

## Mercer Players Will Present O'Neil's "Great God Brown"

A talented cast has been selected for Mercer University's winter quarter dramatic production, "Great God Brown" by Eugene O'Neill.

The play will be presented February 9 and 10 in Mercer's Willingham Chapel under the direction of William J. Layne and the sponsorship of the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts.

James T. McCallum, Jr., a senior from Macon, has been cast in the title role of Bill Brown. He had the male lead in last year's musical, "Once Upon a Mattress."

Beverly Williams, a senior from Newnan, will portray Margaret Anthony. She is remembered for her performance in the title role of "Medea" last year.

Co-starring are Thomas Michael and Victoria Graves as Dion Anthony and Cybel. Miss Graves, from Barnesville, received Mercer's Best Actress award in 1966, and Michael, a freshman from Forest Park, will be appearing for the first time on the Mercer stage.

The supporting cast includes James Newsome, Washington; Sandra Harrison, Atlanta; Robert Markwith, Cocoa, Fla.; Diana Denton, Warner Robins; Hugh Dukes, Whitesburg; William DeCamara, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and Don Van Buskirk, Warner Robins.

"Great God Brown" is considered one of O'Neill's best plays. Each main character has two entirely different personalities, one which he presents to the world, and one which remains hidden except to his most intimate acquaintances. To facilitate audience perception one of the personalities is represented by a mask which is worn when the character faces the outside world and which he removes when appearing alone.

The setting of "Great God Brown" is abstractly designed, using sculpture by Henry Clay and the strange effect of space staging which is being designed and constructed under the direction of Steven Belew, a junior from Macon.

### PEP PILLS

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companies, I must add this. Each medication is, unquestionably, an excellent product — when used for valid, medical purposes. I am merely questioning the students' motives and misuse of pep pills.)

Granted, college exams cover massive amounts of material which, if neglected until the last minute, cannot be learned in one day. Out of deprivation, a student may therefore seek extra help to give him necessary hours of study: Pep pills. These pills, medically intended for use every 24 hours, often find a way of pushing themselves — in succession — down a poor "victim's" throat three or four times a day. Dangerous is a mild word for the effects. After a day or two of all pills and no sleep, exhaustion surprisingly disappears, only to be replaced by acute nervousness and tenseness. Yet the most horrible period of time occurs after the students discontinue use of the pills. Physically, he is exhausted. Emotionally, he is a nervous wreck. The slightest disturbance may instigate hours of remorse or tears. An empty mailbox or a wrong number can be a tragedy. Only many days of sleep and more sleep can eventually resolve the situation.

And now mid-terms are near, and the compulsion to take the "Pill" will be strong. Don't. The above examples are not only probable, but true. They are taken from personal, hellacious experience.

—Sue Walker

## Jacob Beil Selected For W. W. Competition

Jacob Beil, senior in the college of Arts and Sciences, has been selected to enter the national competition in the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation for a graduate school fellowship.

Beil is one of fifty designates from the Southern region of the foundation, selected from eight hundred nominees and five hundred fifty active candidates.

### CHAPTER LEAKS

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#### SIGMA NU

After a week-end of fun and festivities the Snakes slowly crawled into classes on Monday morning. Friday night at the Military Ball, four Sigma Nu's were tapped into the Scabbard and Blade — those tapped were Leslie Wilkinson, Mike Carlton, Tom Ulbricht, and Don Hawkins. Miss Sandy Carroll, Sigma Nu Sweetheart, was on the court for Battalion Sponsor and given Honorary rank of major. Saturday night the Snakes held a party at Kraft Lake — featuring Percy Sledge, oops, I mean, Percy Welch and the Hornets. The party turned out to be very successful, as well as uninhibited.

The Snakes are looking forward to Homecoming Week-end. Nancy Smith was Sigma Nu's candidate for Tot, and Jay Brewster was Phi Mu's candidate for Toby. Sigma Nu hopes that everyone will participate in this year's activities thus making it one of the most successful Homecomings that Mercer has ever held.

#### PI KAPPA PHI

The Pi Kappas will formally pledge six boys this quarter. They are as follows: Frank Norman, Steve Pankan, Richard Roecker, Steve Godfrey, Ray Jones, Bryan Dowling. Their pledge master is Richard Kiley.

This week the Pi Kappas are being visited by National Representatives Bill Dicks. Hopes are high for being chartered by the end of this school year.

Our MONTHLY party will be held the month of February on the 17th at Kraft's Lake.

#### PHI DELTA THETA

Yes, the Phi's have been living right!! This revelation came when the Phi's were victorious over the Mercer Ministers, 43-37. Both teams fought with ecstatic hope until the final second ticked away. We were honored to have among the illustrious spectators, our own Dean Joseph Hendricks.

Sweetheart weekend is nearing, and all the brothers are saving their pennies to buy their six-pack of "coke". We tried to get the Beatles for the formal dance Feb. 17, but we couldn't get them together, so we had to resort to the Rolling Stones. The Kingston Trio is on the agenda for Saturday, Feb. 18.

Our congratulations go to our Sweetheart, Miss Rita Waldrop, who has recently been elected president of Phi Mu Sorority.

We have made many plans for our Homecoming display — now we are in the process of censoring these plans, and we feel that the prize will inevitably be ours.

