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## A FINE GESTURE

The Mercer Cluster would like to commend Sigma Nu Fraternity for having made what we think a fine and dignified gesture in wearing black badges in mourning for the late Dean Knight, who in his college days had been a Sigma Nu.

The wearing of mourning badges, like the hanging of black crepe on doorways as a sign of one's sorrow, is a noble and meaningful old custom which ought to be revived more widely than has been the case.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the several memorial addresses made during the chapel service last Wednesday, giving particular thanks to Mr. Wilcox for having made what we think to be a particularly accurate and eloquent statement of what we believe to be the feeling of the student body.

In addition, the Cluster wishes to express again its support for the proposal to name the Humanities building after Dr. Knight. We believe that the most fitting names for the buildings of a University are those of people who devoted their lives to that institution. We hold that in the light of Dean Knight's many years at Mercer, his long affiliation with the Humanities department, his having been Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and his having spent the last years of his life teaching in the present Humanities Building, no name is as suited as his to be borne by that structure.

Sue Evans

## It's Cold in the Well

If you had been standing relatively close to the illustrious B.S.U. wishing well between the post office and the book store on the evening of May 1, you would have heard a soft grumbling proceeding from its mouth.

"If there's one thing I hate it's being cold. It's not like I was asking for an electric blanket or central heating, just enough money to cover my poor overexposed bottom. Ah, if only these human beings would have pity on my hapless condition." The well rattled emptily at the surrounding concrete walls. As you all know, rattling is a substitute for tears if you're a wishing well.

Suddenly the stillness was broken by a teeny, teeny voice.

"You may not believe this," the tiny voice began modestly, "but I was the first penny to be thrown to you. I came straight from the pocket of Dean Trimble. 'As a matter of fact,' the voice became very confidential, 'I am a lucky penny. Whenever a student or teacher gets within 10 yards, 7 1/2 inches of me, they just naturally have the urge to give. And so, dear ole wishing well, I'm sure that the generosity of the Mercer students will soon be manifested and your overexposed bottom will be warmed and covered.'"



## The Social Set

By Diana Denton

After last week's edition of the Social Set, most of the social reporters on campus began to function as usual—which is to say not at all. But you can't win them all, and one victory is just that, a victory. And thus the battle continues.

ALPHA DELTA PI—Returned proudly from Alpha Delta Pi State Day with the Tap Sullivan Award which is given every two years to the most outstanding chapter in the state. This year Beta Sigma served as hostess to every ADPI chapter in the state at the Elks' Club. The ADPI's were privileged to have present to speak at their luncheon their Province President, Mrs. Robert Murrah, and their Grand Vice President, Mrs. Phillip Know.

The ADPI Spring Weekend began with a formal party at the Ambassador Motel. The Embers played for the dance, and the 1964-1965 officers were introduced. Saturday night, everyone enjoyed a barbecue supper at Ingleside Recreational Center. Following the supper, the informal party began with a local professional band playing. The weekend closed Sunday

morning with the sisters attending Vineville Methodist Church in a body.

April 29, ADPI initiated five pledges into their sorority. The new sisters are June Austin, Carolyn Crew, Nancy Honea, Claudia Stansill, and Frances Westberry.

PHI MU—This week, the Phi Mu reporter sends in news of sweethearts, sweeties, and wedding bells. And, of course, the Phi Mu sisters are not excluded when students go to the polls.

Margaret Woodward took the big step and became Mrs. Joe Daniels on May 2. Lynn Pearson, Susan Jones, Sandra Waldrop, and Sandra Sapp are making plans to follow suit (with different guys, of course) in the near future.

Marilyn Donahoo is now pinned to Fiji at Georgia Tech.

Mercer's Sigma NU's elected to their Sweetheart Court, Janet Fuller and Toni Minge. Another raven-haired Phi Mu, Miss Midge Ivie, was named second runner-up in the Miss South Fulton competition. Beauty crowns are nothing new to Midge, it would seem. She was first runner-up for both Miss Mercer and in the home-coming court at Georgia Tech. She is also Greek Goddess at Tech and holds the additional titles of Miss Lake Spivey and Miss Tri-Cities.

In the ballot-box division, Phi Mu's Martha Faith Jones and Linda Flynn have been elected to the Student Appropriations Com-

mittee. Martha Ware is the president of the Panhellenic Council and was topped last week by Cardinal Key. Jean Harrison is the sophomore class secretary and treasurer.

Ruth Storey and Martha Thompson was initiated into Kappa Delta Epsilon, Martha Ware KDE recording secretary and Mary Sue Thompson, corresponding secretary. Mary Sue is also secretary of SNEA.

At the beginning of every year a larger share of Mercer's freshmen do not join a social organization, Greek or independent. In spring quarter, of course, many have either pledged or transferred to other schools, but a number remain, who are by no means "out". Here is a report on what a half of that group have been up to: UNAFFILIATED WOMEN. Mercer's Unaffiliated Women, U. U.'s (United Unaffiliates) they call themselves, early in winter quarter formed a basketball team and carried themselves proudly, if unfortunately, through intramural competition. They participated in most campus activities and have been represented in all student organizations strictly Greek. Their participation in intra-mural basketball was breakthrough for unaffiliated Mercer.

In other fields, besides that sports, they have also scored (continued on page 2)

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## LETTERS

Mr. Bill Dayton,  
Editor  
The Mercer Cluster

Dear Mr. Editor:

Through the columns of The Cluster we would like to express our deep appreciation to you and the staff of the Cluster and to all those who helped in making Alumni Day 1964 a real success. In spite of the hard rains many students turned out to lend their assistance in various ways. Their presence meant much to the alumni, many of whom expressed their appreciation.

Yours sincerely,  
Thomas J. Holmes,  
Director, University  
Development and  
Alumni Relations

Mr. Bill Dayton, Editor  
The Mercer Cluster

Dear Bill:

The Alumni Office has just called me, as president of the Faculty Club, to say that the University is establishing an Otis Knight Scholarship Fund, and that anyone wishing to may contribute to it in memory of Dr. Knight. If you have a special edition of The Cluster, or if you have any way to get this information to the students, please do so. I have placed a notice on the faculty bulletin board.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Zeb B. Vance

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