

MERCER
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WELCOMES YOU



New officers of MICA are comfortable as they plan the next meeting. (L to R) they are Betty Echols, president; Rosalyn Tuggles, sports chairman; Jane Henderson, room chairman; Pat Batemen, third vice president; and Sharon Peters, treasurer.

A Letter From The President

Dear New Girls:

Welcome to Mercer!! All the girls in MICA join me in extending this hearty welcome to you. We can't wait to meet you, and we sincerely hope that your stay here will be one of the most profitable and enjoyable periods of your life.

As president this year, I'm eagerly looking forward to getting to know each of you personally and to working with you.

During the past three years MICA has come to be one of the most important and meaningful parts of my college life as it has for all those who belong in MICA. The fellowship with really fine girls, the long hard hours of work on a float trying to get it ready for the Bear Day parade, the fun of hauling a very happy, but somewhat reluctant girl to the showers after she has been pinned or become engaged, decorating for Frat Open House, a house-party at Jekyll Island, and a picnic to Lakeside have all become memories that we shall cherish forever.

By sharing some of these memories with you through this pamphlet, we hope to acquaint you with our organization. It's difficult to capture the real spirit of MICA on paper, but we hope this will give you some idea of what our group is and what it means to us. We hope you enjoy it because we have prepared it especially for you.

We cordially invite you to visit us at any time in our rooms or in our suite which is located on the third floor of Boone Hall and to join our group if you should choose. Our membership is open to all who are interested.

Again let me say how very happy we are that you chose Mercer. It's hard to tell you just how much you new girls mean to us and how much we look forward to the time when you arrive. I believe you arrive September 17 this year, so until then have a nice summer and we'll see you the 17th. O.K.?

Very Sincerely,
BETTY ECHOLS.

Presenting MICA Officers

Now that you have received the official welcome from our top lady, we of MICA would like to introduce you to all the officers who will be leading MICA during the 1959-60 school year. They hail from all parts and we're glad to call them **ours**.

Betty Echols, who is serving MICA as president, came to Mercer from Pelican Lake, Florida. She's a pert red head with plenty of vitality. Betty is active in all campus activities living up to our creed. Among those organizations adding Betty to their membership list are BSU, YWA, and Cardinal Key, Mercer's honorary sorority.

Taking charge of Alums is Emalyn Phillips in her role as 1st vice president. Emalyn is the 1959-60 "prexy" of Eta Sigma Iota, honorary Spanish fraternity as well as a newly tapped member of Cardinal Key and member of Mercer's Student Activity Committee.

The second vice president in charge of Micettes, MICA's "pledges," is Jean Blankenship from Columbus, Ga. Jean is also the new Madam Chairman of Baptist Student Union (BSU) and an initiate of Cardinal Key. Although, she's quite a busy young lady, Jean finds plenty of time to give her best to MICA.

A Macon lass, Pat Bateman is third vice president. Pat keeps all girls working on the many good times we have at parties, cook outs, and house parties. Mercer Choir, BSU, and Macon Misses also claim Pat's loyalty.

As corresponding secretary, Jo Ann Croy a sophomore from Moultrie, Ga. answers too MICA's officer roll call. Jo Ann is also active in the Women's Dormitory Council, BSU, YWA, the Christian Service Fellowship and Religious Education Association.

From Pitts, Ga., comes Miriam Blizard, our busy little secretary. Miriam is in charge of everybody

and keeps us all jumping most of the time, and in true MICA spirit she is active in many other campus affairs.

Sharon Peters is the girl who signs the checks for MICA. Sharon is a BSU'er and the newly pinned fraternity sweetheart of Lambda Chi Alpha.

MICA's sport program is in the capable hands of Rosalyn Tuggles. Rosalyn has already led her players to a victory in badminton and promises to bring home other trophies. Rosalyn is also secretary of the Women's Athletic Association.

Jane Henderson keeps everybody straightening up the suite as part of her duty as room chairman. Jane takes an active part in MICA sports as well as other campus functions.

Beverly Bloodworth, another Columbus lady is the new chaplain for MICA. This little girl is doing a good job and finds time for many other organizations, too!!

Hailing from LaGrange, Georgia, Frankie Yates makes a swell historian. CSF and the Library Club are on her extra-curricular list.

And just wait until you meet MICA's reporter, Jerrie Hodges. She's an attractive blonde from Brunswick, Ga., and heads the Dean's List every quarter.

Keeping us on pitch and in the know are Vonceil Smith, music chairman; and Glenda Sharpe, program chairman. These girls lead a busy life at Mercer, too, and are doing good work in their new positions.

