

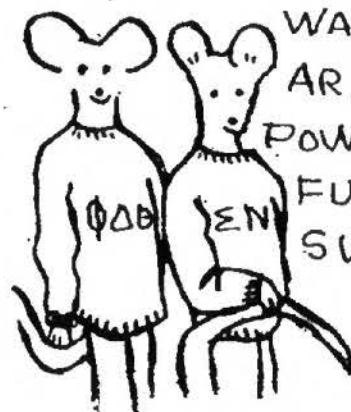
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Student Union Chatter

With the Student in Mind



Surprise! Most of our student body enjoys dancing and swimming. These two recreational outlets scored the highest on the recent questionnaire directed by the Student Union. Moreover, pride and bowling rated very high, along with table tennis and billiards.

With this information in mind, the SUAB will sponsor bridge games the last week in October, followed by a bridge tournament. The first of November will be highlighted by a two-week bowling series. Definite dates on these two events will be published in the next issue of the Cluster.

There was also a great deal of interest indicated in forming a pep band. Those students who expressed interest will be contacted soon in connection with organizing such a venture.

—T. Wilcox

Note—T.D. will be running this activities column each week. Read it.

Ciceronian Society, Mercer's Oldest, Meets Next Week

Mercer's oldest campus organization, the Ciceronian Society, will hold its first meeting next week. In addition to the discussions of literary topics and works which have comprised the society's meetings during the last two decades, this year will see a revival in debates on literary and intellectual topics, which the Ciceronians plan to conduct using a modification of the Debate rules drawn up by the Ciceronian Society of 1866.

Among the topics which are to be discussed and debated this year are Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Ian Fleming's character James Bond, and the book *African Genesis* according to Ciceronian president Ivor Groves. All interested students are invited to attend the society's meetings.

Founded in 1833 as the Franklin Society, the name was changed to "Ciceronian" in 1834 when the now-defunct Phi Delta Society was formed. For the next hundred years the two societies formed a famous rivalry. In Mercer's Penfield days, classes were suspended and people came from miles around to hear the societies debate such topics as "Was Brutus Justified in Killing Caesar?" and "Should Texas be admitted into the Union?"

The Ciceronian Society's minutes, dating back to 1934, now reside in the museum room in the

new library. Listing the old debate topics and meeting procedures, the minutes also reveal such interesting details as Confederate President Jefferson Davis having been made an honorary member in 1861 and the fact that the society continued to function throughout the War Between the States.

At one time, the Ciceronian Society had a committee which acted as Honor Council for the University and, with the Phi Delta Society, the Ciceronians controlled most of Mercer's extracurricular intellectual activity.

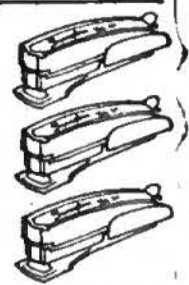
The Phi Delta Society declined and died in the mid-1930's but the Ciceronians continue to function, endeavoring to provide stimulating intellectual discussion and debate for and by the students of Mercer University.

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