

Student Union Chatter

With the Student in Mind

by T. D. Wilcox

Bridge lessons were the order of the day this week as the Student Union taught both beginners and others who had a little experience in the game the pastime of playing bridge. Interest seems to be high in regards to the first bridge tournament this Saturday.

The game room will be open within the next week. This room is located behind the post office in the Student Center. A word of thanks is due the Kappa Sigma pledge class who reworked our old table. I assure the entire student body appreciates their efforts.

Anyone needing a ride home for Thanksgiving, or anyone who has space available in their car contact the information clerk. The Student Union office will act as coordinates for rides home.

A Dedicated Profession

by Willard Clutchmyer

Ignomy and gloom was mine. Out of 165 seniors taking Senior Comprehensive Exams I was the only failure. I knew I was making a mistake in my freshman year when I let my faculty advisor, Symington C. Frump (often erroneously referred to as Pfastron Liverkowitzien, a great Irish birdwatcher) talk me into majoring in Chinese. What a comprehensive! Several people turned in blank papers and got better grades than I did.

Fear was mine when I opened the post office box and found a note from Dean Bosco Cecil Shaft on his official black bordered stationery requesting my immediate presence in his office.

I raced up to his office and ran to the desk of the kindly old receptionist. Trying to appear casual, I leaned on her desk and gasped, "Where is Dean Shaft?"

"Who am I, Inspector Keen . . . tracer of missing persons?" She countered, smashing my finger with a sawed off fungo bat which she had cleverly concealed under her desk.

The bleeding had just about stopped when Dean Shaft opened the door to his chambers and beckoned me in. Dean Shaft is an impeccable dresser. Many think he was the first to bring the Ivy-League look to Mercer. This, however, is not quite true. He does wear Ivy League clothes but they are the same clothes he wore as an undergraduate at Slippery Rock State Teachers College in 1921—the style is just coming back.

I tipped quietly into his lavish office the walls of which were papered with threatening letters he had received during his tenure as Dean.

"Sit down lad," he said.

"Thank you," I said, making a low curtsy and seating myself on the spot indicated on the floor.

"Well it certainly is a lovely day."

"Indeed," I agreed, "12 inches of rain since lunch."

"Well enough of this pantheistic prattle," he screamed, slashing me across the face with his rubber hose.

"You know why you're here, Clutchmyer?"

"to start with and a nickel a week raise every time Armistice Day my nose back into position."

"You are the only person in the history of this noble body of learning," he paused here to face Penfield and salaam thrice, "who has ever flunked a senior comprehensive exam."

"You will never," he continued, "be able to hold a regular, respectable position in the outside."

"Voe is me," I loudly lamented, attempting to slash my wrists on one of the many shafts which hung about his office.

"Here, here, child, I am your friend, don't do anything rash that would mess up your life . . . or my office."

"es," he went on, "there is another way . . ."

"ray tell, what is that?" I asked.

"YOU CAN BE A COLLEGE PROFESSOR!!!" he screamed,

delighted at this prospect, "Think of it Willard . . . \$33 a month to start with and a nickel a week raise every time Armistice Day fall on Sunday."

"ot really," I exclaimed.

"ot only that," he added, "you can rent one of the faculty apartments for \$325 a month. Of course you will have to pay your own utilities, upkeep, and furnish doors and window panes."

"Gad," I mumbled, amazed at the good deal offered to the scholarly profs who I thought heretofore lived in rented rooms and old soldiers' homes. "I may consider it."

"There are of course certain rules that the University expects all faculty members to follow some of which are:

"Professors shall have no more than two suits. One must be tweed, raggy and at all times unpressed. It also speaks well for the teachers if this suit is spotted and stained. The other suit must be dark and shiny. This suit may be worn to Faculty-Trustee frolics and public executions. Also professors will not, I say will not, attend any chapel program."

"I don't mind telling you Willard," said the congenial Dean as he dusted his desktop with his peruke, "we catch a lot of professors violating the most fundamental rules. One person last year taught a course for three quarters without changing text books!!!"

"You don't mean it," I asked in obvious disbelief.

"Yes," he said, "and not only that, one undedicated instructor had the gall to pass over half of his class!!!"

