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CO-OPERATION OF INTEREST

The resignation Monday of the president of the Alembic Club—one of the professional clubs on the campus—brought to light a situation which has been existing for some time, but which hitherto has either gone unnoticed or ignored entirely by the student body.

Educators generally are agreed that extra-curricular activities founded in fields of study which the student is taking, aid greatly in stimulating interest in that study.

We believe there are at least two reasons for this apparent lack of unity at Mercer. Generally speaking, students join these organizations merely to have their pictures put in the annual.

When a faculty member sees this listlessness, he can hardly be expected to exert an over-zealous effort to maintain interest.

What we are recommending is a larger recognition of these clubs and better support to them by the faculty, and more whole-hearted interest by the students; not for what social advantages can be got from them, but for what information and general usefulness in the interest of professionalism can be obtained.

STUDENT OR LABORER!

Working one's way through college may be all right from the point of view of a father "who worked from five o'clock in the morning till ten at night and got thirty-two cents for it when he was Ned's age," but attempting to do outside and university work at the same time is psychologically wrong unless it is absolutely necessary, according to Roger du Bearn in an article, "Our College Bred Ditch Diggers," published in a late issue of College Humor.

Parental egotism is blamed for the insidious American habit of the worthy sons of worthy middle class fathers attempting to do two jobs at once when it isn't necessary and not being successful at either.

Collegiate attitude is also at fault, the Author believes. "There is no doubt," he writes, "that the drones in college, be that institution large or small, fashionable or not, worship the worker."

They covet and special consideration is the reward of these numerous drones, in their out-of-the-way camps, or equally obscure soda-fountains, or the luxurious newspaper offices, wherever they may happen to be living gloriously. . . . jobs for collegians who way through school, du

Bearn believes. But too many men work only to "tickle their sense of duty or pay the bootlegger." This ever increasing class are the ones that offer the problem.

With every college man using a job as a means to get some kind of special dispensation, the situation of the working collegian is offering a problem to the educators.

The condition of affairs is coming to the point where college professors "are not so much instructors as arbiters of moral worth," according to du Bearn. "Whoever tries, means well, and is therefore a scholar. But then, is swabbing floors worthier than tending furnaces? Does selling Fuller Brushes rank with tuning pianos? It is no longer a question of appendicitis being offered as a substitute for mathematics; it is a question of Jack-of-All-Trades being translated Baccalaureus in Artibus, and giving Hercules a PhD."

THE REVIVAL SERVICE

Mercer is indeed fortunate in having on the campus this week, conducting the annual revival services, Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Mercer Alumni Association and one of the outstanding Baptist ministers in the South.

For years Dr. Newton has been closely associated with Mercer, and knows our wants and needs. He has done much thus far in helping to plan the Centennial drive for 1933, and his influence in the campaign will be of great help to his Alma Mater.

We feel honored by his presence, and appreciate his efforts toward the building of a Greater Mercer.

RENAISSANCE

Many times in the past Mercer students have been charged with not supporting its athletic teams, and not having enough interest in the welfare of its own teams to cause the people of Macon and middle Georgia to become interested in Mercer athletics.

The banquet honoring the members of the varsity and freshmen teams marked the second time recently that Mercer students have shown that they can and will put over such events if the officials will only put them in charge and really let the students have a chance to do something for themselves.

The 1931 Home-Coming celebration was a new awakening of Mercer students, and marked a great step in the future of Mercer athletics. The banquet last week proved that the spirit that prevailed at Home-Coming was no "Flash in the pan," but that it was the true feeling of the Mercer students, and that the students are not asleep, but the Mercer students are back of the athletic teams and are willing to do whatever they can to make the athletic program at Mercer a success.

To Stanley Reese and his co-workers who had charge of the entertainment, the Cluster would like to add its congratulations for their success in handling the banquet so efficiently, and to the student body of Mercer for its cooperation with the committee in the final drive and the general interest shown in the athletic program of Mercer.

We want Mercer alumni and supporters everywhere to know that the Mercer students are not asleep, and we assure them that we stand ready and willing to do our part to put over any drive that will mean the improvement of Greater Mercer.

College endowments grow larger every year. Harvard has an endowment amounting to \$100,000,000, ranking first; Yale has \$88,000,000; Columbia, \$77,000,000; University of Chicago, \$50,000,000; M. I. T., \$31,000,000; Stanford, \$30,000,000; University of Texas, \$27,000,000.

College men prefer college women as life companions, according to the nation-wide poll of the College Stories Magazine. The poll revealed that men preferred college girls because they have "it," intelligence, and a knowledge of the higher values of life.

There were some, however, that thought that college did a girl more harm than good. A statistician in Kansas revealed that figures show that the Kansas divorce rate is one to every five among non-college graduates, and only one to every hundred among college graduates. College people have ninety-nine more chances of being right.

MERCER CLUSTER 7 YEARS AGO TODAY FEB. 19, 1925

Bears Face Last and Toughest foe of Season. A. A. C. Brings Quint Boasting No Defeats. Mercer Five Goes Through Hard Drills in Preparation for Final Tilt Before Tourney.

