

Yuletide Disastrous To Affairs D'Amour, Ye Scribe Relates

Students Prepare for "Great Exodus" Homeward for Christmas Holidays.

Piercingly bright thru the dark clouds of final examinations shines the silver lining—home, holidays, and Christmas. In less than a week the campus will be as deserted as a fifteen minutes late professor's class room.

Preparations for the "Great Exodus" have been under way for sometime. One thrifty (or selfish) minded student's idea of getting ready for Christmas is breaking up with his girl. Saves Christmas present expense. Others are wondering from whence money for presents is coming. The remainder, the great majority, are to happy to worry about anything.

Men are going from room to room in the dormitories paying social calls and, incidentally, collecting their loaned shirts, socks, ties, and other wearing apparel. The last roommate to leave will arrive home with a sadly shrunken wardrobe.

All trains that pass Macon for the next seven days will be crowded with homeward bound college students. The famous "Beauty Special" from Milledgeville will bring its thousand or so girls thru Thursday. Wesleyan goes home Friday. The "Bear Catapillar," so-called because trains are all too slow to suit the big hurry to get home, will begin moving Thursday.

Many and varied are the plans of the homecoming Mercer men; "Take to the tall timber and do some hunting and fishing," "Give the girls a rush and catch up with all the fun I've missed in the last three months," "Taking in a little house party," and "Just eat and sleep myself to death 'till time to go back," and so on and so on.

Loudest and heartiest among the many "Goodbyes" and "Luck to you's" when the boys start leaving Thursday will be the Cluster's "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TO YOU."

REVELATIONS OF A HUSBAND

Or, Holding a Wife, by Ordeal Garretts

(Discontinued from last week) To hold a wife properly, you must first catch her. One of the best methods of catching a wife is as follows:

Put a large dill pickle in the laundry basket, prop up the lid and tie a string to the prop. Hide behind the floor lamp with the end of the string in your hand and wait patiently.

Soon she will smell the pickle and come creeping into the room. After cautiously looking around, she will climb into the basket and start devouring the pickle. Now you must snatch the lid down and rush to the basket, reaching carefully into the basket you grasp her by the ears and lift her out.

One must be very careful to have thick gloves on the hands to prevent biting.

Now she is caught. The rest is easy.

Method No. 1: Nail a large mirror to the inside of each door. She will have to get in front of one of these mirrors to open the door, and needless to say, the attraction of the mirror will prove too strong, she will forget about leaving.

Method No. 2: Glue the picture of a rough looking shiek to the ceiling. She will climb up on a step ladder to gain a good view of the hairy camel herder. Now is your chance; pull the step ladder out from under her, and the attraction of the shiek will hold her suspended in the air for an indefinite period.

Method No. 3: Buy up the files of some newspaper for the last hundred years or so, and turn her loose on the "Revelations of a Wife." This method is guaranteed never to fail. (To be continued spasmodically) (Siberian and Vulgarion rights reserved)

Mother: "Did that young man put his arm around you last night?"

Daughter: "Yes, mother. Three times."

Mother: "Heavens! What a long arm."

—Technician

SOCIETY

A Founders Day banquet, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the national organization, was given by the members of the Mercer chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity last Wednesday evening. A number of local alumni were present at the dinner.

L. H. O'Barr, president of the local unit of Kappa Sigma, was toastmaster for the occasion. George H. Craven, alumnus, gave an address on the history of the fraternity since its founding at the University of Virginia, in 1869, and F. B. Stow spoke on "The Relation of Alumni to Fraternity." W. D. Hamilton gave a talk on the history of the Alpha Beta chapter and Quillian L. Bryant spoke on the benefits derived from Kappa Sigma. The response in behalf of the pledges was made by B. O. Pittman.

Miss Martha Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Newton, was recently elected sponsor of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, succeeding Miss Clara Kinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Kinney, who is this year a popular student at Brenau College.

Miss Newton is one of the most popular of Macon's debutantes and is a member of several local clubs.

Members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at Mercer celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity with a Founders Day banquet in the Gold room of the Dempsey Hotel last Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All of the active members of the Mercer chapter and pledges were present at this occasion, in addition to a number of alumni living in Macon and surrounding towns, who were guests of the chapter.

An interesting program was given including a number of musical numbers by Clay Oldon, Ralph Tabor, and Alton Hogan.

Lewis Cobb, of Temple, Ga., was toastmaster at the dinner, and several interesting talks were made by the various members present. Ralph Lee, of Seale, Ala., gave a brief history of the fraternity, while Louie Buchanan of Dalton, spoke on the purpose of the banquet. Clayton Buchanan addressed the pledges, and the response was made by William Jordan, of Macon.

TRUSTEES HELD INITIAL MEETING SITTING ON LOG

Conference of 1832 Recalled Around Oak Table in Columbus

Sages say that history repeats itself, but the present and future Executive Committees of Mercer University sincerely hope that said sages don't know what they are talking about. If they did the Committee would, one of these fine days, hold a meeting out in a forest where they would use an oak log for a chair.

As the present Executive Committee of the University sat around a large oaken table and on upholstered oaken chairs in the annex of the First Baptist Church of Columbus recently they recalled the first meeting of the Committee which was held in 1832.

The campus of that time was in almost virgin forest state and was according to Adiel Sherwood, very beautiful. The committee sat on an oak log out in front of the log cabins, the first buildings of the University, which were in course of construction.

When the business under consideration was finished, B. M. Saunders entered the minutes in the record book and the members, Jesse Mercer, James Armstrong, John Lumpkin, and Jonathan Davis, departed through the surrounding forest for their homes.

