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MU Cluster Welcomes Junior College Tourney

There's going to be some fine basketball played here next week. The Georgia State Junior College Basketball Tournament is to be held in Porter Gym, Feb. 19-23.

The Cluster would like to welcome the teams participating in the tourney and encourage Mercer students to drop by and watch a few of the ball games.

The Blue Barons of Brewton-Parker are seeded first and are the team to watch. But anybody could take it, particularly the next-seeded teams, Abraham Baldwin and Georgia Southwestern.

Mercer students will get a chance to see former Bear star Glenn Wilkes again walking the floor of the gym as he tries to pull his Brewton-Parker team out with a championship.

Standouts on the Barons squad are Gene "Turkey" Wells, a 6' 2" guard with an average of 19.1 points per game, and Ralph Miller, 6' forward with a 13 point average.

Philip Simpson, a center from Dixie, Ga., has a tremendous 26 average for ABAC. And Jerry Studdard follows close behind with an average of 20.0.

Teams from all over the state will be represented. There'll be West Georgia College, Southern Tech, Young Harris, South Georgia, Middle Georgia, Armstrong College, Truett McConnell, Norman College,

and Georgia Military College besides those already mentioned.

The first game starts next Tuesday at 1 p.m. and ball will be played right on through until after 11 p.m. Brewton-Parker, ABAC, and Georgia Southwestern have byes, but they'll be in action on Wednesday.

The tournament will be played through Saturday, with a break Friday for Mercer to meet Tampa.

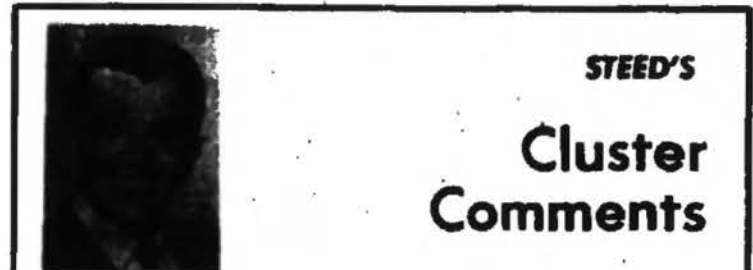
Like we said, there's going to be some mighty good basketball here next week and no basketball fan will want to miss it. Tickets for the tournament were to be put on sale today at the Co-op or athletic office. The price is \$2.00 for all tournament tickets and they're well worth it.

So if you've got a free afternoon or evening some time, you could drop by the gym to watch one of those ball games. They'll all be good, so you can't miss by just going any time.

If you're really wild about the great game of basketball, let us suggest you be at Porter Gym promptly at 1 p.m. come next Tuesday and remain in your seat to watch ten teams pace the floor before they call it a day. Come Wednesday, there'll be eight teams out there, and so on.

So pay your money and come on out and watch some ball games.

B. H.



STEED'S Cluster Comments

A MODEST PROPOSAL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISCOURTESY TO CHAPEL SPEAKERS, AND FOR ADDING TO THE SOCIAL GRACE OF THE MERCER STUDENTS.

It is a melancholy object to those who sit in the hard chapel benches, made by men who were certainly not scholars or even students of the subject of human anatomy, and view the discourteous treatment extended by many of our students to the chapel programs. These people, instead of enjoying the many fine speakers obtained to entertain and enlighten us, persist in yawning, studying, whispering, eating, sleeping and reading newspapers during this tri-weekly half-hour session.

Although many alumni tell us that the conduct in chapel has greatly improved since their term here, it is still distressing to watch a hapless speaker drone into a sea of deaf and uninterested ears.

To some students chapel is a little more than a thirty minute chore. To more enthusiastic chapel-goers it is a chance to study for the coming periods or catch up on sleep used in studying for the past periods.

