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**CONGRATULATIONS**

We are truly glad to see that peace and harmony prevail again on the Mercer campus. All the fraternity boys have decided to quit scrapping and work together for a change and you can bet your life things will be better from now on.

The purpose of any Pan-Hellenic organizations is to promote peace and harmony among all the fraternity men in all the fraternities in the school. When the Pan-Hellenic split into the Greek and Pan-Hellenic councils the very purpose of both organizations was defeated. All Mercer is proud of the men of both factions who saw that this division was hurting and concerned and were ready to overlook minor prejudices and unite into one council for the good of all. It shows that the spirit of putting others before self is returning to our school. Again congratulations to the group making a step forward in that direction.

**CLUSTER EDITORS**

At this season of the year with national politics in the air and talk of Landon and Roosevelt ringing in our ears it seems most appropriate that we speak of the political set-up on the Mercer campus. Of course our elections are held in the spring and this editorial can do no particular amount of dirty work, so let us just have something to think about for the remainder of the year.

Last spring as in other years we elected four members of an editorial board of control. The editor is naturally expected by the students to come from one of this body. Which one of this group is to be the editor no one knows until a majority of the board members get their heads together and come to some conclusion. Is he or should he be elected by the student body. As a matter of fact he is not. He is a member of the board set up as editor by the board. Why not change this to an editor elected by the students if he is to be called so? As a simple suggestion, don't you think it would be a fine idea to have the staff of your newspaper elected as the staff of the Cauldron has been in the past. It would be much more simple to have two men run for the office of editor, two men for the business manager and have one man for each office elected there and then. He would actually be as previously called the person elected by the student body for that position.

In the past as often has happened with our set up of four men on the board two come from each faction represented on the campus. Any decision reached in case of these inevitable tie-ups was reached by flipping a coin or placing it in the hands of a faculty advisor. Our suggestion would be to elect five men instead of four on this committee. If there is any uncertainty over this plan due to the fact that men eligible for the board of control would be eliminated by being defeated as editor then why not allow a man to run for both editorship and board of control? This would give us the choice of the students for editor and yet choose the best possible board of control.

This plan is not so complicated as it on first appearance seems. Both parties run editors and business managers in one race with their names reappearing along with others on the office list as Cluster board. The five names in the latter office receiving highest vote become the Cluster board to control the policies and hold the paper in check, regardless of who may receive the editorship.

We believe that this plan would so place the Cluster under direct student control whereas before it has been only indirect.

**FOLDEROL**

By Kenneth Harris

**COLGATE BEGS TO ANNOUNCE** after two weeks experiment upon six students, they have found that one can think faster and straighter with the head lower than the feet. Young people who lead upright lives may be nice, but they will never be tapped for the brain trust.

College Humor.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY INVESTIGATORS** announce that the pin game requires no skill, but some of the fraternity men on the campus tell me that the Wesleyan girls have it down to a science.

**AND SPEAKING OF GIRLS**

Babe—Where were you last night?

Shiek—With you, babe.

Babe—Thanks, I wasn't sure.

Then you are the fellow dad's looking for.

Penn Punch Bowl.

**MODERN PROVERBS**

A bird in the hand is bad table manners.

Success has turned more heads than halitosis.

A fool and his money are some party.

If you want to remember things, tie a string around your finger. If you want to forget things, tie a rope around your neck.

Ohio Sunbat

**When Black Can't Be Read**

Sophia Jones tripped into the lawyer's office:

"Can't ab sue dat no good Rastus Smiff to somepin', mister? He promised to marry me, dat he did, and yesterday he done 'loped with another girl."

"Promised to marry you, eh?" mused the lawyer.

"Well have you anything in black and white to show for it?"

"No, sah," replied Sophia. "Jes black is all."

Texas Battalion

**Little Audrey in New Style**

One day little Audrey's mother came into the kitchen where little Audrey was cutting off her little brother's fingers and toes and putting them into the frying pan and little Audrey's mother just laughed and laughed on account she didn't know little Audrey could cook.

Kansas Sour Owl

And then we see little Audrey again when she tells the young boy that she will give him just 45 minutes to take his hand off her knee.

Before closing we see Mae West entering a first night performance, wearing more diamonds than clothes, she replies to the hat check girl's remark, "Goodness, what lovely diamonds."

"Goodness had nothing to do with it, dearie."

