

SLIMY 'GATORS ATTACK GRIZZLIES

'Home Coming Day' To Be Observed With Memorable Program

MERCER ALUMNI HAVE RETURNED TO ALMA MATER

Gala Day Planned for Old Grads Who Are on The Campus

By M. C. Townsend
Today is "Home-Coming Day." Today is the day when old Mercer grads will return home; today is the day when the sons of Mercer are returning to the scenes of their college days. Once more they will visit the halls of long ago, once more they will recall the days gone by, and once more familiar landmarks will greet their eyes.

The incidents of other days will be as but yesterday to many of the alumni who are returning to their Alma Mater today. There is a bit of sentiment about "Home-Coming Day" to all who have graduated from Mercer. Calm, otherwise placid business men, will perhaps feel a strong tug at their heart strings and a mysticism in their eyes as they turn toward Mercer again. The jovial jester, the player of college pranks, will perhaps feel an unfamiliar solemnity over the occasion.

Upwards of 3000 of "our dads" are expected to pay their respects to Mercer today, according to the Alumni office on the campus, from which thousands of invitations were mailed.

Mercer welcomes back to the campus her alumni who have passed from beneath her towered halls out into the great world beyond. To the hundreds of loyal sons who have returned to the familiar scenes of other days, she bids them forget the press of worldly care and for just today live again the life of college men, to lay aside the burden of business life and enjoy the program of the day.

Prominent Speakers Here.
Former Governor Thomas W. Hardwick and United States Senator Walter F. George will speak at the Chapel Building this morning at 12 o'clock and 11:30 respectively. Mr. Hardwick and Senator George are the principal speakers for the Home-Coming program held under the auspices of the Alumni Council of Mercer University. Both the speakers are alumni of the University, Mr. Hardwick graduating from the class of

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Gr-r-r! Growling Grizzlies Grapple 'Gators



MERCER ELEVEN FACES FLORIDA IN TOUGH FRAY

Expect 6000 Fans to Attend Spectacular Battle This Afternoon

BEARS ARE DETERMINED

By Malcolm Johnson
From dank swamps of Florida have crept the sealy bodies of an Alligator eleven. Snapping their jagged jaws and rolling bloodshot eyes from ugly heads, they expect to smear the slime of their grid lore over the Mercer Bears on Alumni Field today.

And in Florida Mercer faces a team against overwhelming odds. The Alligators boast one of the strongest teams of the South and the Mercer eleven is pitting its strength against one of the most formidable foes of the entire season. Compared with the Florida team, the Bears are comparatively outclassed and outweighed. Fresh from the North where they held the Army team to the close score of 14-7, the Florida aggregation is expected to run roughshod over the Bears this afternoon.

Over in the Mercer infirmary lies one of Mercer's staunchest supporters—Eli McDonald—out because of injuries. The Mercer team faces a critical game: Fighting against odds, playing a team that is conceded the stronger of the two, there now looms before the Bears the ghastly spectacle of defeat.

Season is Biggest Game.
This is the big game of the season for Mercer. Upon this game are based the hopes of the season, and upon this game are built the foundations for a successful eleven in the future. All in all, Mercer's prospects are gloomy, and followers of the pig-skin game are dubious of her chances against such a foe.

But Mercer fights! In the heart of every loyal Mercer man there is the "never-say-die spirit today."

An uncontrolled flood of emotion, of love for their Alma Mater fills the heart of every student who will witness that game this afternoon.

"Mercer cannot lose! Mercer must not lose! Mercer will not lose!" This is the spirit that characterizes the feeling in every Mercer man today.

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LAUNCH DIVINITY FRAT AT MERCER

Ministerial Students Hope to Make "Alpha Omega" National Organization.

A divinity fraternity, said to be the first in America, has been organized at Mercer by a group of ministerial students. Under the greek letters of "Alpha Omega," the new fraternity will function much in the same way that national professional fraternities do, with the exception that the organization will be limited to ministerial students alone.

The charter members of the new fraternity are, Adiel Jarrett Moncrief, of Pensacola, Fla.; Hillyer Straton, New York city, R. C. "Scotty" Young, Edinborough Scotland; Adiel E. Moncrief, Macon, and Raymond Walker, Carrollton.

Adiel J. Moncrief is the founder of the new organization, having first conceived the idea sometime last year, it is understood. Only three meetings have been held this year, the fraternity having been organized early in this month.

Elect Officers.
At the last meeting of Alpha Omega a constitution was adopted and officers elected. It was decided that the head of the chapter should be known

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That 'Good Feeling' Of Lee's Forecasts Win From Florida

Portion of Veteran Mercerian's Anatomy Turns to Pig-skin Oracle.

"Yes, sir, we's going to win all three of them," said Lee Battle, negro cook at Mercer, in speaking of Mercer's prospects of winning the games yet to be played before the schedule is completed.

"How do I know, you says? Well, I can tell, all right. You know when Mercer is going to play a game, I have a peculiar way of telling several days ahead whether our boys will win or lose. If we is going to win, I just feels good all over, and nothing goes wrong. I gets that good feeling all in my arms and legs.