"You can do it Willard, think about it, and in the meantime practice mumbling. You speak much too distinctly for a college professor."

My heart beat periodically as I raced out of Dean Shaft's office and down to the Salvation Army store to buy a toga suitable for teaching purposes.

THE SOCIAL SET

Organizations Get Into Full Swing

FRATERNITIES

Kappa Sigma:

Kappa Sigma's pledge class recently elected their officers. Mike Crook was voted President; Bob Lindsey, vice president; Ricky Davison, secretary; and Dave Mechlin, treasurer. The pledge class also chose Miss Julie Shingler as their pledge sweetheart; Miss Shirgler, a freshman Wesleyanne, was congratulated with a bouquet of roses and a serenade by the fraternity as she was presented her pin.

Recently Dan Robinson pinned Miss Lillian Anne Davis, a Chi Omega from Mercer, now attending Auburn. Brother Pete Fletcher also announced that he had pinned Miss Kay Pond, a sophomore of Augusta College.

Saturday, Oct. 30, the Kappa Sigs and their dates enjoyed a hayride and cookout. Then they rode in the hay to Bloomfield to dance to the music of the "Rockin' Vees." Our social calendar is open for this week to allow the men of Kappa Sigma to enjoy the Panhellenic dance due to the gracious invitations of our sorority ladies. After a car wash by the pledges, the Fraternity is planning to rock out to Jonesco (Nov. 13).

The Crescents streaked toward the first-place mark in Intramural football with six straight wins. However, the Bologna Brothers had an off day last Thursday as our defense slacked up and allowed the Snakes of Sigma Nu to crawl past us, 32-21.

Mima:

The sound has barely faded in the rotunda of M.E.P. since that night two weeks ago when MIMA serenaded their sweetheart, Miss Cathy Talton. The evening was calm and beautiful, the girl was nervous, but also beautiful, and the singing was unusually good. A charm bracelet was presented to Cathy and thanks were expressed once again for her being the "sweetheart of old MIMA."

After the brothers and associates serenaded Cathy, the associates invited the brothers and Cathy to join them in pinning their pledge sweetheart. They all proceeded to the freshmen girl's dorm and called the newly elected, Miss Nancy Williams was pinned and presented roses and this began her reign as MIMA's associate sweetheart.

Other events have taken place in the ranks of MIMA. Preston Hicks pinned Diana Rebel and has happily smiled ever since. David Marsden, Lee O'Brien and Johnny Adams were initiated into Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity and have a new pin to keep MIMA's company. Beau Thompson returned to school engaged. He fought the good fight but went down as have those brave souls who have gone before. Lorrie Shalley is the other half of this new and outstanding couple, and Beau could not be happier. The date for the wedding is Aug. 20, 1966, in Miami, Fla.

SORORITIES

Alpha Gamma Delta:

Alpha Gamma Delta celebrated the end of October with the traditional Pledge-Sister Party on October 31. In charge of the party were newly elected pledge class officers, President Kathy Snow, Vice President Judy Babcock, Secretary Clara Whitlock, Treasurer Steph Boll, Chaplain Karen Cheves, and Guards Niki Dean and Carol Ann Showalter.

The following Saturday the quarterly Altruistic Breakfast was held. Breakfast in bed was served to the girls in MEP and the freshman dorm, with the proceeds going to the fraternity's International Altruistic Fund.

Phi Mu:

Phi Mu's recent social news is dominated by romantic activities. Scottie Holmes is engaged to Al

Bundy. Jo Sikes is pinned to KA Tommy Pipkin and Betty Elliott is pinned to Jack Cooley, Phi Delt.

The newly elected Phi Mu pledge class officers are President Mattie Harper, Vice President Patay Jo Clay, Treasurer Kay Jones, and Secretary Kathy Andregg.

Alpha Delta Pi:

Alpha Delta Pi has spent the last few weeks accumulating honors and activities. Recently inducted into KDE were sisters Suzy Sumner, Cathy Shouse, Margaret Ann Dupree, Pam Smith, and Kay Gant. Cathy Shouse was also invited to join Beta Beta Beta.

Three A D Pi's—Sandra Rich, Cindy Clayton and Mary Teel are Mercer cheerleaders. Beth Brown was selected as an alternate.

