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### GREETINGS, MERCER MEN!

This spirit of welcome includes all students whether newly matriculated freshmen or postgraduates. The difference is merely that of time.

To the new arrivals in the Mercer family we extend congratulations as well as salutation. Means for fulfillment of your destiny lie within the walls of this University. Here you will develop those tendencies that lead to success.

Mercer University offers itself for your advancement. Her vast, accumulated experience is placed at your disposal. But you must act. By your volition, by your application to and interest in your work will you realize the ultimate goal.

From the beginning—work. Strive to acquire friends, being cautious, however, in your selection of intimates. Master the knack of congeniality, it will gain you admittance in all circles. Affiliate yourself with some extra-academic organization. Class-room work is but a part of your training. The Y. M. C. A., the Literary Societies, the Glee or Dramatic Club, athletics—these are some of the means for all-around development.

College life is an investment. The more energy and time invested the greater returns to be realized! Learn to invest wisely. "Get-rich-quick" schemes are incident to collegiate as well as financial experience. Do not be content with learning one thing a day. You could take a correspondence course for that. Anyhow, it is too much like banking one dollar with fifty at your disposal.

"Advice is cheap"—very true! But experience, the breeder of knowledge, frequently comes too dear. It is a waste of time to dig out for yourself what others have proven true. Never spurn the advice of the older men; they went through the mill and know the turns.

Above all, be a man! In moments of doubt follow your best impulse and you cannot go wrong. Henceforth you are to be, not merely a man, but a Mercer man—a Mercerian. This new obligation is now a part of your life. Remember—be a Mercerian.

Emceebec.

### THE MERCER SPIRIT

A treasure rarer than Halls or Fame  
The incoming class inherit  
An essence dear as the heart's pure flame—  
The fighting Mercer Spirit.

Born in the hearts of former students, nurtured by succeeding classes, presented to us with undiminished vigor is the highest attribute of college life, the choicest sentiment of our hearts—the Mercer Spirit.

Definition for the Mercer Spirit may be difficult, but its many manifestations are evident. It is founded on a supreme love for the Institution, a devotion to and a respect for the ideals of the University, and an undying allegiance to those who represent Mercer on the field or in the forum.

Mercer's Spirit is a fighting spirit. A spirit that may be broken by defeat or quenched by a loss is not worthy of the name; a spirit that grows egotistical with victory is despicable. The Mercer Spirit rises with defeat and moderates when victory adorns our banners.

Songs and yells are outward expressions of the Mercer Spirit. Learn them thoroughly. Know the students, especially the members of the teams, as such acquaintanceship is fuel to the flame.

New men, Old men, All! Let's On To Georgia burning with the fighting Mercer Spirit. Let's demonstrate that this treasure has not been misplaced, that we have added to and augmented it each time a new man joined the Mercer ranks.

Emceebec.

### A CARD OF GREETINGS

Just a word of salutation to our sister Colleges, Wesleyan and Bessie Tift. We wish to apologize for not having opened sooner so that we could have acted on reception committee on both of your arrivals. We assure you it was due to our faculty desiring a longer vacation. You know how indigent faculties are!

We wish for you both the best year of your existence. We also promise to come over occasionally to confer with members (individually) of your student bodies on certain vital matters pertaining to—oh, pertaining to certain academic courses. We would like to discuss, say, Astrology, whether the new or old man has the most benign influence; Economics, how two may live more cheaply, or at least as cheaply, as one; Education, the difficulties of young men in gaining admittance to modern female colleges, and how to remedy this perverse evil; History, how you spent your vacation; and Theology, concerning application of the Law of Love—and a few other items of importance like that. We firmly believe that a settlement of such questions will aid materially in the development of all concerned.

P. S. Ralph Tabor and "Bill" Everett have both returned.

### 'Twas Only a Gavel! But She Wielded It Like a Rolling Pin

And Sacred Traditions of 91 Years  
Were Smashed Into  
Dusty Bits

Traditions of 91 years standing crumbled in the grip of co-eds in the Mercer summer school.

"Mr. Chairman", for nearly a century the mode of addressing the presiding officer at student meetings, fell, and "Madam Chairman", it became. Chapel walls ceased to resound to masculine demands and poundings as the chair presided over student assemblages.

Fourteen university presidents and upwards of a hundred student heads have ruled public meetings at Mercer since its founding in 1833. Only stolid, coarse-voiced and dominating men have been chosen to hush the tumult of voices and floor-disputes.

But with the coming of this year's summer school aggregation a new era began. The doubt of woman's predominancy was dispelled. Mercerites of the masculine persuasion sat by quietly, while the once more-timid co-eds held the parliamentary whip-hand.

