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BRADLEYISMS

The class seems a little sleepier than usual this morning, but don't skin your ignorance any more than you have to.

ON MOTHER'S DAY

Fortunate is the boy or girl who is born to genuine breeding and character, for the battles of life are easier in the taking as a consequence. Ideas and ideals spanked into our thought patterns and constitutions by conscientious mothers form the basis of character, and determine how we will react in later life. In the course of time she develops from a disciplinary martinet into a counselor and guide. It is during this transition period that we become aware of her as a personal entity, and the ties are warmed and strengthened thereby. She becomes a compass whose needle points with all the truth and sincerity of her being into the way we should go.

She becomes so completely integrated in the hearts and minds of her children that it is almost impossible for them to take her out of their everyday experiences and examine her dispassionately. She has become so much of them that she seems a part of them.

One has to be genuinely in love with something or someone before one realizes the woeful weakness of the English language to convey the fine shades of meaning and the unimaginable strength of that tender emotion. It is enough to say that she is: the be-all and end-all of existence, and leave the rest to the phrasemakers and the poets. They are more skillful at translating feelings into words.

BROTHERLY LOVE

Now that the schism in the ranks of the Pan Hellenic has developed into an open break, it will be interesting to stand by and watch how the fraternities who pulled out fare in their splendid isolation. One of two things appears possible:

1. That the new Greek Council of Macon shall get the jump on the old Pan Hellenic setup, and gradually pull it down into a stage of desuetude or even disintegration.

2. After a period of wandering in the wilderness the recalcitrant members shall seize the olive branch of peace, upon which will be pinned face-saving concessions, and move quietly back into the fold.

The grievances which split the groups apart had their beginnings so far back until one hardly knows just what did start it all. And, true to tradition, spites have become hates, and hates have multiplied until secession from the fraternity union seemed to me the only way out of the muddle.

It gives rise to speculation as to whether two separate organizations can function successfully in Macon. The expense of staging a good dance is such that the old setup was sometimes embarrassed for support, and the chicken may not be able to stand the division. That being the case, one of the organizations must give way from economic pressure.

The Cluster will spend no time discussing the reasons for the secession movement. To do so would only invite controversy from both sides, and controversy will only serve to make matters worse.

As a non-fraternity man, The Cluster editor has heard much of the spirit of brotherly love and co-operation that is supposed to exist among fraternity brothers. If the suggestion be in order, why not let some of this brotherly love and spirit of co-operation leap to the narrow boundaries of chapter and apply to the whole Greek organization on the campus, before economic pressure forces the opposing groups reluctantly together again.

DIRT

By THE STOOGES

With four or five of the Stooges out on a scouting expedition for more Dirt (i. e. Glee Club trip), only three of us are left to dish up some for this week.

-DIRT-

The imitation bike race and the Pan-Hellenic split up should provide enough material for bull sessions to last until the end of the year. . . . SAE's OVERBY, ALLEN, GRENADE, BUNCH, OWEN, and Thoths BARFIELD, COLEMAN HAZLEHURST, and ABE CONGER were leading riders and respective heroes for their teams. . . . Nicknames are plentiful since the race. . . . WILLIS CONGER is addressed as "Napoleon" . . . The Kappa Sig threaten to challenge the Alpha Kappas to a six day race. . . .

Father ALTONEN, (who is ole enough to know better) pulled the best one yet on the Pan-Hell split. . . . Secession leader Giddens was asked what the name of his new council would be. Father came across with this nifty "They ought to call em Stray Greeks" . . . We've always needed a Stray Greek organization here anyway . . . Rebel General DAVINO is happier and richer by the rebellion. . . . Union men HUNTER, HARDMAN, and BERND are wiser, sadder, and less well-off financially. . . . Campus prophets forecast a warm time for Commencement, with a battle of music, featuring Paul George versus Kirk DeVore.

-DIRT-

ELECTIONHANGOVERS: WILCOX will probably stay out of politics from now on. . . . OVERBY is happy. . . . Student party claims overwhelming win. . . . Independent group claims Dirty politics, but money offices. . . . Alpha Kappas still ponder over this "Member of the Mass" talk. . . .

The chain-letter fad is claiming its Mercer victims. . . . McCLELLAN can be heard to murmur at odd moments. . . . \$1,562.50. . . . ED MARSHALL is leading with nine letters so far. . . . Skeptics discount all faith in success of such enterprises. . . . Myriad explanations given.

-DIRT-

The BROWN-DAVIS tie up is interesting to watch. . . . We wonder if DAVINO is married. . . . How is PENNELL and PiKa affair coming along. . . .

TO AND FRO

By Aileen Bacon

Why shouldn't Mercer be a good school? The whole thing is run by sirens and bell (e) s.

Maybe they didn't do it on purpose, but what could be more appropriate than heating the chapel building with gas?

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You'll have to hand it to these college authorities. They're smart. They give us holidays after exams and send our report cards home so we'll have time to cool off before we see them again.

Have Your Say

Editor, The Cluster:
Sir:

I know that this paper has not tried to get into any argument over political questions. The policy of non-interference is very well in the usual case, but the time has come for us to take a definite action. We all know what is going to happen May 15, but so far we have maintained an attitude of indifference. The continuance of this attitude is what the repealists want. If we do not arise and express ourselves, they will have a far better chance of carrying the state than otherwise.

We, the future citizens of Georgia, should be vitally interested in this question. We have been fortunate in living in a time in which the conditions did not exist such as they did when our parents were young. Everyone of us wants to give our children the same privilege that we have had. But there is no need of presenting an argument against repeal. We know that alcohol and gasoline won't mix.

But unless we show the public where we stand, they might think we want repeal. The wet forces are using all the propaganda they can to make Georgia wet. Let's begin action now, and begin it in a big way. And do not stop when we have defeated the repealists, but let's have the law enforced.

Carroll Tinsley.

The Bookshelf

A Man Called Cervantes. Bruno Frank. N. Y., Viking Press. 250.

From the colony of German exiles at Savary comes a delightful "biographical novel" based on legendary facts blended with the imaginary ideas of the author, who proves himself thoroughly acquainted with the historical setting of the story.

Mr. Frank has truly recreated the author of the immortal Don Quixote, and his famous contemporaries, Philip II and Don Juan. He portrays the fascinating Miguel de Cervantes as a daring, handsome young Spaniard able to win favor with innkeepers, fellow-prisoners, pirates, cardinals and princes; and able to remain cheerful and resolute although frustrated in every endeavor for forty years.

Stirred by the horrible tales of the cruel slaughter of Christians by the Turks, young Cervantes abruptly left his peaceful duties as instructor in Spanish to Cardinal Acquaviva to join the expedition of Don John of Austria against the Turks.

The bloody battle of Lepanto had no lasting results, so Cervantes' hopes of recognition for his heroic action in the battle, during which he lost his left arm, soon dwindled.

COMPLIMENTS

OF

DIXIE DAIRIES

After six years absence, he set sail for home a mutilated and bankrupt soldier.

He was captured by Barbary pirates. His three attempts to escape and free his fellow prisoners were discovered because of betrayal, yet he was never punished by his captors. When finally freed by payment of a huge ransom, he returned to his native land penniless, yet determined to achieve success as a playwright or recognition as an officer and repay his family who had sacrificed all to ransom him.

While wandering in vain from court to playhouse, he dreamed of romance, but was again disappointed for he failed to find happiness in the role of lover or husband.

Still undaunted he set out anew to seek fortune. After years of waiting and wandering over Spain and Italy, he received the only reward he was to ever realize for his service at Lepanto. He was suggested for the job as tax collector. Continued on Page Three)



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