Bear Five Defeats Georgia Tech 28 to 21 As "Smiling" Buntie Skinner Stars. Second Win Overackets This Season.

Denton Leaves Sum To Mercer. Georgia Baptist Gives University Single Largest Gift Directed By Will. For Education School.

Drawings For S. I. A. A. Tournament To Be Made Today. Twelve Teams Enter Tourney. Mercer Favored To Win In Play And Repeat Championship. Tournament Again In Macon.

Pharr Entertains Y. M. C. A. Goers. Popular Musician Gives Program of Great Variety.

Cage Champions of Greek Frats To Battle For Crown. A. T. O.'s and K. A.'s Wage Merry Battle For Trophy.

Local Fraternity Honors Nationals. Gamma Alpha Fraternity Gives Banquet In Initial Formal Opening.

AXE THE MAN WHO PHONES ONE

- 1. What student took an hour and a half to walk his date through the park last Saturday night?
2. Why does the copyreader always knock out the juiciest questions in this department?
3. How would you like a new automobile?
4. What student is threatening to join the army if his folks don't send him more spending money?
5. What's the proper utensil for eating spaghetti?
6. Who raised so much Cain in the Cluster office about a certain question in last week's issue?
7. What did it get him?
8. What fraternity man knows the S. A. E. ritual almost by rote?
9. Who started this dern game of pinchy-winchy?

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

ALMA MATER

What Oglethorpe needs is a first-class Alma Mater song and a newer and peppier pep song. We have always loathed the "doleful and dreary Alma Mater, which is tuneless and somewhat senseless. It cannot be sung well nor does it sound like more than a series of chords when the band plays it at football games.

We have a suitable Alma Mater

PAGE MR. RIPLEY

The Mercer Glee Club was such a success on its last tour that the boys are now planning a trip to Cuba this summer or next Christmas, it may be next Leap Year. This is the first time such a trip has been planned and if it works, they will go to Europe, France, and England next year.

The Mercer Glee Club has played before some of the best audiences in the big state of Georgia and the CROWDS were well pleased. If they can do that here in Georgia, it's a cinch they will be good in a country that doesn't even speak the English language.

On the trip to Cuba, the club will go from Macon to Miami by aeroplane, the Bremen, or some large cattle boat, will meet them there and carry them on to Cuba. While in Cuba the entire club will be guests of the president of Cuba. I won't name the president because they may have a few elections between now and the time they get there, besides I don't know who the president of Cuba is. After a weeks stay in Cuba, the club will journey back to Miami and put on a show there, spend the night there of course, and continue their trip homeward.

This is just a note to let you know that the Mercer Glee Club is going to do big things in the future. The only reason they haven't made trips like this in the past is because they just didn't think about it.

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hymn which would serve excellently if it were used. Hung to the tune of "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" the song tells the complete story of Oglethorpe in a few well-chosen words. Yet not more than a scant dozen students know that there is such a song. We suggest that this song be used in preference to the funeral tune now in use.

As to the pep song: we recently attended the Fox where the orchestra was rendering a medley of college songs. With great flourish the band rendered the pep song, which was received by a still, dead silence. The audience did not know what it was. It is too short and cannot be easily sung. If some enthusiast cannot compose a song, why not steal one? We suggest that the martial air from "The Vagabond King" would make an excellent fight song for Oglethorpe.

Go, Go, Stormy Petrels, Go, Go, Stormy Petrels, We must win this victory. Fight, Fight, Stormy Petrels, Fight, Fight, Stormy Petrels, Manfully go in the fray. Down the field to glory fight your way, Black and Gold shall rule supreme today. Go, Go, Stormy Petrels, Go, Go, Stormy Petrels, Go, Go, Stormy Petrels, Win this game for us today—Ray!

EXAM BURGLARY

Presumably all college men are gentlemen. Presumably college men are above the average, although there are many who would take issue with such a belief.

There are times, however, when a very definite doubt arises in the minds of many as to whether a university is a gathering place for the more honorable and enlightened individuals of the land.

During the recent orgy of final examinations this campus witnessed a repetition of the burglary and petty larceny which has become prevalent in past years. Students, in an effort to gain possession of the final examination before it was presented to the class, broke down doors, filed

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DEPTH SOUNDERS FOR AIRCRAFT

WITH the application of electricity to aircraft instruments, another chapter was written in the annals of air transportation. To-day's ship is not only swifter but safer and more dependable. Modern depth-sounding devices indicate instantly the height of the ship above the ground surface.

The most recently developed instrument is the sonic altimeter, which provides a quick means of indicating changes in height above ground. Sound from an

intermittently operated air whistle is directed downward. The echo is picked up in a receiving megaphone, and the sound is heard through a stethoscope. The elapsed time between the sound and the echo determines the height. Tests show that water, buildings, woods, etc., produce echoes that are different and characteristic.

Besides developing a complete system of aircraft instruments, college-trained General Electric engineers have pioneered in every electrical field—on land, on sea, and in the air.

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