Each women's social organization has a yearly and quarterly representative to the Women's Dormitory Council. Shirley Jackson, yearly; and Jo Ann Croy, quarterly; represent MICA.

We're really fortunate to have such an outstanding slate of officers for the new year—to them our "Congratulations."



Proud bearers of the three new trophies are: Kneeling: Jane Henderson, Rosalyn Tuggles, Carolyn Lewis, and Glenda Sharpe. Standing: Pat Batemen, Dorothy Roberts, Sally Harley, Betty Echols, and Sally Hale.



The smiles on these girls faces show they are happy to claim the volleyball trophy. They are Jane Henderson, Pat Batemen, Rosalyn Tuggles, Carolyn Lewis, Dorothy Roberts, Sally Harley, Harriet Perry, Sally Hale, and Betty Echols.

MICA Sports

Sports wise MICA holds her own in Mercer's intramural program — as the song says "in sports her name is known throughout."

Beverly Belk, a senior, led MICA to victories in volleyball and tennis. Then, Rosalyn Tuggles, newly elected sports chairman, started her "career" with a first place in badminton competition.

The girls who took part in MICA's sports program were doing their part to support their organization in all her undertakings. Each year intramural sport competition is sponsored for both coed and male social organizations. Rivalry runs high and each one is fighting for the first position. Intramurals is one of the most interesting events at Mercer be-

sides offering students a chance to show their athletic ability.

The trophy shelf in MICA's suite looks good with the three extra additions and MICA is glad to "show them off" to new students.

Of course, Rosalyn has only begun her job and MICA is looking forward to another good year in sports. Beginning with the tennis trophy in the fall Mercer's Independent Coeds are hoping to cop all available trophies right down to softball in next spring.

Honor's Day is a big event and it is even more exciting to have our representative run down the aisle to receive "all those trophies."



Hey, look! We won the tennis trophy, say Rosalyn, Tuggle, Sally Harley, and Glenda Sharpe. Not pictured is Beverly Belk.



Mercer's women badminton champs belong to MICA. They are Rosalyn Tuggle, Carolyn Lewis, and Glenda Sharpe.



These happy girls are the newly initiated members of Cardinal Key. They are Jean Blakenship, Connie Smith, Emalyn Phillips, and Betty Echols.



Juanita Tanner adds the Campus Sing Trophy to the shelf in the suite. Her smile represents the feeling of all MICA—it was a big night for all.

"...Memories Are Made Of This"

Never in a million years could I find the words to describe the beautiful memories that a year in MICA have brought to me. The fellowship, the hard work, and the play—all of it was a wonderful experience and I don't think I shall ever forget one moment of it.

Weekend nights in the suite chatting with the girls, reading magazines, and watching television between — what could be more fun. It could lead to anything, a trip to the movie or the "Pig", playing Putt-Putt, or maybe a nice hard hour of callisthenics.

There were the "big weekends" when MICA was well represented. The biggest, of course, was when our own Sharon Peters was pinned sweetheart of Lambda Chi Alpha and Carolyn Lewis, of MIMA. What a thrill — and memory for all MICA's!

Chapel days have pleasant memories, too! Especially when Cardinal Key, Mercer's honorary sorority tapped new members in the spring and four MICA's were among the initiates. Many smiling

Independents applauded their honored girls.

Campus Sing has a gay air about it in an MICA's thoughts, That was the day our hours of efforts were awarded by a shiny silver cup reading, "To MICA, 2nd Place, Campus Sing, 1958". The entire group floated a month.

Campus elections also bring pleasant memories to Mercer's Independent Coeds. Nine of our outstanding members were elected to the number one position in different campus organizations. What a time we had singing congratulations that night!

You see, it's almost too wonderful to tell, but that's the way with MICA—JUST PLAIN WONDERFUL!



What a wonderful surprise was in store for Sharon Peters at the Lambda Chi Crescent Ball. Here she is as the Lambda Chi president presents her with flowers as he announces she is the 1959-60 Crescent Girl.



Not one president but NINE! These are the MICA's who have been elected to head various campus organizations. From l. to r. they are Betty Echols, MICA; Nora Bishop, Future Business Women; Marjorie Hurst, Macon Misses; Connie Smith, Women's Dormitory Council; Barbara McAllister; Jean Blankenship, BSU; Temple Hill, REA; Emalyn Phillips, Eta Sigma Iota; and Shirley Jackson, CSF.

Theme Song Sums Up MICA

MICA, we love you,
Green and white floating above you.
United we'll always stand,
Working we're hand in hand,
Faithful, MICA.

May you keep your ideals high;
May your spirit never die.
A love for independence,
A welcome for all—
This is MICA.

MICA, thy name we love;
Our praises, MICA.