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Tatnall Tech Chapel Program

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It was Friday morning and Mercer's student body was reluctantly being herded into the chapel. A group of freshmen were playfully hanging a sophomore by his heels from the balcony and most of the seniors were already asleep.

I went to my seat in the back of the building and prepared to take notes on the coming speech. A couple sitting next to me had brought some food from the Co-op and were having a little picnic.

"Having a picnic?" I inquired politely.

"That's kind of a personal question, pinhead," the boy answered, pinching me in the eye with the sharp end of a grilled cheese sandwich.

Hurt, I turned my attention again to the speaker's rostrum. My seatmate, sensing that he had upset me, said kindly, "You can have everything that falls on the floor." Mercer students aren't so bad after all.

At the first of the quarter a fraternity man traded me a very good seat which was on the front row for mine which is on the back, right behind a fat biology major. I enjoyed being beside the organ until the Dean sent me a tart note saying that my seat had not been occupied for three weeks. I guess the frat man couldn't find my seat.

The speaker had finally arrived and was on the stage dodging the rocks and paper airplanes that some of the students were gaily throwing at him.

Assistant Professor Featherfelt Shaftes of the South African Social Sciences Department mounted the stand to introduce the obviously frightened speaker.

"Students" Prof. Shaftes announced, "It gives me no little pleasure to introduce to you a Mercer graduate and today's chapel speaker. This man, although it took him six years to finish college, is one of our most successful alumni and is now making a very good living giving xylophone lessons in Hahira, Ga."

"Now," he added, "I know you are anxious to hear him so without further ado I give you one of Mercer's most noble benefactors, Yul Lesculi !!!"

Acknowledging a smattering of applause from the two teachers in the faculty section, Mr. Lesculi began. He told us that it seemed like a few weeks since he had been sitting in chapel and listening to the speakers. Actually it hadn't been too long. He graduated last December.

"But," he said, "I'm glad to see so many of you came to hear me this morning." He laughed heartily. By himself.

Lesculi had been speaking for about five minutes and was giving a myriad of platitudes when by mistake he wandered back into his college days and said that the words best liked by the students were "chapel dismissed." Although he had not intended to end his talk there, the unconscious students heard the last two words and broke for the door. Before the Dean could even get out of his seat, half the student body was in the Co-op and three law school students had been trampled to death as they came in late.

Oh well, chapel speakers are like Gen. MacArthur. "They shall return."

Honor Council Reports

Case number 35 was tried by the Honor Council, winter quarter. The verdict was guilty and the penalty was an F in the course.

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Case number 37 was tried by the Honor Council in winter quarter. The verdict was guilty and the penalty was an F in the course, and suspension.

Outstanding ROTC Cadet

John R. Lough, a sophomore from Dublin, is the Mercer ROTC Cadet of the Week. Lough is a staff sgt. from A Company.

During his first year of Mercer ROTC Lough placed first in individual manual of arms for freshmen. He was distinguished as an outstanding initiate of the Mercer Pershing Rifles and was also a member of the Freshman Senate last year.

The Cadet of the Week is chosen from a group of candidates selected from each company of the battalion. It is based on overall military excellence.



ATO's at work on this year's Help Week project, at the Macon Rescue Mission. (photo by Broadmax)

ATO's Annual 'Help Week' Heralds Initiation, Aids Rescue Mission

"Hell Week" became "Help Week" for Alpha Tau Omega brothers and pledges at Indiana University in 1949. The custom was established at Mercer soon after, and has spread throughout the fraternity system. This week, Mercer ATOs have been out doing work for the Macon Rescue Mission as

their annual "Help Week" project. At one time, fraternity pledges underwent "Hell Week" towards the end of their pledge training "Hell Week" consisted of all manner of hazing, unusual stunts, etc. Mercer fraternity brothers had a fondness for throwing pledges in the old, now dry fountain in Tatnall Square Park early in the morning.

ATO pledge trainer Bob Lollar was watching pledges running around the Indiana University campus with empty wheelbarrows moving piles of stones from place to place, when he decided to change ATO's "Hell Week" to "Help Week". He had his pledges, assisted by brothers, expend their energy doing something constructive and helpful. The idea quickly spread.

At the Rescue Mission, ATO's cleaned up the ware house and worked in the mission's lumberyard, organizing and stacking lumber which had been given to the Rescue Mission for its charitable works.

On Sunday, pledges and brothers went to Atlanta where initiation ceremonies were held at the Emory University ATO House. Old brothers then took the twelve new brothers to dinner at the '7 Steers' restaurant.

Ronnie Gilbert was named Outstanding Pledge, and it was an (Continued on page 4)



The Social Set

By Sara June McRae

After last week's mild chastisement, I have collected a few bits of news about the social organizations. IFC and Panhellenic have been very active in the last weeks. Since the beginning of the quarter, fraternity and sorority members have been meeting each Thursday afternoon to hold study halls for grade school children in several low rent housing areas in Macon. The study halls are held in the community centers and the children come voluntarily. The fraternity members help them with their homework and see that they study.

On Sunday, February 21, the combined Panhellenic and IFC collected money for the Heart Fund Drive. Representatives from each group participated in the canvass

of the area surrounding Mercer.

At the close of the sorority basketball season, the championship has been awarded to Phi Mu. The winning first string team consisted of Louise Fitzpatrick, Martha Ware, Lyne Kite, Elaine Bryant, Bunny Grimes, Jean Greer, and Mary Sue Thompson.

Cupid visited the Alpha Gams last weekend, as Sue Meadows married Charles Batchelor on Sat- (Continued on page 4)

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