Exchange

**INTERVIEWS**

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"old bulwark" and "verbal sniper" of the non-frats, PIP CALDWELL. Pip gave us a study in contrast. He said:

"The divisibility of the fraternity faction is highly desirable on the part of the non-fraternity faction as it tends to break up the despotism of this powerful fraternal faction, leaving the supremacy of dominance in those of the non-fraternal faction in the seeking of campus offices. Further the division within the fraternity faction, which has produced two groups, tends to make for a competitive rivalry between these two groups."

**IN THE THROES OF—  
 CLUSTERPHOBIA**

**SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

The question has recently arisen in a certain class on the campus: Can Science and Religion be reconciled? The answer is definitely "Yes." But strange to say, those students who should most readily welcome the support the scientist offers theological conjectures have been the ones either to deny modern science its due credit in furthering religious understanding or fail to see exactly how the two go hand in hand. It has long been the policy of certain factions in the church to regard religion and science as irreconcilable antagonists. Surely the day is over when a Galileo can be persecuted by the practitioners of a faith based on tolerance.

In seeking to understand either the spiritual or the intellectual direction in which we develop it must be kept in mind that everything men do or think concerns the satisfaction of their needs or the escape from pain.

In primitive peoples it is fear that awakens religious ideas. Because understanding of casual connections in this level of society is limited, man creates a being more or less like himself on whose will depends the experiences of fear. In this religion of fear one hopes to appease this being by deeds and sacrifices which according to tradition are supposed to win favor. This religion becomes stabilized by a priestly caste, often political, which claims to mediate between the people and the being they fear.

The second source of religious thought is found in social feelings. Great leaders, and parents as well, being fallible and mortal, crave guidance and love, and so create the social or moral idea of God—a God of providence, who protects, rewards and punishes.

Still higher we find what has been called the Cosmic Religious Sense. Indications of this can be found already in the Psalms of David, in the Prophets, and in Buddhism. Religious geniuses of all time have understood religion in

such a sense. It is the highest function of science to arouse and keep alive this feeling—but only to those who are receptive.

Man no longer need be kept in order through fear or hope of distant rewards. The scientist sees the nobility and marvelous order revealed in nature and in thought, and seeks to experience the totality of existence as a unit of significance.

At certain times in the past the church has welcomed the aid of art and science; can it be that those times are to be no more? Anyone who knows science only in its practical applications may easily have a wrong interpretation. The God-intoxicated Spinoza once said:

"It was looked upon as indisputable that the judgment of the gods far surpasses our comprehension; and this alone would have been sufficient to keep the human race in darkness to all eternity if mathematics, which does not deal with ends but with the essences and properties of forms had not placed before us another rule of truth. In addition to mathematics, other causes might be assigned, which it is superfluous here to enumerate, tending to make men reflect upon these universal prejudices and leading them to a true knowledge of things."

Also: "God necessarily exists; He is one God; from the necessity alone of His own nature He is and acts; He is, and, in what He is, the final cause of all things; and all things have been predetermined by Him, not indeed from a freedom of will or from absolute good pleasure, but from His absolute nature, or infinite power."

We may well reflect on the fact that these two passages were written by the same man, and not only were homogeneous to him but can be to us.

**KUDOS**

By Ledford Carter

The Mercer freshman in 1882 who sought an A.B. degree was required to take during the first semester the following three courses: Latin, Greek, and Algebra.

In 1882, board rates at the Mercer dormitory were \$10.00 per month with sleeping room free.

The cost of building the Chapel on our campus was \$26,000.00.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., in 1891 donated \$10,000.00 to Mercer University. In 1900 he gave \$15,000.00.

Dr. G. L. Carver had been teaching at Mercer for six years when Prof. W. T. Smalley graduated with the class of 1913.

Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, now past seventy, has been a specimen of perfect health. Only once in his life has he taken any medicine, and on that occasion he was tricked into doing so.

The largest Cluster ever published at Mercer University was edited by the Summer School students and appeared in the Macon Telegraph on Sept. 26, 1923. This edition of the Cluster had twenty pages of newspaper type. It was circulated to 30,000 homes and offices in the South. Several hundred copies were sent to the newspapers of the North and West. Hundreds of copies were sent to foreign countries.

**PERSONALS**

By Nellie Hill

Edna Tomlinson spent last week-end in Albany.

Marie Horton attended the Mercer-Oglethorpe game.

