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TRYING TO HELP

The avowed purpose of this paper is to reflect, as accurately as possible, the activities of the college campus. It attempts to bring to the attention of the students all matters concerning their welfare and that of Mercer. Matters, when of no great moment, are intentionally omitted from these columns if they are unpleasant. There are times, however, when even these must be presented to the student body if authentic information is to be given the readers on such subjects which are known to be freely discussed over the campus.

An article on this page last week treated with the management of the football team with regard to accommodations on recent trips. The facts were chronicled exactly as the staff was informed of them, and were intended, in turn, to inform the students at large. Some thought it to be an editorial criticism of the coaching department of the football eleven. This impression is a misconception. No blame for defeats is laid at the door of either coaches or players. Defeats must be expected if a team is to engage in a number of football games throughout the season.

That the editorial may have been a destructive criticism is quite possible. It remains, however, that the spirit of the student body has since been rejuvenated, due indirectly to its influence.

This was the desired result.

H. R. A.

WHY NOT?

Shall freshman intercollegiate teams be developed at Mercer University? The consensus of opinion favors an affirmative reply since the formation of such teams solves the problems of fairness and justice to the new men and provides enlarged opportunities for forensic training.

Under the present system only eight men represent Mercer as debaters. Think of it, eight men from a body of one thousand students! These debaters are selected by judges who hear the competitive speeches of all applicants. By this arrangement the freshman occupies an unfair position since he competes with experienced debaters, with alternates of former years, and with others who have received training in the debating institutions of the college. Small wonder many freshmen decide to postpone their efforts until they become Sophomores or Juniors. Such a decision results in an irrecoverable loss of valuable experience and training.

Athletic authorities recognize the handicap that confront the new man. They encourage the possible athlete by organizing exclusively freshmen teams. Such usage not only aids materially in the development of future teams but stimulates class interest which is but another form of college spirit. This example of athletic efficiency appeals to all who would behold Mercer outstanding in the future as in the past, one of the foremost producers of capable, well trained debaters.

Martin C. Burghard.

KRANK KOLLUM

By Hugh Awtry

The young thing who wrote to the department of an Atlanta paper which gives advice to the love-lorn—a sort of matrimonial advisory bureau—and said that she was very good looking, had plenty of sense, etc., but didn't seem to be able to draw a crowd, might try any number of home made recipes for increasing her Friday night attendance. A one-piece bathing outfit is calculated to make a beaten path to her door, and carnivals seem to find the steam callope a right good way to herd in the suckers. There are lots of ways and means.

And now comes a man from Tennessee and claims he has shaved 286 times with one razor blade. Of course we hate to appear too, anxious or anything, but if it's just the same to him, we would like to have the use of it as soon as the gentleman gets tired of the thing.

SAWFUL

When the time comes each week to inflict this Kolorful Kolum on the Already long suffering Student body. And we Grab our facile pen and Ink to write some good Whit and Hoomor, Everything we put down Seems real ticklish and Funny like. But when the said W and H Comes hot off the press On Friday in cold blooded Printer's ink, and there Don't seem to be nary bit of Fun and Frivolity in the Stuff. THEN Is when we resolve to Run a laundry or a Razor-blade sharpener when We get grown up. Yes, Sir, Jimmie, it's a hard Life and Crool-woid, whether You weaken or not.

BEAUTY CONTEST

By "Chick" Tounslay, Mgr.

Just before going to press this week word was received from the "Hookum and Fillum" movie concern, offering a five-year contract to the winner of the beauty contest on the campus. On hearing this news the contest editor felt tempted to enter the race, but on second consideration we decided that it would be so obviously unfair to the other contestants, were we to enter, that we decided to remain neutral. Any how, there might be talk or something if we awarded ourselves the ring-tailed dingypus, and we have heard tell that there is a kkk organization on the campus.

However, it is thought that an announcement by this nationally known film corporation will fire interest to the boiling point, and in view of the extra nominations expected, seventeen new members have been added to the

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Cluster staff and detailed to assist the contest editor in his work.

Another announcement which is of interest to all concerned in this more or less beauty contest is that the ring-tailed dingypus has been ordered and is now on its way to America. There are only three genuine dingypuses in existence and the Cluster secured this one only at the enormous cost of 4 German marks and 1 (one) Russian ruble. The dingypus was captured in the wilds of Africa and is now on board a ship, headed for America.

Following is the standing of all the candidates thus far entered in the race: Marvin Pharr, 455 votes; Fritz Gordon, 545 votes; Luke Arnold, 399 votes; Jimmie Garner, 398 votes; Ruffin, 1 (one) vote. The rumors of a dark horse are still reaching the Cluster and sensational developments for next week have been promised.

CURRENT TOPIC USED FOR SOCIETY DEBATE

Kaiser William was handled in a rough fashion Monday night in the Ciceronian literary society when the subject, "Resolved, that the ex-kaiser should be allowed to return to Germany," was debated.

The speakers to uphold the negative side were absent and volunteers were called for. C. L. Clark and T. R. Harvill volunteered. After the smoke of battle had been cleared by the gentle breezes of the critic's report, the decision was unanimous in favor of the negative.

A. C. Johnson gave the society a treat in his oration on "Oratory."

The oath of membership was administered to A. L. Pullen.

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