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FRATERNITIES

Many years ago Greek Letter Organizations were looked upon with awe and disrespect by leading educators. They were thought to be the root of all evil, all drinking, all gambling, and all other vice which held sway upon the college campus.

With the signing of the bill re-adopting Greek Letter organizations to South Carolina last month, Governor Richards sounded the gong and the old idea that fraternities were evil orders, founded to tear down and destroy good, took the count for the full number of ten. South Carolina was spoken of recently as being the only state in the Union which prohibited fraternities, which allowed lynchings and frowned on Sunday golf, by a prominent New York paper. With this news of the act recently passed, it can be seen that the state does not intend to remain in the condition as was pictured by the New Yorker.

Greek Letter orders have had a hard fight to establish their present highly developed government. Each state has at one time or other threatened or done so, to prohibit them. In some cases they have been legislated against for a while. But with the recent act of South Carolina, they are now admitted and welcomed by 48 states.

Up-to-the-minute organizations now exist which handle gigantic sums as the year's business is carried on in America's fraternity world. Various conferences have been organized which are doing worlds of good towards taking the ideals and workings of fraternities still higher.

Whereby they, in the old days were looked upon as detriments to the colleges in which they existed, they are now recognized as true assets to any institution. Scholarships, endowment funds and awards for merit given by the individual councils of the fraternities have done much.

And in all it is well that the words of one of the most prominent educators in the country, a man who has been identified with college men for years, be quoted here: "It is my wish, that every man in college could become a fraternity man. It is here if ever that the true merits of a man are brought out, in the fraternity."

BABY BEARS END TOUR TOMORROW

Will Have Played G. A. C. and Vidalia High Two Games Each

Mercer's Freshmen will return to the campus on tomorrow after a four-day tour during which time they played four games. Fifteen men are making the trip with Coach Sid Johnson.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday they played the Glenwood Athletic Club at Glenwood. The starting line-up for the games was as follows: Wilton Ald-

OPEN FORUM

Editor of The Cluster: Minnie Eppelwate, or MANAGING EDITOR, or whoever wrote that charming note to The Cluster last week had the right idea, or as Doctor Whatley would say, entertained the correct major premises, (viz., that "the Mercer student body indeed would sustain a loss if chapel were abolished") but why limit the advantages of chapel to the opportunity of studying?

As J. R. remarked in the Sophomore edition of The Cluster last February, "Collegiate chapel exercises are always occasions worth attending—i. e., for psychologists interested in observing the reaction of quarter-witted chapel fans to half-witted chapel speakers." Those introverts who limit their temple worship to Sociology miss half the benefits of the enlightening "services" held in our holy barn.

For example, the course offered in the Psychology of Returned Missionaries meets in Nunnally Chapel, from time to time, at 10:30 a. m. This is a very interesting course, even though no credits are given for it.

Then again, if one is a low-brow and doesn't care for psychology, he may read the latest effusion from Baby. You know the mail comes just before chapel time. Strains of "Nearer My God to Thee" harmonizes quite well with "Dear Johnny, You're so big and strong," etc., etc.

Yours more or less truly,

C. H.

Furman, catcher; Gober, pitcher; Hicks, third base; Mallard, short stop; Jimmie Carter, first base; Walker, right field; Keilmer, center field; Lott, left field; and Powell, second base.

The other men who made the trip were: Nix, short stop; Strippey, second base; Adams, catcher, and three pitchers, Spovall, Cargile and Ennis.

The other two games of the trip were with Vidalia High School at Vidalia, Thursday and Friday. The Cubs made the trip in automobiles.

EXCHANGES

"A critic says that modern girls are just educated dolls. He may be right but they don't squeal for 'mama' and 'papa' when they get squeezed."—Hulabaloo.

The writers in the Hornet, of Furman, have something new to agitate against. Here is an excerpt from a long article on the editorial page:

"With the arrival of spring there is a slovenliness and aberration among the students of Furman which is especially noticeable in dress. For the past several years this lapse, as it might be termed, has caused considerable comment not only among the members of the Furman faculty but also among the citizens of Greenville. . . . Some students thoughtlessly make their appearance in the down-town streets of Greenville in shirt-sleeves with collar unloosened, and wearing no tie. . . . A gentleman will wear his coat and tie and suffer perspiring. . . . Each student should ask himself the question, 'Am I guilty of this indecency of dress?' etc."

The editors of The Cluster cede the honor of bravery to their contemporaries in South Carolina and wish them success in the new war they are waging. For our part we have no desire to back decency against comfort in such a hopeless strife.

We dare not comment:

"A regular old-fashioned egg-rolling was the feature of the General Psychology Class picnic Monday afternoon out at the Greater Wesleyan site in Rivoli. At four-thirty p. m. the members of the four classes piled in a waiting street car and joyfully and noisily started off for Rivoli. At the end of the car line they were met by a truck and chugged and bumped the other mile and a half to the woody spot where the eggs were carefully hidden by an Easter Bunny Rabbit."—Wesleyan Watchtower.

"There are always two sides to every question: your side and the wrong side."—Sewanee Purple

WESLEYANS MAY DEBATE SOCIETY

Committee Appointed to Challenge Young Ladies to Appear on Next Program

Hoke S. Green, senior in the School of Science, was elected president of the Phi Delta Literary Society at their last weekly meeting.

Other officers elected were: S. E. Goss, Vice-President; Robert Ware, Critic; W. A. Wommack, Censor; Tom Cobb, Chaplain; J. Estes, Reporter. All officers were elected to serve during the remainder of this term.

Possibilities of a debate between a team representing the Phi Delta and a team representing Wesleyan was discussed. Tom Cobb and Alton Morris were appointed upon a committee to challenge the Wesleyan Debating Council. Whether Wesleyan will accept the challenge has not yet been determined.

After the election of officers impromptu speeches were made by Q. K. Harrett and Tom Cobb.

RECEPTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE SOON

Association of Greek Letter Men to Give Series of Three Affairs

According to announcement made by the Association of Greek Letter Men of Macon, three receptions will be given on May 26, 27 and 28th. The first will be from ten until one, the second from ten until two and the last, on Saturday night, from nine until twelve.

The reception on Friday evening will be attended by guests in costumes. The alumni of the following chapters on the campus are combining to give the reception: Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Tau, Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Tau Omega.

The alumni of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity will give a tea on one of the afternoons during the series of three receptions. The receptions will probably take place at the Volunteers' Armory.

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