

MERCER Welcome Back

A hearty handshake and a whole-hearted smile await you at NEEL'S whether you are one of our old Mercer friends or one of the many that we hope to make out of the class of 1927.

Our Fall Clothes and the other things that go along to show them off are here. The earlier you make your selection the better pleased you will be.



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Flirting Fireflies Flash to "Flames"

Males and Females Have Perfect System Says Scientist

The firefly is a flirt from the depths of its heart. Have you ever wondered why the fireflies flash their light? This question was asked by Dr. C. R. Fountain, Dean of the Mercer Pro-Engineering. His visitor admitted he had not.

"They are just flirting," he said. "When the male flashes his light, the female flashes back. The female never flashes first. I discovered that after several years of work. I noticed that when I went out early in the evening when the fireflies were rising from the grass, I usually caught males. In the early part of the night they were doing most of the flashing."

Imitating Flash

"Often, when I was experimenting," he went on, "I'd give out of specimens and would have to go out and catch them. If it was late in the evening no flies would be flashing and it was impossible to catch them without their lights to guide me. I imitated the firefly light by flashing a flashlight through a small crack in my fingers."

"Every time I would flash my light I would get response from a firefly who saw the light and flashed back. I would keep on flashing until I was right up on the one flashing back, and invariably I would catch a female. It never failed, which goes to show the female always answers the beacon light of the male, but never flashes first."

Dr. Fountain also goes so far as to prove that the light of the firefly was caused by oxidation, and if the oxidizing material could be discovered a very superior light could be produced, and thus save many years of worry about the country's fuel problem.

The Mercer University student body is nearly five times as large as four years ago.

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Psychological Tests Has Curative Values

Freshman Is Doctor, Lawyer, Beggar-Man or Thief

A cure for misfits.

That is what Professor Peyton Jacob, director of the Mercer Summer School, and dean of the School of Education, is trying to put into practice. For the past four years, Professor Jacob has been giving the Freshmen intelligence tests that show them whether they should choose professions or trades, if they wish to become successful men.

In 1915 when the first intelligence tests were given at Mercer, the new men made an average of 45 per cent. The next year this rose to 51 per cent. This was due to more rigid entrance requirements which lessened the number of those of low intelligence, according to Professor Jacob.

Effects of War

In 1921 the percentage dropped to 40 per cent. According to educators, this was due to the hurtful effects of the war. The qualifications of teachers in many high schools were lowered at that time.

Intelligence tests for adults measure native ability, plus training. So the tests may do certain individuals injustice. However, if the student's grade on the test is low and his work is poor, the test is shown to be accurate according to the head of the Educational Department.

Infancy Now

The "test" movement is still in its infancy, and Mercer was one of the first universities in the South to use it as part of the entrance examinations. This university has gone a step further now, and endeavors to show men what measure of success they may hope to win in their chosen vocations.

The next forward step in the test movement is to separate the different kinds of ability. A man may make a much better physician than a civil engineer or lawyer, and this test will tend to show parents that they cannot make a round peg fit into a square hole.

Big Little Peg

Quote from Dr. McColl, of Columbia University. "A child is a little peg trying to fit a large hole." According to many educators this is being done. In most cases an individual with a high degree of intelligence will be

JUDGE W. H. FISH IN MOOT COURTS

Supreme Court Experience of 26
Years for Students

14 NOW ON LAW FACULTY

Association of American Law
School Requirements Met

Is 14 a lucky number?

This question requires legal advice. The fourteen members of the Mercer Law School faculty are in position to help you answer this momentous question.

"When you think of the great number of leading lawyers of the State and Nation taught by the Mercer University law faculty you do not marvel that 85 per cent of the successful members of the Macon Bar Association once sat at the feet of this group of men; and drank deep of the fountains of legal understanding," said one of the law students to one of his friends here recently.

Leaving the Supreme Court bench of Georgia, over which he presided for twenty-six years, Judge William Hansell Fish took charge of the law school as dean, and is now giving his entire time that young ambitious aspirants to the profession of law may drink the nectar of his long and varied experience. Under his supervision, life and vigor is given to the principles of law learned in the class room and skill is developed by practice courts where students are required to attend, to prepare, and to try cases. But this practice work is no "crip," according to those who have been in the class, for students are graded on this work as on recitations and examinations.

