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## Mercer Holds Second Post-War Homecoming Festivities: Dixie Conference Teams Move In For Title Tourney

### Howard Seeks To Retain Crown

By Avon Buice, Cluster Editor

Mercer again rolls out the red carpet for visiting teams of the Dixie Conference Tournament to be held in Porter Gymnasium Monday, February 22, through Wednesday, February 24.

Five teams enter this year's tourney, with Mississippi College, Howard, Florida Southern, and Oglethorpe College participating.

Howard College comes to the tourney wearing the conference crown, which the Mercer Bears will be trying desperately to revenge after last year's 78-75 thriller in the last game of the tourney.

During the three tourneys played in Porter Gymnasium the crown has been shifted to three different teams, and will prove to make competitive spirits stronger as these teams clash next week.

Florida Southern took honors the first year, Mercer taking the crown year before last, and Howard taking the trophy last season.

Howard brings in three big names of last season's tourney. Bill Karrh was a member of the tourney first team, and Marvin Breeding, and Jim Harrison were voted on the second all-star squad. Karrh was high scorer for Howard, standing 6-5 and weighing 220 pounds.

Mercer Bears bring into tourney competition the same team since John Hughes played in last year's tourney against most of the conference teams. Hughes paced the Bruin attack in the final game last season with 22 points.

Reid and Mixon were both first team all-stars. Reid was voted Tourney's most valuable player.

Mercer "M" Club president, Joe Watson, is making plans for the monogram club to act as official hosts for the teams to visit the campus during the Tourney.

Watson said that "M" Club members would meet each team and guide them in getting set up in living quarters and show them recreational facilities for "off hours" in the city of Macon.

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### Selective Service Exam Is Given

All eligible students who intend to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test in 1954 should file application at once for the April 22 examination. Selective Service National Headquarters advised today.

An application and a bulletin of information may be obtained at any Selective Service local board. Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application immediately and mail it in the special envelope provided. Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 8, 1954. Early filing will be to the student's advantage.

Results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student, according to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test.

### Guy E. Mastin To Edit Mercer Law Review

Guy E. Mastin of Princeton, West Virginia, has been named to succeed Wallace E. Harrell as Editor-in-chief of the Mercer Law Review.

Mastin has named Carl Buice as case-note Editor and James P. Lamb as Business Manager. Other members of the Editorial Board are Bill Barger, Leon Chanin, R. M. Stone, Ed Rosier, and John Bedford.

Because of their high grades and legal writing ability several new students have been nominated for membership in the law review. Final approval will depend upon whether or not a case-note is submitted. These students are Jack Cowart, Luis Crespo, Eugene Heinrich, Terry McKenna, and Lester Smith.

Other special contributions will be Wayne Holmes and Homer Drake.

Membership on the Editorial Board is considered the highest honor attainable in law school.

### Chautemps, Past French Premier Speaks in Chapel

Camille Chautemps, four times Premier of France, spoke in chapel services at Mercer University Friday, February 12, at 10 a.m.

"Europe Up to Date" was the topic of his address. He also spoke at 3:30 p.m., Friday, to the faculty of the university.

The speaker has gained a great knowledge of French politics and international affairs of Europe as a result of his political career. He advocates a close tie-up between the United States and England as essential to the welfare of France.

Born in Paris, Mr. Chautemps studied in several colleges and universities in France. He received degrees of bachelor, licentiate, and doctor of law at the University of Paris.

A conservative in his political views, Chautemps entered politics in 1912 and served as Mayor of Tours, as a representative, and as a senator. He has served in a number of French cabinets from 1924 to 1940.

He has been Minister of the Interior, of Justice, of Public Works, and of National Education. He was also Minister of State, Vice President of the Republic, and Premier.

The Chautemps family has been active in French affairs, also. Four of the former Premier's brothers died in the service. His son-in-law, a colonel in the FFI, was killed by the Germans, and his two sons, who escaped to North Africa, returned to their homeland with the Free French forces. One was wounded and both decorated for valor.

After the French Armistice in 1940, Chautemps, his wife, and four children came to the United States, and they now live in Washington, D. C.



Mayor of Macon, B. F. Merritt Jr., signs Proclamation naming Saturday, February 20 as Bear Day and talks over plans with Student Body President Wallace E. Harrell, Cluster Editor Avon Buice, and Parade Marshal Gene Temple.

