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## GOOD TIME TO LISTEN

An incident which occurred during one of the chapel exercises of the past week, while not being one a conscientious student should care to treasure as a pleasant recollection, is apparently deserving of more than passing remark.

The seeming poor grace with which certain of those in attendance at chapel allowed the speaker of the day to deliver his address would lead an observer to choose of one of two alternatives: that Mercer students do not care to take in additional food for thought (and in this case that food was of the best), or that they are sadly lacking in the common fundamentals of politeness and good taste. This indictment does not apply to the great majority of the student body, but to those few who apparently had nothing to do, nothing to think about, and wanted to stage a little nursery room game, or something equally as educational.

It is with regret that such incidents as this must be recorded and aired in this paper. Those for whom this message is intended will doubtless never see it—the Whiz Bang for them.

The "Open Forum" of the Old Gold and Black, student publication at Wake Forest, recently published a letter from a student relating to a like case at the North Carolina institution. The letter follows:

"The most shameful thing in our college life is that continued ignorant practice of a few men insisting on disturbing our chapel exercises. These campus warts, who have no respect either for themselves, their fellows or those leading the exercises, continue to talk out, scrape feet on the floor, or some such barbarous practice. Students who have ideals in keeping with the institution regard the chapel service as one of the most important periods, and they are not willing to allow this set of ill-bred jackasses to continue to disturb the service. Unless it shall voluntarily discontinue it may be said that the matter shall be brought to the attention of the governing body of our institution. It certainly smacks of babyish procedure, but if we have intellectual infants who can't behave, then punishment ought to be administered."

From the above extract it is evident that it is that inevitable small group of Kampus Kickers that precipitated the argument at Wake Forest. Some student, one who entered college for the purpose of getting an education, and who remembers the common amenities of our every-day life, rebelled.

It is fairly safe to say that those who forget the fundamentals of our simple code of politeness so far that a speaker on the stage is actually embarrassed and humiliated (in our specific case, the speaker easily revealed his good breeding by ignoring the boos, whoever they were), are not the students who build a campus spirit, who make the football, basketball or baseball team, or who lead their classes in grades. It is generally the student who can excel in nothing, and is opposed to anyone else trying to give a helping hand.

To repeat, it is a matter of regrettable fact that attention of anyone not present at the services last week must be called to the "campus warts" (to borrow from Wake Forest), "Parson" Chandler brought a message to the students from Dean Montague last Friday. The student body at large, and we hope, the guilty ones, regret sincerely the occurrence. May it never occur again.

## MERCER-GEORGIA

Tonight at the Sport Arena the Baptist indoor squad meets the Bulldog quintet from the University of Georgia in the annual floor classic of the basketball program of each institution. Student fans and other supporters of both teams have long awaited the occasion, and it is the high light of the season here.

Meeting in rivalry accentuated by seasons of colorful competition, the contests wax even colorful and hard fought with each new meeting on the basketball court. The friends of each institution become more and more caught in the spirit of the clashes as each season passes and finds winner and loser each waiting for a renewal of the fight at subsequent dates. In the past the contests have been, for the most part, unattended by hurtful demonstrations, narrow-minded school patriotism, or those other things which so frequently mar the success and hurt the true spirit of the annual combats.

Mercerians will remember, then, as they have done in the past that Georgian players and visiting student supporters are the guests of Mercer; not only while present at the local court, but during their entire stay in the city. Their courtesies to Mercerians have been appreciated when Baptist teams played in Athens. May they have equal grounds for appreciating our courtesies here.

## THE GYMNASIUM

One structure on the Mercer campus can only be referred to apologetically—the gymnasium. This building, in which athletic interest is supposed to center, has degenerated into a storehouse for athletic equipment.

It seems incredible to think that several years ago within the narrow confines of this dilapidated structure Mercer's basketball teams met all opponents, and that the high-roofed, chapel-like building once housed all of Macon's basketball enthusiasts. It may have sufficed then—but the expanded athletic program of Mercer University and the increased interest in athletics have proven the old gym woefully inadequate to meet all requirements.

Mercer's basketball teams at present never use the gym, even for practice games. For training, Coach Gilliam is forced to take them down to the municipal athletic court. This entails a loss of time, and causes an added expense. The old gym does not even meet the needs of the class teams.

The need of a new gymnasium is painfully evident. Even extensive alterations of the present structure would not satisfy this need. An entirely new court is required, one built on or near the Alumni field. Once constructed the gate receipts, accruing to the athletic association, would more than repay the initial costs.