Prof. (to freshman class in English): "Will someone quote us a famous passage from some noted author?"

Frosh: "Four score and twenty years ago, under a spreading walnut tree, I stood on a bridge at midnight, with a jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou. This was the forest primeval, where into the mouth of hell rode the 600. Gimme liberty or gimme death. A horse, a horse, a kingdom for my horse."

Prof.: "Who are you quoting?"

Frosh: "I think it was Woodrow Jennings Lincoln."

PUBLIC SPEAKERS MAKE NEW PLAN FOR PRACTICE

A method of teaching public speaking from the practical standpoint which has recently been adopted by Dr. A. P. Montague, head of that department, is said, by him, to be the best means of instruction that he has discovered in his forty-five years of training young orators.

This method, which is to be used from this time on in the public speaking class, plans to give one period every two weeks to the delivery of prepared speeches from the members of the class. About six or eight speakers will be heard on every Wednesday. Each speaker is to be given two weeks notice and six to eight minutes are to be given the delivery of his speech. The subject assigned will be along the line of his plans for life work.

The two speeches voted the best at each meeting are to be broadcast, and printed in the Mercer Cluster.

The members of the class are allowed to vote.

The first of these meetings was held Wednesday morning when six speeches were delivered. The following speeches were delivered: The Intercollegiate Debator, M. C. Townsend; The New Orleans Trip of the Football Team, "Red" Simmons; The Travels of the Glee Club, Elmer Alford; The Student Government from the Point of View of the Student Tribunal, W. O. Dorrough; The outstanding Points of the Text book Thus Far, H. D. Taylor; Great Bandmasters of our Country, Dan H. Davis.

When the vote of the class was taken, the speeches made by H. D. Taylor and M. C. Townsend were declared the best. These speeches will be broadcast probably next week by the Mercer Broadcasting station, WMAZ.

To Make Payments For Cauldrons Soon

With six hundred and twenty-three individual pictures the present Cauldron promises to be one of the most representative books ever printed by the Senior Class of Mercer University. Many new features make the book especially attractive.

The Summer School Section, consisting of fifteen pages, contains nearly a hundred pictures, many of whom are co-ed students. An increase in pages and a better cover design will be additional features. Three hundred extra copies have been contracted for by the Mercer Alumni Association for distribution over the State in High Schools.

The number of copies for sale this year will be only five hundred. Although this is an increase of one hundred copies over last year, the demand is nearly twice as large. When pictures were being made each student was requested to fill out reservation blanks.

At registration for the Winter Term the books will be sold for \$4.50. Representatives will endeavor to assist the students by being on hand to take up the reservation blanks. The limited number of books as compared to the number of students makes it necessary for each student to secure book immediately after Christmas.

SCREVEN CLUB FORMED

For the first time that they have thus banded themselves together under such a name, the Screven county men who are at Mercer have organized under the name of the Screven County Club. J. P. Evans, of Sylvania, was elected president of the club, while L. S. Boykin was chosen to serve as secretary.

This organization is composed of fourteen men, so far as could be learned at the first meeting. Among these were: J. P. Evans, King I. Evans, L. S. Boykin, J. H. Reddick, Geo. C. Evans, Dennis Pierce, R. L. Gunnels, Jack Reddick, David Lafitte, Leslie Williams, Exley Cail, Wendell Burke, Albert Jenkins and George Robert Brinson.

Frosh: "Do you sing in the glee club?"

Rosh: "Yes."

Frosh: "What do you sing?"

Frosh: "Whatever the rest sing."

—Davidsonian

Infantry Quintet Coached by Smith

"Crook" Signed to Teach Rudiments of Game to Medical Reserves

"Consuello" Smith, whose broken ribs have had him lately under the care of some ninety or more debonaire nurses of the Georgia Baptist Hospital and who has this week returned to the campus, is now a full-fledged coach.

"Crook" is to pilot the 121st Infantry Medical Detachment basketball team through this season, and as coach has already held several workouts, despite his physical condition.

While it is not expected that the star himself will be in position to play basketball until after Christmas, he plans to meet his basketeers at the Y. M. C. A. several times a week and teach them the rudiments of the game.

Numbered among his candidates are several students of lesser importance in the basketball kingdom. Roy McKinley, Stanley Martin, Hoke Dunn and others are among those competing for places on the Infantry five.

Games are being arranged with Fort Valley, Marshallville, Barnesville A. C., Jackson club and a number of South Georgia teams. It is proposed that the team take a Christmas trip.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

I cannot float a single note,
My check the bankers sneer—
But this I send to you, dear friend,
The coin of Christmas cheer.

No gold have I with which to buy
A sock of purple hue—
How'er I send this time, dear friend,
A Christmas cheer to you.

I have no credit at the bank,
Nor own a single dime;
But I have cash, our friendship's coin,
Accept that gift this Time.

I cannot buy a pea-green tie,
Or send a sock to you—
This Christmas Time I send a rhyme
To prove my friendship true.

Emceebec.

It is reported by the Cincinnati Bearcat that the largest faculty in an American college is found at the University of Minnesota. The faculty there numbers 1,250.

A man "budded in" at the waiting line before the ticket window the other day, and the men who were in a hurry growled at him.

"I want a ticket to Nashville," said the man, and put 50 cents under the wicket.

"You can't go to Nashville for 50 cents," said the agent.

"Well, where can I go for 50 cents?" And each of the fourteen men there told him.

—Bethel Collegian.

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