In the recent romantic news, Pam Smith is pinned to Donnie Nunn, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Marty Gregory is pinned to Harry Davis. Kappa Sig. Engaged are Carol Chappell and Ronnie Hoxie.

Jane Herrin and Stan West and Carolyn Cambel and Thomas Lewis.

Chi Omega:

Chi Omega held its annual Parent-Faculty Tea Sunday, Nov. 7. This year the tea was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cousins.

Chi O concluded its tennis season by placing second after a championship runoff with MICA. Playing for Chi Omega were Mervyn Nesmith and Sharyn Brooks in doubles and Judy Force in singles.

Sara Smith has been elected social chairman of the German Club and Kay Eubank has been chosen secretary-treasurer. Ann Pearson, a Chi O pledge, has been elected second vice president of the Wesley Foundation. Martha Harvey is first vice president of Women's Student Government.

Bev Sonen was chosen as a Mercer cheerleader for the second year. Judy Force will be an alternate.

Little Good In New Rules

We were rather surprised by the recent set of rules decreed for male students, and rather at a loss to see any reason or justice behind the bulk of them.

We firmly agree with the rule about men signing out for weekends, understanding the university's need to be able to face weekend calls for students with something more presentable than "He's not in his room, we don't know where he is, somebody says he may have gone to Atlanta, but we don't know." As long as the rule remains in its present form, it is a good one. As long as signing out does not involve anything more than jotting down name and destination, as long as it does not become any sort of real restriction on the male student's freedom, the rule is most proper and reasonable.

The rest of the rules, however, are not so useful nor so necessary. The regulation against upperclassmen entering the freshman dorm after 11:00 p.m. (12:00 on Friday and Saturdays) is not merely devoid of reasonable purpose but an insult to a large part of the student body and thereby to the university itself. We seriously doubt that upperclassmen exert any particularly corrupting moral or academic influence on freshmen (or vice versa) after 11:00 p.m. (12:00 on Fridays and Saturdays). We are, however, aware of numerous instances of upperclassmen aiding, abetting, and advising freshmen in academic matters, in the freshman dorm after 11:00 p.m. (12:00 on Fridays and Saturdays).

We hope that such activities will continue in the freshman dorm, along with general fraternization between freshmen and upperclassmen, and we strongly resent the idea that this sort of activity should be a violation of university rules.

The rule against entrances via window is, we suppose, defensible, but in the light of the dorm's lack of side doors and the inviting design and situation of the windows, we hardly think opposition to window entrances merits anything more than a memo to dorm counselors.

We could understand rules against holding intramural football games on the lawn, but the rule against "playing ball of any type" goes too far. No harm is done by a few people throwing a ball around for a few minutes in the afternoon on the grass by the dorm, while a specific rule against it can do nothing but breed resentment and lower popular opinion of university rules in general.

We hope that the rule on men signing out will not be associated too much with the company, which it was presented. To issue a set of bad rules is hardly the thing to do, but in many ways, to present a good rules among a batch of bad ones is worse.

—William Dayton

The Larger View

A weekly synopsis of world, national, state and local events.

INTERNATIONAL:

DeGaulle to seek another seven year term.
Sukarno pledges sympathy with anti-Communists in Indonesia, but continues attacks on Western imperialism.

Cuban Refugee problem temporarily solved by the monthly quota of 3,000 to 4,000 Cubans permitted to enter U. S. No political prisoners included.

Four G. I.'s in Vietnam kidnapped. U. S. continues bombing attacks. Communists surrendering in Java by thousands.

NATIONAL:

Aluminum industry under danger of federal control due to inflation. States allocated \$66 million to control outdoor advertising.

John V. Lindsay defeats Abraham Beame in New York Mayor election.

Johnson at ranch recuperating from gall bladder operation. O'Brien named new postmaster.

STATE:

Secretary of Interior Udall comes to Georgia to consider creating national park from Cumberland Island.

Eisenhower in Atlanta to open exhibit of Magna Charts.

Clayton County KKK, under guise of Clayton County Civic Club, under harassment from House Un-American Activities Committee.

LOCAL:

Supreme Court hears suit concerning integration of Baconfield Park contrary to will of A. O. Bacon which stipulates segregation.