## Scenes I Dream

Mr. Haywood eating in the cafeteria.  
The manager of the co-op not counting his money.  
A student rate at downtown theaters.  
12:30 permission for upperclass girls on Friday, with 1:00 for seniors.  
The Bears lose only four games.  
Steve Moody make Jr. All-America.  
The GBC give in or dissolve.  
A student operated book-exchange in the book store.  
The new minister at "T. Square" resign.  
Mercer have a "Sadie Hawkins" day.  
A successful boycott of the You-Know-Where on a day when somebody important was here.  
The food improve as a result of it.  
A successful panty raid.  
Mercer's spirit rise.  
More grass and less sidewalk.  
Dr. Otto get the attention he deserves in chapel.  
Somebody get bit by a dog while trying to paint the SAE lion.  
Somebody pay for a broken window.  
"Slim" put on a little weight.  
Strass' hair grow out.  
Whoever cooks in the cafeteria get food poisoned.  
Tattnell Square barbar shop get a scalper's license.  
A "too cold" Monday afternoon.  
The Ad Building renovated.  
Coach Smith get a .300 hitter.  
Mercer get more professors, especially doctors.  
More people want to work on the CLUSTER.  
Everybody love everybody else.

### TRUSTEES PAY TRIBUTE

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He added that faculty salaries are not up to par, that new housing will soon be needed and that to last another century the administration building must be completely rebuilt. "Raising the cost of tuition is just not the answer," he continued. "Colleges cannot afford to turn out successive classes of disgruntled graduates. They become disinterested and unfriendly alumni, feeling that the college did not attend adequately to their interests and needs."

Dr. Harris said that recent news stories and editorials have pointed out the increasing costs of education, and that he is "scarcely able to think that the average person who is not in this business of education has adequate understanding of its problems."

### RICH OPENS PIANOFORTE

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Miss Rich, widely recognized for her brilliant talent, has been recipient of first prize in the National Federation of Music Clubs Marie Morrissey Keith Competition, the first prize in their Biennial Piano Contest, and the first prize in the Transylvania Young Artist Auditions.

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# Thank Goodness (?) For All Those Rules

## Of Mice and Men Pigeons and People

If, by chance, when strolling down the second floor hall of the Knight building, you should catch a glimpse of a fluttering white bird or a scurrying white mouse or a vocalizing bob-white, don't be alarmed. These are only the inmates of the psychology laboratory. No doubt you have heard the clickings and clatterings or other unusual sounds emanating from rooms 211 and 213. Again, no cause for alarm. These are the chattering relays of the control equipment used in animal experimentation.

Mercer is indeed fortunate to have and to have had professors like Dr. Otis Knight and Dr. Jean Hendricks who have devoted so much of their time and effort to the building of an adequate, functioning laboratory for the analysis of animal and human behavior.

The equipment consists of some ten to twelve thousand dollars worth of experimental chambers, control equipment, various measuring instruments, models, mazes, cages and books — not to mention the feathered and furry friends of the experimenters.

The most outstanding figure in the laboratory is Miss Faye Bush who designed and built much of the equipment while studying at Florida State University this past summer. She is currently engaged in research which she hopes to have read at various psychological conventions and perhaps even to have published.

Other students engaged in research at present are Lee Canipe, Sandi Harrison, Clyde Hoover, A. D. Howard, Bonnie Lawrence, and Jim Resniger. Any of these people would be more than happy to show interested persons around the laboratory. The fascination and excitement involved in research can only be experienced through a first hand account.

I've often wondered who is responsible for some of the things that go on here at Mercer. Who, in their right mind, could ever make such Scroogish rules as those in the Co-op? No ice cream in cups, charging two cents for a cup of ice worth about a half a cent, refusing to take about one-fourth of a second to put about a quarter of a cent's worth of cherry in a coke — it is ridiculous. The next thing you know they'll start charging you for reading a paper somebody else bought and left. Also, have you ever noticed how there are four or five girls working at eleven o'clock and only two at twelve? Then, too, try to buy just one doughnut. Maybe they should have a cover charge, or perhaps sell membership tickets!

This absurdity does not limit itself to the co-op. Not by a long shot. Have you ever walked out of your dorm at night and got hung up on some bloody barb-wire? For a prison camp, yes; but for a college campus? I admit the shrubbery is beautiful and all, but there is something about a barb-wire strand that causes me to shudder.

Oh yes, have you ever tried to get seconds in the cafeteria (although only some divine beings would know why)? It is as though you are a thieving jackel just for asking. If you try to make a quick get away, there's always Mr. Muscle to put you down. Oh yeah, don't ever be a minute past the closing hour or you lose your chance to get sick for the night.

Least we leave some stone unturned, have you ever tried to put up a sign of protest — peacefully of course? Well, don't! Before you finish, zap, some stealthy finger of justice (if you believe it) has ripped it down.

Another good old rule just for kicks is that girls no longer have to be in by twelve, but must be signed in by twelve. This means that with say some three hundred girls and only about three pencils the lovely ladies should be in by ten 'til twelve or get a report Heavens!

With all these rules to guide us I just don't know what we're going to do when we get out on our own and don't have anyone to care for us. After all, we will grow up one day whether we like it or not.

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