The plans for Greater Mercer included a modern, commodious gymnasium; and the present building was to be remodeled into a theological building. A fulfillment of that program would bring ten or twelve class rooms into existence, thereby relieving the present congestion; a new gymnasium would be erected capable of accommodating all spectators; and an increased campus spirit due to increased interest in interclass athletics. Mercer must have a gymnasium commensurate with her development.

## THE ROSES

By John E. Parker

Aurora slips above you, mountain peaks

Into a recess filled with roses,  
And into every jagged crevice creeps,  
Kissing each rose as it sleeps.

Blood-red rose against an azure sky,  
That cheers the heart of the passerby;  
Wake! wake! to daylight's dawning,  
And dispel care, grief and mourning.

Thy color signifies life's tepid blood;  
Thy purity analogous to motherhood;  
The sheen of thy petals encourages me  
As I brave the perils of life's frothing sea.

But, Rose, a simple boon I ask of thee  
As Aurora's bright rays sweep this plain:

That thou gather estranged lovers in thy arms,  
And join their severed loves again!

O symbol of Love, dazzling bright,  
Glorious in the evening's light,  
Teach sweethearts the ways of Love  
While God watches from above.

## KRANK KOLLUM

By Hugh Awtry

### ANNOUNCING OUR PICK

With enthusiasm at a high pitch over the results of the recent interclass football series, climaxed by today's announcement of the composite All-Class selections, it behooves this department to make known its mythical pick also, just to avoid being scooped clean out of the newspaper game.

It is with fear and trembling that any follower of sports attempts to pick his choices for a given season. The following men we have selected, however, are in our opinion so well qualified for the places that it is believed no one will take issue with the K. K. Incidentally, we would suggest to the campus promoters that the class grid season at Mercer be ended in a blaze of glory and a grand finale with the matching of our eleven with the one picked on the front page. A hectic struggle; a battle to the death, and a colorful combat would most surely result from a meeting of the All-Class team with the grid outfit put forward by this department. We have named them "The Jesse Mercer Steam Rollers," and know personally that some of the members are adepts at the gentle art of rolling one thing and another.

### The Steam Rollers

Player	Pos.	Class
O'Barr	end	Junior
Latimer	end	Theology
Branfley	tackle	Graduate
Marchman	tackle	Drug Store
Gov. Cox	guard	Law
Snellgrove	guard	Cluster
Ballard	center	Gymnasium
Arnold	half	Alumni
Paul Smith	half	Sub-Fresh
Hollingsworth	full	Martinique
Pharr	quarter	Freshman

With the above galaxy of grid talent, this department will pound the keys to inform the universe that it will require some half dozen McMillins and Guyons to make us put our money back in our pocket. With J. Harry P. Thomas and Max Lasseter to serve as tutors for this aggregation, all that would prevent the highly backfield listed from running up a monster count would be an attack of locomotor ataxia. Let Marvin Pharr call signals, elect Luke Arnold captain, so as to have some one to argue with the referee on each play, and all arrangements for a championship team of the solar system would be complete. It is hoped that some one will arrange a game between the

Steam Rollers and the All-Class team. We are willing to offer odds just to make it interesting, and besides we would send in our second stringers soon after the hostilities opened.

### SERIOUSLY

One man who applied as candidate for a berth on the Junior team in the past series, has received no mention in the papers. Nothing was said about him as a possible contender for All-Class honors. Moreover he did not play a minute in any of the three contests of the Juniors. He gave the first string eleven all the opposition possible in the practices; was always the first man on the field and the last to leave.

This department, serious this time, thinks Crosby Smith should be selected on a team all to himself for the faithful service he rendered, and that with a smile.

### TO BEAUTIFY CAMPUS

The Business Management of the University is attempting to beautify our campus. That this is needed will be doubted by no one.

They will plant additional shrubs and flowers and will strive for the riddance of numerous by-paths and

jay-walkers' trails from the usual walkways.

We may help in two ways. When certain "pig-trails" are closed by adhering to the main paths you will be making it possible to have an attractive grass-covered and flowered campus. It cannot be done without student co-operation.

The other way is for some class or organization to attempt to arouse group enthusiasm in flowers. Why not have competition in flower-beds as well as in class athletics? Once it is begun others would take it up. The University would likely agree to maintain any flower-beds after they were once put down.

### FAMOUS JOKES

- Pat and Mike
- Flapper
- Seasick passenger
- Absent-minded Prof.
- Bootlegger
- Ignorant freshman
- Newrich
- Bright children
- Dining Hall Steak
- Ford
- Battling Siki
- Macon's New City Hall
- Ourself
- "I'm going to get down to studying."

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