

The Social Set

By Diana Denton



One or more week to go. Spring quarter at ole MU is slowly fading to the past, but not without leaving some traces of happy times. To say the least, these past weeks have been busy and fun-filled, and this has been no exception. ALPHA TAU OMEGA social fraternity added the finishing touch to a most successful year. Highlights of their weekend included the Backfoot Ball on Friday night at

the Dempsey Hotel, followed by a picnic and informal dance Saturday at Kraft's Lake.

In reviewing the past year, it is to be noted that nine new brothers were initiated. They are: Gary Broadnax, Dennis Eubanks, Warren Garrison, Charles Stewart, David Laney, Bill Stembridge, Vince Fallin, Brown Moseley, and Al Muller. Officers for the forthcoming year have also been elected: President—Lane Dennard; Vice-President—Harry Doss; Secretary—David Laney; and Treasurer—Steve Bowen.

Some of the honors brought home by the Tau's this year are: the Spright Dowell Outstanding Freshman Award—David Laney; Blue Key Honor Society tapping of Phil Blackwell; Military Honors—Nathan Deal, Henry Arnold, Charles Fowler, Bill Osteen, Glenn Strange, Gary Broadnax, David

With many plans, A.T.O. looks to an even more successful year in '64-'65.

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Kappa Sigs Celebrate Their 90th Anniversary

The Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Sigma celebrated its 90th year at Mercer in conjunction with its annual Star Dust Ball. The formal event was held May 8, at the American Legion Post 3. The ballroom was decorated with an array of silver stars on a scarlet background. The refreshment table decorations were dominated by a large "Star and Crescent" centerpiece. The music was provided by Bob Collins and the Diamonds.

At intermission the band struck up a verse of "Star Dust". Kappa Sigma's theme song, signifying the beginning of the Grand March. During the Grand March the officers of the Alpha Beta Chapter were presented. These officers are Grand Master—Rick Wright; Grand Procurator—Robert Herahner, Grand Master of Ceremonies—James Cayce, Grand Treasurer—Scott Cheves; and Grand Scribe—Daniel Robison. After the Grand March awards were presented. Scholarship awards were presented to Bob



Kappa Sigma's "Star Dust" Ball

Johnson and Harry Davis, first place; Pete Black and George Flury, second place; and George Kitchens, third place. Harry Davis was presented with a trophy for the Outstanding Pledge of the 1963-64 pledge class. The faculty (Continued on page 4)

After 39 Years Here, The Laundry Is No More

Mercer students will be taking their last look at the Mercer laundry on June 2, according to the laundry manager, Mrs. Bettie Holding, for that is when it is scheduled to be razed to make room for a new men's dormitory.

Mrs. Holding said the last day of operation will be May 28. The heavy washing and ironing equipment has already been sold to downtown laundries, one of which will probably be doing students' laundry next year. Mrs. Holding indicated that bids will be accepted from downtown companies, but the system has not been entirely worked out.

The twenty employees at the laundry expect to be relocated at various jobs around the campus next year. Many have been with the laundry for periods of sixteen to thirty-nine years. During the entire time of the laundry's operation, only one minor fire has occurred, and only five of the workers have been injured by the heavy machines.

Reprinted below is a brief history of Mercer's laundry as recalled by Mrs. Lucinda Henderson, and recorded at the beginning of this year. Mrs. Henderson has worked at the laundry since the service was started in 1925, longer, of course, than any other employee.

Written in her own style, the facts about the laundry's history cease to be merely mechanical, and take on an original charm and naturalness which make it delightful reading:

A BROKEN RECORDED, OF MERCER LAUNDRY
by Mrs. Lucinda Henderson

—In Jan.—the year of 1925. At that time the Laundry was in Sherwood Hall and was run by a Mrs. L. G. Lockhart, which began in September of 1924, an in she retired in 1952. When she began there was only 3 presses operating the Laundry. A shirt press which was flat an caller an cuff press, no sleever, no yoker, an a pant press an a small press, for dresses, a mangle that was run by 4, 3 shirt finishers, one seperating clothes witch was hanged in a Dry House, no tumbler, one extract to ring clothes. Two checkers (white) an one of them was a student an they had only (2) tubs to-wash in at that time.

The clothes was checked an wash down stairs and drawn up stairs like water from a well.

The Laundry was run by aprox. 12 women an every body seem happy. The pay was little but things was cheap. But here comes what we might call a pressure. Times got tight, students fell our or got very few. The laundry only run nine months out the year . . .

Then all help had to do the best he could. They lived some-how, by Gods help. But when 1940 came they mover the Laundry in its present place and did work come up, so much so until they had to run two shifts day an night, that was durning World War (2). An thay had to get more equipments to work with an moved the Dry House and put in tumbles just one an later on another one. An then began 2 shirts presses until 1957. Then they (got) the preasent shirt unit. All this called for more help. But they they got this new shirt press it put 5 women our of a job or at least 3.

In 1952 Mrs. Lockhart retired an a Mr. Ruffus ran the Laundry a very little while. But in 1953 Mrs. J. W. Holding came in witch is the present supervisor. An last of all the new things they now have a — puch clock witch was born about 2 weeks ago.



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