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THE CAULDRON PROBLEM

The plan, submitted by Dr. Rufus Weaver last Friday in Chapel, which granted the Cauldron staff of next year at \$1,500 subsidy, does not entirely solve the problem of editing the annual publication without incurring a deficit, nor does it place a Cauldron in the hands of every student.

It does, however, eliminate the gravest problem of the Cauldron staff for the next year. The past experiences of the editors have been that it is possible to raise approximately \$2,400 by sale of space and advertisements, and by sale of the Cauldron itself. The entire cost of the publication has been about \$4,000. The difficulty in the past has been in meeting the \$1,600 difference between the entire cost and the usual deficit. The plan of a \$1,500 subsidy removes the greatest problem of the editors.

Had the Junior Class held an election for Cauldron officers prior to Thursday, it is very doubtful if any member of the class would have accepted the obligations and attendant responsibilities incumbent upon the Cauldron editors and business managers. With \$1,500 already pledged, the success of such an election is now assured.

No college of importance can afford to allow its annual publication to pass out of existence. No man who has attended Mercer can afford to leave his Alma Mater without first securing a copy of the Cauldron, since it is the touchstone of pleasant memories, the source of fond recollections, the "Who's Who" of campus life, the directory of former classmates and campus friends, the college album, the summary of all athletic and academic activities, the abridged encyclopedia of the entire college year. The possessor of a Cauldron, with only a cursory perusal of its pages, finds the past immediately revived and the incidents of many happy college days resurrected from memory. A Cauldron to a Mercer man is indispensable.

GOING TO TOWN

Kind hearted autolists save Mercerians no insignificant sum of money by the rides to town out of pure good will, when, otherwise the students must either walk or patronize the street cars after a possible long wait in the latter case.

Motorists who "pick up" students do so because they are willing to do us a good turn. It is lots of trouble and they could much more easily drive past without stopping to take on a cargo of Mercerians. In some cases it is probably a pleasure to them; in others possibly not after they have gone a block or so.

All students appreciate this goodwill of the citizens of Macon and should not hesitate to show them their every evidence of it. Courtesy always—and certainly courtesy in return for courtesy.

"Catching" rides is a student's institution. Be careful that you do not cause passing motorists to think it is but wasted politeness, and as a consequence, pass you by on the next trip.

With the help of the Mercer band, Marvin Pharr leading, the Cauldron officers made the group pictures on the campus Wednesday morning. While the pictures were being made the band kept up a lively tune under the gymnastic direction of the ministerial prodigy. Pictures of all the various schools and departments in the University were made, including the two literary societies.

KRANK KOLLUM

By Hugh Awtry

SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

After soaring on all the heights attainable by mere man, and being wafted here and yon on the gentle breezes of a great good fortune with bliss and happiness unmarred by Mercer sore throat, turning a deaf ear to our creditors, and not even hearing the call of the dinner siren—our feet almost touch earth again. This department is still gayer than any lark that ever essayed to do his stuff out of sheer gladness, however, and feels that the world may yet be tenable and a decent place to live. The presidential election may not be a fluke after all.

Habitual victims of this Kollum will doubtless recall a piercing wail sent on high two issues ago when we belatedly the deplorable fact that Leap Year proposals to this department were conspicuous largely by their absence. We hadn't any suggestion to leap or anything; and the pain only grew in volume when Joe McClain told us of the six propositions he had received from members of the so-called lesser sex. Our escutcheon, stamless through five leap years, seemed doomed to an ignoble finale, a berth in the gutter, and ultimately, social ostracism. A preference was stated for lilies of the valley and morning glories when our small plot of ground was bedecked.

But, boys and girls, a kind Fate intervened. Singge righte merrilie. Uncle Sam's special envoy to this office left us a delicately scented missive a few days ago, and the inscription was deliciously feminine. The following extract is genuine, 99.44% pure, and is not a figment of our imagination. It follows:

Macon, Ga.
February 6, '24.

Dear K. K.

Being a constant reader of The Cluster and also of the Kollum, I wish to enclose herewith one (1) PROPOSAL: (the capitals are ours) for the momentous leap from which there is no turning back; though there may be back fire. Hope this will relieve your mind and that the Kollum will live to a ripe old age in the greatest prosperity. You won't need the morning glories. Put on your thinking cap and

GUESS WHO?

And then there followed two folders of the highest pitched poetry, unburdening her song of love, and stopping off with us sitting astride the North Pole making weird noises at the Milky Way.

OUR PROBLEM

We tra la laed around for a day or so before regaining normalcy, and then came face to face with a problem that puts trigonometry in the crib class. Guess Who? How do you do it without a finger-print or any sort of clue? Speculation is a great thing under proper circumstances, and is the incubator of lots of good ideas, but when it concerns the affairs of one's heart, well, 'tis suspense with a vengeance.

