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It doesn't take much of a man to gripe and find fault with everything around him, to criticize his associates behind their backs, and to pass up responsibilities, both legal and moral.

However, a good many of the students at Mercer seem to prefer this, the easiest way to attract attention and compromise with conscience.

In times like these, every one is beset with disheartening problems. The Baptist Convention of Georgia has a depleted treasury, the administration has a radically reduced budget, the faculty has had salary cuts, and the student body has fallen off sharply, from that of the years of plenty.

And who are the ones that can "Take It?" The administration and faculty carries on as best it can, and everyone taking an impartial glance at things will admit that they are doing creditably. The students are the ones that can only "Dish It Out." They keep up a harangue over trivialities, they are dissatisfied with everything, and they take the very ineffectual way of altering the situation of attacking those in authority with words. Not words spoken to those spoken of, where they might be accepted for their worth, but spoken to each other and to disinterested parties, thus undermining the morale of their fellows and the respect of the world at large.

Let us think for a moment on the fact that "These are times that try men's souls." Of course, we may include ourselves in those on trial. But, let us think of what this idle belly-aching on our parts, which never did anybody any good, can do to make someone else's burden a little heavier.

Then, let us surprise the world and violate precedent by evincing a spirit of co-operation, and "friend-in-need" policy. It certainly couldn't do any harm, and it might do a world of good.

And, if you must be pragmatic from a personal standpoint, remember that it is quite possible that such an attitude might mean quite tangible rewards for YOU, while chances of self-assistance from idle criticism are practically nil.

THE TOAST AND COFFEE SITUATION

It is largely a matter of individual taste as to the hour of eating the first meal of the day, namely, breakfast, but it is well understood in the dormitory that the coffee and toast is never served in bed.

Let's do some logical reasoning. The earliest risers on the campus get up around seven-thirty o'clock if they eat breakfast. They normally present themselves at the cafeteria about eight o'clock, just in time to make the earliest classes. The new breakfast hour ends at eight o'clock. This hour does not accommodate the early risers, not to mention the rest of the students.

It may be deplorable that students work until late in the night and find it necessary to sleep till the deadline next morning, but in this case we are more concerned with what is than with what ought to be. The point is, the existing breakfast hour is unsatisfactory because it has been arbitrarily set seemingly without any regard for the convenience of the students who wish breakfast.

Permit us to say that we honestly believe the cafeteria is well conducted and we understand perfectly that fellow students do much of the work and carry on regular class-work. But this stands clearly; that the students who patronize the cafeteria pay for their meals, and their convenience is the major factor in the setting of a meal hour.

BARE BEAR OPINIONS

By ROY RHODENHISER, Jr.

(Note: This is the first of a series of questions that will be asked various members of the Mercer family each week.)

THE QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF CO-EDUCATION AT MERCER?

The Answer; by Dean Clark of the Arts School:

"The question is susceptible of several interpretations. I am an ardent advocate of co-education. I think co-education is inevitable, necessary, and proper. With adequate facilities, co-education should make a real contribution to the intellectual and social life of the Mercer campus."

The Answer; by Dean Jacob of the School of Education:

"Co-education for people who are mature enough for higher education is the normal and proper thing. Even if young people do find their mates, what better place could be found—they will certainly learn each other better in a university environment than anywhere else. Herbert Hoover and his wife became acquainted on the Stanford University campus. The trend toward co-education throughout the United States is irresistible. For youth too immature in years or in development to be sent from home to co-education institutions there will always be need for a small number of separate schools. As the local high schools evolve into junior colleges, the need of separate boarding schools for girls will gradually decrease."

The Answer; by Mrs. D. P. Wyatt, student in the Arts school and also a mother:

"Co-education brings about a better understanding between men and women and produces a system of team work which acts as a mental stimulus to both sexes. This eventually leads to a better way of functioning in society and thus for life."

The Answer; by Sonrey Garrison, Phi Kappa Phi, Law school honor student, variety debater, former president of the Ciceroian Literary Society, and a R. C. also former class president:

"Co-education is detrimental to the preservation of the high ideals, moral sanctity, and religious enthusiasm which for the past century have characterized the family fireside of the traditional American home."