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mercer University is a noble institution of learning and tradition, and  
WHEREAS, the spirit and ideals of this university have always been of the highest, and  
WHEREAS, the Student Body and the Faculty wish to encourage just veneration of these admirable qualities, and  
WHEREAS, the invincible Bear has long been the symbol of this University, and fitting ceremonies are scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 20th, now  
THEREFORE, I, B. F. Merritt, Jr., Mayor of Macon, Georgia, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, February 20, 1954, to be MERCER BEAR DAY.

B. F. Merritt, Jr.  
Mayor  
CITY OF MACON

### Emory Sponsors Political Forum

Students from Emory University and other colleges will have an opportunity to toss questions at the state's gubernatorial candidates at a student council sponsored political forum May 14, Gilbert Turner, president of the Emory University's student body, announced today.

The forum, to which Georgia's candidates for governor will be invited, will be held in Glenn Memorial Chapel on the Emory campus at 7:30 p.m. Turner will act as moderator, and three student delegates will be named to represent the student government's of their colleges on the program. According to Turner the program will consist of brief introductory remarks by the candidates, followed by questions from the panel. Auditorium space will be reserved for students from Emory, Georgia, Agnes Scott, Oglethorpe, and other college and high school students, said Turner.

He emphasized that the panel was designed to interest Georgia students in the local affairs, and is to be "educational, rather than political" in theme. Turner hopes this will be the first of several such forums to be sponsored by student councils in Georgia's colleges.

#### BEAR DAY PARADE

To Form at City Court-house

Saturday 2:45

Parade Begins 3:00 P. M.

### Mercer Mimics

Club meeting President C. on campus greeted him with "Good morning, Mr. C. Major, ex-Doctor, ex-President."

In her confusion, hoping she was not heard, was surprised to hear him say, "At least it is not Doctor."

Congratulations to the fraternity who finally won a championship. "Always a bridesmaid and never a bride" is no longer applicable to them. Oh you blushing bride!

Seen at the recent formal—one "bunny" in the bunny hop line running instead of hopping!

Now that THE important emphasis week it so successfully completed—can we have a week or two emphasizing nothing but studying, learning and teaching.

### Mercer Students To Attend Baptist Conference Soon

The Southwide Conference of Baptist Theological Students will be held in Louisville, Ky., March 24-25, on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Conference was established in 1945 by Southern Seminary students as a means of fostering fellowship between Christians of different races, in the furtherance of the Gospel.

Chairman of the Steering Committee is Dr. Victor Glass, a graduate of Southern Seminary and

### Barbecue, Floats Rally, Highlights

By C. C. Lynch

Mercer University students, faculty, and alumni will join in the second homecoming celebration since 1942 this weekend, February 19-21.

As in last year's program the school's annual Bear Day festivities will be combined with the homecoming activities, according to Student Body President Wallace Harrell, Quitman, who is in charge of the events.

The occasion is traditionally accompanied by the return of many alumni to the campus, and a series of colorful activities add interest to the three-day affair.

The Interfraternity Council will sponsor a dance Friday night, when the homecoming queen will be announced. The outstanding campus beauty will be chosen by a committee of faculty members, who are at present considering the field of girls.

Most-looked-forward-to event of the weekend will be the Bear Day parade through downtown Macon Saturday at 3 p.m. Several campus organizations will sponsor floats and decorated automobiles in the parade, the theme of which is "Foreign Countries". Each entry will be based on some aspect of the theme, and winning group will receive cups.

"Miss Homecoming" will ride on the student government float. Wade Hiltabidel, Mill Run, Pa., vice-president of the student body, is in charge of this float. The Bear Day parade was begun in 1948, and in that first one such attractions as a 300-pound live bear, a faculty float, and one fraternity entry which featured their sponsor wearing a hoopskirt built around an automobile.

The student government will give a barbecue and pep rally that afternoon at 5.

Saturday night at 8:30 the Mercer Bears will play Howard College in Porter Gymnasium. This is their last game before the Dixie Conference, which will be held here next week.

At the half-time in the game, the float cups will be presented to the winning organizations. At the same time "Toby and Tot" will be presented. The couple in whose honor the largest amount of contributions to the March of Dimes is made will win this contest.

Something new this year in the celebration is a campus church service on Sunday morning at 11:30. Bob Miller, senior ministerial student, will preach and the Mercer Choir will sing. Students will conduct the entire service.

Administrative Dean of American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.

A delegation from Mercer will attend the Ninth meeting of the conference. The party will leave Mercer at noon on Tuesday, March 23, and will return on Friday.

Any student interested, whose academic record will stand absences, is eligible to attend. Those desiring to attend or desiring information should see Dr. Ed Johnston.