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## ON TRIAL

Exams are at us again. With them comes the best chance of 1934 for a show-down on the honor system. The new men now know something of college and the responsibility that goes with a man on his own. Next quarter the immediate departure of the students after exams will handicap the work of the honor tribunal very much. This quarter is the time to act.

The Cluster would wish that the honor tribunal go out of existence for want of violations of the code. Nothing like this will happen. It is highly probable that it will go out of existence for all practical meanings if it falls down on the job again. It did fall down last quarter. It took penalties in its own hands, reduced them in order to get convictions. The net results of the move indicate that it was an expensive compromise. It cannot repeat the failures of last quarter and keep any vestige of authority or dignity.

We have an honor system. The plain, cold statement of the code cannot be misinterpreted. Let us apply it. Let the court prosecute violations of the code that may take place during the coming exams with vigor. Once the students feel the teeth of the honor system we will be able to decide definitely whether we want it or not.

It is easily possible that nothing will come of the exams. The honor court is disgusted from the experiences of last quarter. This disinterest can easily add another impetus to the downward course of the honor system. Those favoring the honor system at Mercer cannot afford to muffle the opportunities offered by the coming exams to strike a blow definitely that will change the course from certain defeat to success.

## BRIEFS

"Y"—Fresh reports walk in the Cluster office saying that plans are being perfected for the students to use the downtown Y. M. C. A. next quarter. The editors weep softly. The office boy shows less violence with the wastebasket. The typewriters are turned off for a moment. Silence reigns. The chief of editorial hokey

puts on a "all my efforts have not been in vain" face—the Cluster, advocated the plan three weeks ago in an editorial. (However, investigation indicates that Professor Cruprup has been working on the project for some time).

**DANCES**—This writer does not believe in dancing, on account of being an atheist. From many currently expressed attitudes among the frat men, he will be able to make a goodly number of converts during the next week or so.

**GLEE CLUB**—Mike Goldwire reports very sober behavior on the part of the boys making the last trip. The Glee Club is one of the best advertisers we have at Mercer. Care should be taken to preserve this activity. The boys work diligently on it, and the results are always gratifying.

**THE CWA JOBS**—Some of the boys will stay in school next quarter by working on the campus. The work comes as result of CWA funds, procured from the National government. This type of student self-help is highly desirable. The aid comes from working so many hours per month. It would be great for Mercer if all scholarship men had to work for their grants.

**DEBATING**—The teams return with a good record. This is one activity in which Mercer always makes a good showing. We have licked some of the best collegiate debating teams in the country. Each year a good many men go out for debating, due to the interest in the activity of Dr. Clark and to the fine work of Dr. Shinn, varsity coach. We should support this activity more than we do. The men on the squad for most part are fellows who will help out with any project about Mercer's campus. It is not fair to them if we ignore them in their contests.

## THE GREEK WORLD

By WALTER THWAITE

Sigma Pi comes out with the statement that they are to have a formal dance on March 3 at the Hotel Lanier. This is on their Founders' Day. Preceding the dance, the Sigma Pi's are to have a banquet at the hotel. It sounds good.

S. A. E. is still out of coat at their house. They're using shutters and blinds for the fires now. They're to have a state convention in Atlanta sometime in March. Some of the furniture has strayed away from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega lodges.

The K. A.'s are all wrapped up in plans for their new pup tent. We hear they've even engaged a prominent architect to help with the plans. Unique is the word for it, say the Kappa Alpha gentlemen.

Phi Delta Theta had open house after the last Pan-Hellenic dance. They're minus chandeliers as a result, too. No rough stuff, however.

## DIRT

By HOMER ZILCH



### SWAN-SONG

"All good things must come to an end," reads the old proverb, and so with his issue Homer Zilch makes his farewell stand. I wonder if that was "hurrahs" that I heard? Or was it moan? Probably the latter.

Homer hates to relinquish his duties as custodian of this scandal column, especially so as the Glee Club has just returned from one of their wild escapades and I have plenty of "copy" for another column, but this is one time that I am going to do someone a favor, and leave them alone.

