in June, 1947. While enrolled as an undergraduate student he served as a campus leader as president of the student body, freshman advisor, and student speaker for the 1947 Macon Youth Revival. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

### Phi Eta Sigma Frat Initiates Four Men

Robert Baynard, Macon; Lester E. Drill, University City, Mo.; Grover Robins, Albany, N. Y.; and Russell Wilson, Waycross, were initiated into Phi Eta Sigma national freshman scholastic fraternity last night at 6 o'clock in the special reading room of Hardman Library.

To be eligible for Phi Eta Sigma, college men must make a Dean's List average their first quarter or an overall average of two A's to every B for their freshman year.

Following initiation ceremonies, the fraternity held a banquet at Hotel Lanier. The principal speaker of the evening was Anthony Stansfeld, instructor of history. Dr. Pope Duncan, Christianity assistant professor, was announced as the new faculty advisor for the group.

### Imaginel

Student body president flying kite for small boy on campus.

Native co-ed asking eccentric economics professor whether he is a Republican.

Biology students weeping as sharp formaldehyde fumes escape from basement.

Competent tinmith enduring advice on how to roof chapel side porch from dean, math professor, and law student.

Excited group of Chickasaw clubbers heatedly discussing shooting controversy after appearance of Chester last week.