Routine Practice

By the use of these sham courts the student becomes familiar with the various steps necessary in the trial of a case. It is here that they prepare pleadings, issue and return process, file and docket suits, argue cases, make briefs, prepare verdicts and judgments, act as judges, and in fact do everything to thoroughly acquaint the students with the routine of the practice of law.

According to the new Mercer catalogue, "the students of the School of Law are entitled to the same privileges as other students of the university. They are eligible to membership in the two literary societies, where they may get practical experience in debating and in parliamentary procedure. All student organizations are open to them. They have access to the libraries, reading room, and gymnasium of the university, subject to the regulations fixed for students of the College of Arts and Sciences."

After having completed 120 term hours, and having satisfied all other requirements of the School and University, the degree of Bachelor of Laws is given (LL. B.)

For Ambitious Ones

"By combining the literary and law courses both the A. B. and LL. B. may be received in six years," said one of the members of the faculty. Continuing, he said, "A more thorough preparation for the profession of law is being required year after year, and for the real ambitious young man who wants to stand a good chance with the students who shall graduate a few years later, should by all means take his A. B. before finishing the Law course."

The new Mercer catalogue also states that "under the act of the General Assembly of Georgia, graduates of the Mercer University School of Law, upon presentation of their diplomas, are entitled to be admitted to practice in all the courts of Georgia, without further examination, on payment of the required fees and taking the oath prescribed by law. They are also admitted to the bar of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia without examination."

The law school has now met all the requirements of the association of American Law Schools, and this Fall makes application to that elect body.

The dean of the Atlanta Bar Association, Judge George Hillyer, is Mercer's oldest living graduate.

GEORGE MCINTOSH SPARKS, A.B.

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rather capable in all lines, while a person with low intelligence will have only a low capability in any line. This, however, is not always true as has been proven.

The educators give this bit of encouragement to him who does not measure as high in a psychological test as he might wish. The test does not measure mental qualities or aptitudes. In other words, it does not eat his fate.

The greatest story writer in Georgia, George Washington Edwards, is a graduate of Mercer University.

Dean of Law School

JUDGE W. H. FISH
Dean of Law School, Former Chief Justice Supreme Court of Georgia

"All Gaul Divided" for Last Time Says Jacob

Instructor's New Latin Books to Save Two Years' Study

Dr. Fayton Jacob, Dean of the School of Education and Director of Summer School at Mercer University, expects to revolutionize high school Latin with his new Latin book. This book, according to Dr. Jacob, will completely change the system for teaching Latin used in the high schools today. It will be more of a reference book than a text book, but it will be a great help to all Latin teachers and students.

Dr. Jacob has collected all Latin words from which English words are derived and arranged them in alphabetical order. He has, also, figured out the value of each Latin word according to the number and value of English words derived from it.

The system in use in the high schools today calls for one year of grammar, and three years of classical Latin reading. The first year is the grammatical year. There is very little or no reading done and the vocabularies studied are words that will be needed for Caesar in the second year. The second, third and fourth years are spent in reading Latin.

Advantages Cited

Dr. Jacob intends to cut out a great deal of the grammar in the first year and use only that grammar which will help in the study of English. He also will stress reading in the first year. In the second year he says that he will not use Caesar but some simpler book perhaps Virgil or Cicero. In the third year he will use the same classical Latin that is being used now. The advantage of this system, according to Dr. Jacob, is that a student taking only two years Latin will have something that will help him all through life, or if he should wish to continue the study he will be ready to read classical Latin by the same time as before.

Dr. Jacob says that his book is now almost complete and that as soon as he can have it typewritten he will take up the matter of publication with the printers. As said before it will not be a widely sold book, but one that will be a great help to any teacher or student. Dr. Jacob contends that he does not expect to make any money out of the book but only to help enlightening students and teachers and to carry out a new and what he fully believes to be a better method of teaching Latin.

Seven of the eight breeding judges in Macon are Mercer University graduates.

CO-OP CLUB

The College Co-Op Club is a new organization at Mercer University and is located in the three front rooms of Cynthia, Holiday Hall. Besides having a music room, lounge room, postoffice and large spacious veranda on three sides a Co-Op stationery and novelty shop is run in which the students and Athletic Association share in the net profits.

During the football, basketball and baseball seasons the scores of all college and professional contests over the country are given by special wire service. The College Co-Op Club is to be the center community center upon students converge under the very best influence.

Students and faculty are destined having every campus activity center in the College Co-Op Club and Alumni and Friends of Mercer University are invited to make it their home while on the college campus.