"Then, if we is going to lose, I can tell it just as good. When anybody is going to beat us, several days before the game my arms between my shoulder and elbow, and my legs all in my knees gets tired and I gets 'kinda' sick. I can't hardly stand up.

Fooled? Seldom.
"Have I ever been fooled in my way of telling? Oh, yes, I have a few times, but they was very few. I can mostly tell when we will win. I knew from my soul that we was going to beat Wofford. I believed that we was going to beat them more than we did, but I knowed that we was going to beat them. And didn't the boys play ball? I'll declare I've never seen them play better in my life.

"All the boys have been telling me this evening and this morning how much Florida was going to beat us, but they just ain't goin' to do it. I have that same feeling in my legs that we is goin' to win. They's goin' to play ball, all right, but they can't beat us up here. These boys can play ball better on this grass up here than anywhere else in the world. Oh, have you seen this?" he said as he walked into the room and took a quilt from a box.

"I can keep warm now," he said. "I've got a good sister. She is all the time sending me something. She sends me cover, even if I tell her that I don't need it. She sends it anyway, though, and if I finds somebody needing cover I tells it to them. Ain't that a good way to make money? She sends me a little something to eat sometimes, but I never need it."

The quilt seemed to distract Lee's attention, but he returned to football a little later.

"Have that sign of how we will win

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SONGSTERS LEAVE ON INITIAL TOUR

Former Opening of Season To Be Made in Griffin Tonight.

The 1924-25 organization of the "Greater Mercer's Greatest Glee Club" will entrain this afternoon for Griffin where they will make their formal debut tonight in the high school auditorium under the auspices of the high school annual.

This will be the formal opening of the 1924-25 season and will be followed by appearance in Atlanta, Agnes Scott, Brenau, Toccoa, Hartwell, Elberton, Athens, Macon, Thomaston, and Bessie Tift, on successive nights, except the Thomaston and Bessie Tift performances, which will be given on Friday and Saturday nights following the Macon show. The Macon program will be presented at the Wesleyan Auditorium on Monday and Tuesday evenings, November 24-25.

The club, forty strong, will leave the Ash street crossing this afternoon at 5:20 o'clock. The members will witness the Mercer-Florida game in a body and immediately thereafter board the train which will take them to Griffin. The organization of this season is said to be the best that has ever represented this institution. Un-

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Former Winners of "M" Here To Aid in Reorganizing Club

It is anticipated that the largest number of old varsity athletes ever gathered on the campus will assemble here today.

All Mercer men, past and present, who have earned that coveted numeral by virtue of athletic endeavor—membership on a varsity team—are to be eligible for membership in the "M" club, which is to be reorganized during the home coming activities. The club was first formed two years ago and considerable interest has been shown in the progress of the organization since its founding, both from students and from alumni.

Under the leadership of Dave Rice, president elect for the coming year, the club now plans to embrace all former Mercer athletes in its membership, thereby expanding the growth and scope of the organization.

Listed among the sons of Mercer who won their "M" are Jake Zellers, now coach at Fort Benning; Bradley

Hogg, one-time hurling ace of the Boston Braves; Coach Bill White, of the University of Georgia; Coach Parker Mosley, of Mercer; Jim Clements, basketball coach at Lanier High School; Walter Grace, one-time star in basketball at Yale, after finishing at Mercer; Judge Will Gunn, vice-president of the Georgia Casualty Company; Judge Lige Maynard, attorney in Macon; and a host of other luminaries now prominent in business and professional life of Macon and other southern cities.

John Westmoreland, one of Atlanta's most prominent young attorneys, also was a great star in basketball at Mercer.

In 1922, first steps toward the organization of the "M" club were taken. The varsity men then at the university selected the following officers of the original club: Bob Gamble, Macon, president; Tige Stone, Macon, vice-president; and Giddien Wilkes, Adel, secretary and treasurer.

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Increase of One and Half Made to Equipment Values

The value of equipment and resources of Mercer University have increased nearly two and one-half times their value in 1918, according to figures which will be included in the 1924 report to the Georgia Baptist Convention. In 1918 the resources were approximately \$738,000, while at present they total approximately \$1,800,000.

When the present administration took charge at Mercer there were only 303 students enrolled, including both summer and law schools. Today at the beginning of the seventh year of the present regime, there are 1,103 students enrolled, marking an increase of 800 students.

Since Mercer was founded in 1833 there have been 8,100 students enrolled on the registrar's books. Of this number, 2,700, or more than one-third, have been enrolled since 1918.

An increase of from twenty-six six professors in 1918 to eighty-five at

present in the faculty has taken place, the report to the Convention will show. When the present administration took charge only one member of the faculty, the president, was listed in Who's Who in America, while today fourteen members of the faculty are listed in this work, which is accepted as an authority on the outstanding personalities of the nation.

Income from the students for current expenses shows an increase of 1,300 per cent, bringing the funds of the institution up to the point where it can pay for its own operation, and have to call upon its supporters only for added equipment and student aid.

The institution during the last six years has acquired scores of small cottages for the use of married ministerial students. The latest addition is a kindergarten for the children of the campus. Plans for the future call for work the same as given in the kindergarten in the cities.

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