Miss Evelyn Williams, of Woodbury, Ga., during the regular school year a student of Bessie Tift college, officiated as vice-president of the summer school student body, marking the first time in the university's history that a feminine hand has wielded the college gavel.

### LIBRARY MAY BECOME DISTRIBUTING CENTER

Influence from Washington is being brought to bear, it is understood from S. W. Garrett, Mercer business manager, to bring about the appointment of the Mercer library as the distributing point in the sixth congressional district of Georgia for all printed matter and bulletins issued by the government.

Congressman Wise, Senator Harris and others in government circles are said to favor this appointment. Only one place of distribution is allowed in each district. There is none in the sixth at present.

Should the library receive this appointment, it would furnish, in a large measure, local material for debates and campus speeches on current events, the information for which it has been necessary to seek elsewhere, sometimes in Atlanta.

### NEW ASSISTANT NAMED

Miss Mary Louise Garrett, daughter of the registrar, is to be in charge of the parallel reading department of the campus library beginning with next week. Miss Sallie Boone has just announced.

Miss Martha Raiston, who was Miss Sallie's assistant last year, will not be in the library during this session.

### SEVERAL CHANGES IN FACULTY MADE

#### Three New Professors in Religious Education, Journalism and Law

With this year's opening, Mercer's faculty has suffered the loss of four members, but gained three others. In addition fifteen student assistants have been appointed.

E. Powell Lee, assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, song director of the college glee club and professor of church efficiency and sacred music, has gone into independent evangelistic work.

Dr. C. T. Goode, former head of the English department, is now in this position at the University of Richmond, Va.

Dr. J. H. Moore, former professor of law and during last year chairman of the debating council, which won four of five engagements, is with the Vanderbilt University law school.

George M. Sparks, who for several years had headed the Mercer school of journalism, is now at Georgia Tech as instructor of economics and in charge of publicity work.

The first to be added to the 1924-25 faculty was H. Louis Batts, former field secretary of the State B. Y. P. U. who comes as professor of religious education.

Dr. Delbert H. Kerchner, J. D. of the University of Chicago, succeeds Dr. Moore, as professor of law in this department at Mercer.

Edgar E. Folk, who has had connection with several metropolitan dailies of the North, and has done graduate work in the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia, succeeds Prof. Sparks in the Mercer journalism school.

The student assistants, as announced by Dr. Weaver, which will possibly be increased, are:

Assistants in accounting, Loy J. Bowen, Howard J. Bivins; assistants in English, Durwood V. Cason, Claude M. Coalson, Mrs. J. W. Jones, W. A. Bootle, Theodore Hart; assistants in history, J. A. Smith, Guy Atkinson; instructor in missions, Ralph R. Moore; assistant in Spanish, Artemio Montoya; assistant in Greek, H. Daniel Bruce; assistant in chemistry, Robert B. McCarty; assistant in Latin, William B. Freeman; and assistant in mathematics, Charles H. Berryman.

### Rialto Theatre

Week of Sept. 29-Oct. 4

Mon., Tues., Wed.

Bebe Daniels, Richard Dix, in  
"SINNERS IN HEAVEN"

Thurs., Fri., Sat.

Thomas Meighan in  
"THE ALASKAN"

### Capitol Theatre

Week of Sept. 29-Oct. 4

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### MERCER SINGERS TO HAVE 3 TRIPS

#### First Itinerary to Conclude With Two Concerts In Macon

Mercer's glee club for the 1924-25 season will perform before a student and Macon audience on Monday and Tuesday nights, November 24 and 25, according to announcement by Roy L. Hurst, student manager, who has completed the engagements for the first of three road trips to be taken by the Mercer songbirds of this year.

New scenic effect have been ordered and are to appear on the campus shortly. A sixteen piece band and

"The Ten Kings of Rhythm", Mercer's jazz orchestra headed by Dan Davis, are to travel with the club this year, as last.

November 14 will open the season for the singing Mercerites with an engagement in Griffin. On the 15th, Barnsville will be the showplace and on the next night Atlanta will be played to in the Atlanta Theatre. November 18 is the date for Gainesville; Toocoo, the 19th; Hartwell, 20th; Elberton, 21st; Athens, 22nd; and the two nights in Macon on the 24 and 25th.

For January, dates are being made to play in Cordele, Valdosta, Waycross, Savannah, Statesboro, Millen, Augusta and Dublin. In April Dawson, Columbus, Opelika, Ala., West Point, LaGrange, Newman, Rome, Dalton and Chattanooga, Tenn., will hear the club. Other engagements outside the state are to be announced later. It is planned.

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