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The Social Set

By Sara June McRae

Sorority spring rush ended Monday when bids were picked up in Dean Glenn's office. Five girls are now happy new pledges of three of Mercer's sororities. Alpha Delta Pi pledges Ann Dishman, Alpha Gamma Pledged Mitzi Townsend and Patrice Grey. Scotti Holmes and Lynn Goyen were pledged by Phi Mu.

This week, as the ones to come, was very active. Sorority intramural softball and badminton have started. Practices for Sigma Nu relays are beginning.

Mercer's Phi Delta Theta chapter held an informal dance on the night before the Greek Week dance. The Phi Delts' dance was held at the Bolinbroke Farm and featured Oscar Mack and the Pine-toppers.

Fraternity officers elected by Phi Delta Theta for Spring and Fall quarters are: John Manning, president; Bruce Brady, vice-president; Bill Smith, secretary; and Tom Pye, treasurer.

Sandra Fitzsimmons, a Chi Omega and a former student at Mercer was selected as first runner-up in the Miss Athens Contest held last Friday night.

She is presently attending the University of Georgia. While at Mercer, Miss Fitzsimmons was first runner-up in the Freshman Beauty Contest and served as ROTC Battalion Sponsor for 1963-64.

Miss Cathy Talton has been selected as Mercer Independent Mens Association's new sweet-
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KA's Begin Old South, Open Lodge

Kappa Alpha brothers at Mercer begin Old South Weekend today with an open house at the new KA lodge. In addition to celebrating the renovation of the old home which has become their lodge, the KA's celebrate, this year, the centennial of Kappa Alpha's establishment "In the spirit of the South." Old South weekend will be complete with Confederate uniforms, belles dressed in late-bellum fashion, and bearded KA's.

The open house will be held from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by the traditional raising of the Confederate flag and the reading of the secession proclamation at Wesleyan College.

A social hour will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Old South ball will follow at 8:30, at the Idle

Hour Country Club. Activities slated for the ball include the traditional Virginia Reel and the announcement of the new KA president.

Saturday will feature the Old South Barbecue at the KA Barn from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the Sharecropper Stomp at Baconsfield Club, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The KA lodge on Edgewood, between the Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon lodges, is one of the most recent scenes of campus improvement. The building is a rather old structure; it is known to have been used as a schoolhouse around the turn of the century, it has also served as home for the old Mercer football team, and was once the residence of former Mercer Greek professor, Dr. R. E. Anthony.

Last year, Kappa Alpha Order obtained permission from the university to renovate the structure. Since then, the front of the house has been redesigned along an old South theme, the side porch has been removed, and the inside walls have been rebuilt, Mercer KA's are presently in the process of furnishing the gray-and-white house.

Work on the house is under the supervision of architect Delmar Warren, a KA alumnus.

The rebuilt front boasts a double stairway, elaborate ironwork, antique columns, and a pair of copper and iron lamps which during the last century helped light the streets of Savannah.

Inside, several first floor rooms retain their original heart pine floors and their original doorways.

Chief features of the ground floor are a large, comfortable television lounge and a formal parlor decorated in pale golds and crimsons with the KA's portrait of their spiritual founder, Robert E. Lee, hung in the place of honor above the fireplace.

Also on the first floor are a still-unfurnished dining room, a kitchen and a ping pong room.

The second floor, still largely unfurnished, will house the Chapter room and study rooms. The original KA benches have been removed from the Administration building's fifth floor and brought to the lodge, along with a badly damaged stained glass window which was once in the old KA suite in the Ad building. The benches will be used in the lodge and the chapter hopes to be able to restore the window.

Miss Mercer Contest Held Soon

Harry Doas, president of the Mercer Circle "K" Club, announced today that the "Miss Mercer" contest will be held Monday, May 3, in Willingham Chapel.

"Miss Mercer" and her court will be featured in the beauty section of the 1965 yearbook, The Cauldron. A trophy and other prizes will be given to the winner.

Plans are under way for a variety of entertainment to be presented during the program.

Porter Patter

by Diana Denton



This being the last issue of "Porter Patter", as such as far as Yours Truly is concerned, at least, I couldn't resist the temptation to "get it all out of my system at once". Having gone quite literally "out on a limb" (and it was obvious what limb, although the limbs to which I referred can not be ob-

vious) with last week's issue, I was tempted to follow it up this week with a piece called "Down With Skirts." But I realized that while what I meant was that I wanted to see more shorts, the boys might take the title differently, while Mrs. Jenkins would probably think I advocated lowering the hemline. Besides, I have a minor victory. A rumor has reached my ears that W.S.G.A. has decided that when and if Mercer ever gets a pool (the "fact" that we are building a pool, by the way, is another vicious rumor that should be stopped) . . . Anyhow, rumor has it now that coeds will be allowed to swim in such hypothetical pool without having to cover their bathing suits with a rain coat.

Mercer is really progressing! I would also like to recommend a reward for whoever selects the dates coeds have to move or have furniture removed. The choice of finals week last quarter and Easter weekend—the weekend preceding midterms—this time, shows real foresight, consideration, and careful planning. But I shan't mention any names, lest the modest Mr. Haywood be embarrassed.

That wraps it up for now, as I move from Porter Hall to Mr. Dayton's vacant desk. Thanks for your cooperation and support. It has been fun!

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