Many, many students, although there is some discussion as to the actual number, fail to see the purpose of chapel at all. They ask, "Why do we have chapel? Who it is for? The faculty?" Obviously not, as very few of them present themselves at these regular programs. "The students then," they ask. Well, if their conduct and interest is any indication of their desire to attend chapel it can be very safely assumed that they would rather pursue other interests.

"Well then," the ignorant students, usually freshman, ask, "What good does chapel do?" We answer them by saying that there are a number of good reasons for having chapel. First, there is the uh, well, yea, and Secondly, we all know that uh, and then of course there is the uh, hmmm, and so on right down the line. We could go on all day. But the problem of discourtesy to the speakers remains.

What must we do? We can't make the students enjoy chapel. Could we appeal to their sense of etiquette and ask them to cease their church behavior. No, this has been tried without success. If we had no speakers there would be no speakers to be discourteous to, but this would result in a silent Quaker-type meeting and one one favors this.

The only solution is to continue to have chapel and chapel speakers but to prohibit any discourteous students from attending chapel. All those rude scholars could be sent to the Co-op while the more serious type Mercerian enjoyed chapel.

Another advantage of this suggestion is that if chapel were not compulsory the programs could be held somewhere else, e.g. a telephone booth, and the chapel proper could be used for a girl's gymnasium.

A third advantage of this proposal is that by sending all the rude students who do not want to go to chapel to the co-op they could read the copies of Amy Vanderbilt's Book of Etiquette, placed there by SGA, and add considerably to their social graces. After a length of time chapel attendance would probably build up to the point where it would have to be held in a larger place e.g. a professor's office.

Mercer Opinions

By Bob Stephens

The question this week is: What do you think of the announced tuition raise?

Emmett Johnson, sophomore: As a boarding student I wouldn't mind saying a little more if someone would put some shades or blinds in my room. No privacy! I can't fight the bus riding by my room six or eight times a day well calculated to pass by my room just when I come from the shower.

Helen Sloan, freshman: Sounds reasonable. As long as the school improves there must be a corresponding rise in tuition.

Alan M. Warr, junior: If Mercer needs extra funds to provide students with the modern equipment and facilities we have come to think of as an integral part of the family, I'll willingly give up chewing tobacco and ping-pong.

A. M. Peimester, sophomore: It is reasonable considering the rising cost of living. In fact, it could have come long before now and could easily have been a larger increase.

Barward Poland, sophomore: If the tuition increase is really needed, I am willing to accept it, but it seems to me that the school should try to raise the needed revenue from other sources if at all possible.

Frankie Maxwell, freshman: I think that any increase in tuition would be a justifiable one or it wouldn't be asked for by the school. I would be willing to pay the increase if it were applied to beneficial expenditures, and I am sure it would be.

Cluster Encourages All To Seek Danforth Awards

Mercer is to be commended for her forward-moving policy of making use of the many benefits offered through scholarship awards. Perhaps even more people might gain these grants if they would take advantage of the opportunities afforded them. Every year several agencies, such as the Danforth Foundation, make these awards available.

Recipient of the Danforth award this year is Miss May McMillan, Mercer English teacher. This Teacher Study Grant entitles her to 11 months of graduate work at the University of Wisconsin which will be applicable toward a doctorate in English literature. Miss McMillan is one of 57 college teachers selected from more than 300 applicants to receive one of the Danforth grants.

Last year, Nancy Yates, graduate of the class of 1956, received a Danforth award

for study and service at Boston University. Under the program, she attended a five week training course at Camp Miniwaca in Michigan before going to the university. On the campus her duties include working with religious and other student activities and counseling with younger students as well as studying and enjoying the cultural opportunities offered by the city. Nancy was the first Mercer student selected to participate in the Danforth Graduate program.

However, this doesn't mean that she must be the last. Many benefits such as these await deserving students and teachers who wish to utilize all advantages in their pursuit of further study.

Needless to say, Mercerians congratulate these two who re-affirm our faith in the Mercer program and its advantageous benefits.

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