Christine Booth, Mary Katherine Calhoun, Ruth Sauls, Hilda Heggs, Edna Tomlinson, Margaret Barrett and Bill Barrett motored to Albany to attend the Mercer-Oglethorpe game.

Felder Barfield attended the Mercer-Oglethorpe game.

Allan Seibert spent the week-end in Albany.

Harold Hilton spent last week-end in Atlanta.

Jim Wallace went to Perry last week-end.

Harold Edwards spent last week-end in Atlanta.

Abe and Willis Conger attended the Mercer-Oglethorpe game and then went to Bainbridge for the week-end.

Roger Dodd, Billy Smith, and Allan Bloodworth attended the Georgia-Furman game in Athens.

**With The Greeks**

By Jimmy Jordan

The Mercer fraternities announce the pledging of the following boys:

Pi Kappa Phi: Art Barrow, Panama City, Florida; Bill Barrett, Dansville, Ga.; Phil Chastain, Thomasville, Ga.; Bob Stephens, Thomson, Ga.; Mike York, Montgomery, Ala.

Sigma Pi: Julius Sharpe, Ludowici, Ga.; Marvin Brown, Tignall, Ga.; Alec Block, Detroit, Mich.; Julius Johnson, Macon, Ga.; Tennessee Wright, Macon, Ga.; Gairy Howard, Macon, Ga.

Phi Delta Theta: R. C. Souder, Macon, Ga.; Bill Geeslin, Macon, Ga.; James Merritt, Colquitt, Ga.; Clyde Calhoun, Colquitt, Ga.; John Reed, Gainesville, Ga.; Harold Edwards, Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Edwards, Commerce, Ga.; James Pilcher, Wrens, Ga.; J. M. "Pepper" Martin, Perry, Ga.; Jack Nesbitt, Cordele, Ga.; John Arnett, Newnan, Ga.; Charles Hargrove, Vidalia, Ga.

Pi K. A.: Bill Kirksey, Parrot, Ga.; Hugh Carney, Ball Ground, Ga.; Harvey Glazier, Newnan, Ga.; Charles Anderson, Macon; Bob Rankin, Macon.

Kappa Alpha: Leon Hearin, Macon; Albert Adams, Macon; Fred Ford, Utica, N. Y.; John Calhoun has been pledged and initiated this year.

Alpha Lambda Tau: Kenyon Sellers, Albany, Ga.; Harry Winters, Bradley, Ga.; J. H. Jones, Amsterdam, Ga.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Roy Finch, and Bill Barnes, Macon; Jack Pippin, Round Oak; Fred Eden, III, James, Ga.; Ben Ivey, Lincolnton, Ga.; Lynn Norris, Thompson, Ga.; Al Hospers, New York; Jack Muhrens, Central, Texas.

Kappa Sigma: Barge Shi, Fred Beaty, E. C. Harris, Allan Seibert, Wesley Marshall, and Forrest Powell, all from Macon; Neal Allen, Albany; Martin Kumse, Barberton, Ohio; Tom Steadman, Elberton; Grady Gillon, Macon; Clyde Martin, Gray, Ga.

Alpha Tau Omega: Walton Hodges and Mike Nealer, Reynolds; Bill Laur, Midland, Mich.; J. M. Jackson and James Parker, Wrightsville; James Gilbert, Atlanta; Thurman Williams, Decatur; Tommy Clodfelter, Eatonton; Bob Sparks, Marion, Ohio; Charley Alexander, Macon.

**MINIATURES**

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count a lot. Apply this to your relationship with your professors."

Johnny added his bit of philosophy: "Life should be compared to a square, the four sides representing the social, mental, physical, and spiritual life and all correctly proportioned."

Quite a football player and a thinker too is Johnny. (From what I hear he is a regular Don Juan with the ladies.)

De Vernon (Red) Robinson is from Rome, where, by the way, he passes all the red traffic lights with gay abandon — why I don't know.

But Red is bound to make good out there on the field for he follows his advice to the freshmen which is: "Learn the spirit of teamwork for it will take you far in college as well as in after life."

Another Red, this time Red Tyson, the 215-pound tackle who performed no nobly in both of the last games, was assailed. Red said: "I believe the spirit of the student body will soon match the team spirit. When this is brought about then Ole Mercer will really get places. I believe the game with Birmingham - Southern Saturday will be one of our best."