To anyone solving the riddle this department will gladly present one pair of rubber crutches or one of Prof. Robinson's classroom jokes. Unlimber your slide rules, O Sons o' Mercer, and help one hopelessly entangled in the coils of love to locate the concocter of this billy doo.

OUR ANSWER

To you, Guess Who...
We send our best,
And in the sweetest possible tone.
All we ask in return
Is the number of your phone.

By the same mail we received another communication, this time from a known source. "Chick" Tounsley, erstwhile overseer of the Beauty Contest, Keeper of the Dingypus, and a faithful member of the Cluster staff, writes from his new location at Albany, where he is connected with The Herald. After a few item of personal interest, he charges us:

"One think I wish to entrust to your tender and loving care, namely and to-wit: Pat (Bela) Muse. He is accustomed to have someone look after him, and I am particularly worried since the recent epidemic on the campus. Do not let him have sweets

or chewing tobacco, and caution him about changing from his woollens until warm weather is here in earnest. Hope you and Dr. Weaver are well; if either of you need me, let me know at once. I remain,
"Yours,
"Chick."

DR. SELLERS HEADS COLLEGES

Mercer men are always bringing honor to their Alma Mater. This fact was proved again last week when the Georgia Association of Colleges held their annual meeting in Atlanta.

Dr. J. F. Sellers was elected to guide the organization through the coming year. "Uncle Jake," as Dr. Sellers was known to the Mercerites, was head of the chemistry department here for a number of years. He had several sons to claim Mercer as their Alma Mater.

Dr. J. R. McCain, president of Agnes Scott and a Mercer graduate, was elected to serve in the capacity of vice-president. From the Mercer faculty, Dr. Weaver, Deans Jacobs and Farrar were present.

ROUND TABLE INITIATES

Three new members were admitted to the Senior Round Table at the regular February initiation last Tuesday evening. Membership in the body is limited to chosen students in the senior class, and selected juniors are admitted during the latter part of each college year. The purpose of the organization is to promote general student activities on the campus.

The initiates: Charles Berryman, Royston; Joe A. McClain, Ringgold; Hugh Awtry, Clayton. Old members of the club: Robert Cousins, Mike Herndon, Ellison Gilmore, Henry Shell, Roy Davis, O. K. Webb, Garnet Keith.

The club limits its membership to twelve. It was founded and established on the Mercer campus in February, 1917.

FAMOUS LIGHTS

Legal
Bright
Day
Star
Head
Tail
Northern
.....house
.....ning
.....o' love
.....That Failed
.....as a feather
Benny Leonard
.....a rag
Blondes
Edison Mazdas
Beebe Daniel's eyes
Mercer Cluster
—Clank.

RIALTO

Mon. Tues. Wed., Feb. 18, 19, 20

Richard Barthelmess in
"TWENTY-ONE"

Thur., Fri., Sat., Feb. 21, 22, 23

Blanche Sweet in
"ANNA CHRISTIE"

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A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

By Leonard Williams

Mercer 31, Georgia 11, and Georgia 29, Mercer 28, were the final scores of the two Georgia games played Friday and Saturday night in the old auditorium.

Georgia Student Volunteers were in session at Bessie Tift. Mercer's delegates were: O. K. Webb, Durward Cason, Floyd Cantrell, Guy Welch, W. W. Everett, Ronald Young and J. L. Lackey.

The Southern Federation of College Students was organized and held its first meeting on Friday and Saturday at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Sixteen colleges were represented. Broadus Farrar, R. E. Walker, Chas. H. Berryman, Jr., and Marion Roberts attended for Mercer.

A soccer team to be put out from Mercer seemed a possibility. "Scotty" Young was promoting the idea.

Announcement was made that Robt. M. Gamble, Mercer alumnus, had been elected secretary of the Macon Chamber of Commerce.

E. Clem Powers, prominent Macon attorney, spoke in the chapel on Tuesday morning at a Georgia Day celebration.

Rabbi Marcusson, scout leader, spoke in chapel on Thursday morning on scouting.

MODERN VERSION

My wife is my boss. I shall not deny. She maketh me to lie down behind the bed when swell company comes, and she leadeth me up Broad street. She restoreth my pocketbook after she hath spent the contents on hobbie skirts and theater tickets and she leadeth me up the main aisle of church for her new hat's sake.

Yes, though I walk more than half the night with crying baby, I will not rest, for she is behind me. Her broomstick and her hatpin, they do everything but comfort me. She prepareth a cold snack for me, then maketh a beeline for the Aid Society.

She anoineth my head with the rolling pin occasionally. My arms runneth over with bundles before she is half done with her shopping. Surely her dressmaker's and milliner's bills shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of my wife forever.

Dean Alfriland (in Psychology class): "What does your brain do when you want to remember anything?"

Ruth Rich: "It tells me to open my book."

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