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WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Efficiency in the management of Mercer's football team has been questioned by the student body. When it is realized that the achievements of an athletic team depend upon the combination and co-ordination of three factors, namely, the coaching staff, management, and student spirit, the importance of such a complaint, if justified, becomes manifest.

The importance of the coaching staff and the influence of the student body upon a team requires no explanation, the need of these two factors is evident. The third element, which pertains to the management, is frequently unnoticed. The duty of the manager is to secure proper accommodations for the team, to provide suitable meals at regular intervals, and to make all arrangements for the transportation of men and baggage from and to the games.

Mercer's football equipment arrived in Gainesville, Fla., a day late, embarrassed the team, and forced a workout in civilian clothes on the eve of its most important struggle. Other arrangements for the team's comfort were incomplete on that trip, especially in reference to provisions for hotel accommodations and regular meals.

Insufficient transportation facilities delayed the Mercer football team from arriving at Grant Field prior to the Oglethorpe game, and the same difficulty after its completion prevented an immediate change of clothing by the players.

While it is recognized that none of the above mentioned irregularities is of life and death import, their undesirability is evident, and the student body is convinced that they may be eliminated by a closer attention to details by the management. These minor faults hamper the movements of an otherwise creditable football machine.

When Mercer's teams go forth to battle in her name they carry the honor of the university and the exalted hopes of a student body which has freely given of its loyalty and finances. Such teams deserve a management which will provide it with the best accommodations, prompt attention to personal requirements, and efficient transportation of men and equipment. The ideal team is never attained until coached. Students, and managers, exert every effort in their behalf. Mercer must have an ideal team.

Martin C. Burghard.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO CLUSTER STAFF

Five new members have been added to the staff of The Cluster following a recent competition in which all contestants submitted articles. The new members, according to an announcement by the judges, are:

Malcolm Johnson, Gainesville, Ga.; Charles Rogers, Barnesville, Ga.; G. E. Snellgrove, Swainsboro, Ga., and Leonard Williams, East Point, Ga., added to the reporterial staff.

F. G. Janes, of Waukeela, Fla., was added to the advertising department. This brings the staff up to a total of eighteen members.

KRANK KOLLUM

By Hugh Awtrey

The president of a certain Missouri college has written to the parents and guardians of all students at his institution to please to send all the automobiles now in use by said students on the college campus. He claims that the students, while riding around over the state of Missouri, do not seem to be assimilating quite as much text-book matter as is usually done in the best regulated universities; and he aims to stop it.

Since coming to think about it, things on our campus are not what they might be, with Mercerians cavorting promiscuously around in the university Ford, and it with the tail-light on the blink. This department, though deeming it rather unpolitic to dictate to The Prexy, would suggest that he immediately take steps to prevent this unparalleled thoughtlessness on the part of those who have been neglecting the midnight oil for the all-night gas, ripping over the countryside in Dr. Walker's son's Kiddie Kar. And besides that we suspect some of the more callous ones of harboring a pair of roller skates somewhere around, which makes, as the poets say, their name mud.

And after a cursory perusal of (a part of) Spencer's "Synthetic Philosophy," the keeper of this crazy kollection is rather inclined to think so too, and predicts a bumper cotton crop next year, excusing the boll weevil.

For Non-Suicide Week
Here lies the remains of
John Henry MacFadden.
He thought he unloaded it
When really he hadden.

This Kollum, we have maintained, is not given to making broad statements, but without any hesitancy whatsoever it will stand by its declaration that for pure unmodified dumbellarity, the quinine coated lollypop should be awarded the sweet young thing who thought a Sycamore was a kind of dog.

Ye Weekly Yell
(tremulo loud pedulum)
Hula, hula whole wheat,
Adenoids chop suey,
Meningitis, meningitis,
Blooley, blooley, blooley.

Far be it from this department to find fault with the railroads; anyone can do that. But the other day we saw a placard on a gasoline tank car that read, "Handle With Care." That is our idea of superfluity. Personally, we never did get any fun much out of slamming tank cars around and treating them real rude like. If there be people who do these awful things and go around maltreating gondolas and such, we think they should be reprimanded and made to leave the cars on the track right where they found them.

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Southern Representative at Bessie Tift College.

L. R. Dicks, Southern representative of the American Red Cross, spoke at Bessie Tift College at the chapel hour Tuesday morning. Mr. Dicks' theme was the aim, the scope, and the work of the American Red Cross. He told in an interesting way of the real place that the Red Cross occupies in peace times in this country. He said that the Red Cross no only served in times of great disaster but that it rendered needed service along civic lines through classes in home-nursing and through the creation of better community spirit. He told of how an international spirit is being created among the children of the world through the Junior Red Cross which may be a dynamic force in future international relations.

One of Mr. Dicks' most striking statements was that "The army and navy are the physical parts of our country; the governmental machine is the mind of the brains, and to me the Red Cross is the Soul of America."

Bernice: "Can I borrow your black bow?"
Ellen: "No, all of my beaux are white."

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