The Answer; by Lolale Fountain, Phi Omega, and student in the school of commerce:

"I am in favor of co-education, because after graduation we will necessarily be thrown with men both in the business world and the social world. By going to college where there are male students we are able to get their view points and thus we will be better fitted to work with them or to compete against them."

PYORE FILTH

By O. SNITCH

Spring is here... How do I know? Well, he-man Tarzan has started making excursions into the woods with a high-school femmie... and coming out with his arms full of dogwood... whoops, my dear!... and two of our most petite (?) freshmen have taken up the gentle art of wading every Sunday afternoon, under the tutelage of two high-school misses... wonder is they got the lace wet... and how does a certain venerable professor get that way? driving with one hand, with the other across the back of the seat... Relies of the past?...

This one is good... What popular student tried to get his fraternity brother out of the picture during the Little Commencement dances in order to take his girl out... and got caught in the act? Fraternal love, I guess... and have you heard how popular Red Mill Park was during the spring holidays? especially with certain members of the co-ed department... those frogs must certainly sing sweet love songs... Rumor has it that Joe is going to move down, Sylvania way next year... Barberton is too far away... Haven't you learned to say "nuff" yet, Joe? and why don't you give her the picture back? One of our most dignified and intellectual profs seen riding around in a Ford roadster... what did he do with the ancient relic? quite a comedown... must be the depression... ask Thad why he failed so miserably down in Thomasville... but I understand he finally came through last Saturday night... and Harris, too... congratulations, boys... The hat will be passed around in chapel next Wednesday to buy Toots a brand new muffler. Everyone be liberal with their donations, cause she sure needs one... and say, "Fanny," aren't you glad they don't wear hoopskirts now? ONE AT A TIME, BOYS... what chubby

football player has started courting a miss who works for the Capitol... maybe he has his eye on the "comps"... get one for me, too, Son... I hope you don't like this column... I don't want you to... address all complaints to Homer Zilch, 300 Dempsey, Homerville, Mo... see you next week, whether you like it or not... adios

OUR CUB COLUMNIST

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We know the man's policies... we only surmise as to his personality, his philosophy, his "humanness."

It is the Cluster's sincere hope that this column will become a medium of better understanding between the student body and the administration, and between our president and the individual student.

More power to our cub columnist. If he works hard, he may someday elevate himself to the exalted position of Assistant Editor.

A. T. O.'s BEAT K. A.'s MEET KAPPA SIGMAS IN FINALS WEDNESDAY

(Continued from Page 1) 13 points, shooting four field goals and five fouls. Gilbert at center got seven points. Cook played a good defensive game, and his last minute goals gave his team a good margin.

The Kappa Sigmas play the Alpha Tau Omegas Wednesday afternoon in the Mercer gym for the fraternity championship. The winner gains possession of the beautiful trophy now held by the Sigma Pi fraternity, 1932 champs.

THE LINEUPS

Table with columns: A. T. O., F. G., F. Total, K. A., F. G., F. Total. Lists players like Cook, Trommerhauser, Gilbert, Nesmith, Hampton, Dawson, Lunsford, D. Smith, Orr, Wilcox, B. Smith.

Referee: Popeko; Umpire: Bennett.

MERCER TO INSTALL MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN IN FALL TERM

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going so. Under the new plan, a freshman or sophomore will save \$53 a year by paying \$44.17 a month, or \$132.50 per quarter. The juniors and seniors on the campus will save approximately the same amount, by paying \$46.67 per month, or \$140 for the entire quarter. A lawyer will save \$42 a year, and graduate students will profit by \$20. This is a radical reduction in fees for all students staying on the campus. The fees cover room, board, laundry, matriculation fee, library fee, doctor's fee, and student's activities fee.

Students off the campus will save \$15 per year by paying \$20.83 per month or \$62.50 a quarter. Upper division students will have the same amount as the lower division students. The lawyers and

graduate students will also save on the new plan.

The new plan presents three main features. It is possible for a student to pay his fees monthly, instead of in a lump sum. A discount is given for the advance payment for the entire quarter before September 1. A third feature is that it will enable students who have been attending junior college because of the monthly payment plan, to attend the four year college on the same basis as the junior college and take advanced subjects.

The best way for a girl to retain her youth, is for her not to let him play around with other girls.

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