As Homer exits he wants to thank those who have always been such good "copy" for him and furnished him with so many stories. Tom and July, Gross and Wilson, Vi and Higgie, "London" and Sid, old dependable Nat, and all the rest have borne with me in patience. Maybe they have disliked some of the things that I published about them, but in fairness to them, they took it like good sports, and seemed to realize that it was all in fun.

Also a bouquet to those members of the faculty who have been mentioned from time to time. No complaints have been received at the Cluster office on anything that was ever said in my column, and the administration seemed to enter into the spirit of things just as the students did.

In writing this column, I have

Cooper Etheridge called a local high-school buttermilk over the phone for a date. She came back in a sweet, sweet voice, "I'm dated up till after spring holidays. You can have one then." Cooper swooned. Everybody congratulate Charlie Thompson when he comes back from Tallyhassee and don't ask why.

Alpha Tau Omega will entertain soon with open house and a smoker. The open house will be for the s.y.t.'s, and the smoker will be for the alumni. Several A. T. O.'s went up to Athens for the A. T. O. formal. Heap much fun.

When asked if there was any activity around at the Kappa Sigma house, Jack Syfan replied, "Yeah, I took some X-Lax last night." Albert Evans, Mercer alumnus, spent the past week-end at the Kappa Sigma house. They're expecting a big official down soon, so if you see the boys cleaning up the house, you will know why.

Pi Kappa Phi is publishing a chapter paper called the Alphas Hay. They're heading for the inter-fraternity basketball championship having downed A. T. O. by one point in one of those games you read about. They've Sigma Pi to play yet, but they shouldn't have any trouble in taking them for a round.

Gerald McQuaig is wearing the Pi K. A. pledge button. Congratulations. Don Hunter backed out of a little entertainment last week. Three other Pi K. A.'s could take it though.

## KO-EDS' KOLLUMN



### Atchoo! Atchoo! Measles!

Page Morton and Marie Edwards are the recent victims of measles. From the discussion between, before and after classes, there seems to be quite a difference in opinion as to how many times one can have measles. Just about the time we decide we are immune somebody gives us great comfort by

always tried to be amusing, and although I failed at times, still I got a little satisfaction out of the compliments paid me at different times. It was very little, I admit, but I do believe that the students enjoyed it.

I hope that no one will hold any personal prejudice against the writer on account of some of the things written. It was all done in good faith, with no intention of hurting anyone.

I am forced to give up the writing of this column on account of the little time that I am able to devote to such trivial things, but it is more than likely that someone will succeed me in keeping you informed of all the oddities and love-affairs on the campus.

And with many good wishes to all, I remain, snootingly yours,  
 HOMER ZILCH.

saying you can have them as many times as you come in contact with them.

### Wotta Life!

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day" is now being heard in Turkey. It seems that the purpose of the "early to bed and early to rise" idea is to make the Turks become energetic which in turn helps Turkey toward her goal of prosperity. Evidently, they don't have college students. Or perhaps they read parallel between dawn and sunrise. Sush! don't tell them about sororities, fraternities, extra-curriculum activities, and your favorite radio programs.

### At Random

And would you be surprised to know who a certain two co-eds are who have become quite interested in the medical literature of the library? Gwendolyn Graham a graduate student of last year, came by recently to pay the campus a visit. The Co-ed Basketball Team was entertained at a lovely tea Wednesday given by Professor and Mrs. Hugh Awtrey. Wouldn't it be a break for the co-eds if they could have the use of a swimming pool this spring for a reasonable price? There seems to be considerable interest among the co-eds concerning the tennis tournament. If enough good material is found during the playing of the tournament, a tennis team may be formed. We heard that if a team is formed that matches with near by colleges may be scheduled. Some of the tennis players expected to enter the tournament are Hilda Beggs, Opal Hughes, Gladys Holder, Doris Jacob, and Virginia Williamson. Coleman Avenue seems to be the choice of the tea parties at the present. The co-ed basketball players will see themselves in the brown section of the Atlanta Constitution this coming Sunday.

## KO-ED KATE SEZ



"Barry is a clever dancer don't you think so?"  
 "He sure is light on MY feet!"