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## FRATS, SORORITIES OBSERVE PLEDGING RULES THIS YEAR

### Men's Rush Period Lasts Eight Weeks; Co-ed's Ends Oct. 4 REGULATIONS USED

By Billy Goesslin  
New rushing rules for both fraternities and sororities were issued during the past week and are now in effect, according to recent Pan-Hellenic announcements.

Billy Smith, Pan-Hellenic president, announced that the Greek fraternities would be allowed to rush prospective pledges for a period of eight weeks, ending approximately November 8. No prospective freshman pledges may be pledged during this period, he said.

"Although it has not been definitely planned, a period of silence will probably be observed by all fraternity men immediately following the eight weeks of rushing," Smith reported. If this plan is adopted, the new men will not be allowed to pledge until after the "silence period" is concluded. This new rule does not apply to men entering Mercer from junior colleges.

Mimeographed sheets listing the rushing rules as adopted by the Co-Ed Pan-Hellenic Council have been issued to all freshmen and non-sorority co-eds.

The following is the new procedure:

1. The formal rush period which began on September 20, will continue until next Monday.

2. On October 14 all co-eds will attend an Interpretation Meeting. At this time preference slips will be given out and the new system of preferential bidding explained to the prospective pledges. These preference slips must be returned immediately to Miss Matis Goodwin, arbitrator.

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### Alpha Psi Omega To Sponsor One Show Each Term

#### Dramatic Group to Cooperate With Education Department For First Play

Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic society at Mercer, is considering plans for the coming year whereby one major program will be included each quarter.

During the fall quarter the society will cooperate with the Department of Education and The Mercer Players in the production of "The Hoosier Schoolmaster."

Work on marionettes will continue during the winter quarter. If considerable progress is made it may be possible to have some sort of public exhibition. In addition, the English department hopes to bring some outside talent to the Mercer stage.

Last year C. Ray Smith's marionettes from Los Angeles were presented, and this year, efforts are being made to book another puppet troupe.

The annual program of original plays by Mercer students will be continued in the spring quarter. This, however, is conditioned upon the course of playwriting offered in the winter quarter.

There are fourteen active members of Alpha Psi Omega on the campus, the organization having lost five by graduation.

Mrs. Wilbur Stout, Professor James Shelburne, Kenneth Cameron, and Professor E. E. Overton are honorary members of the group.

## A STUDENT CONSTITUTION

Following a suggestion made by the Cluster several weeks before, the Mercer student council last spring took action to prepare a new constitution which would be submitted to the student body for approval this year. After considerable work President Abe Conger, Walker Sammons, chairman of a committee to formulate the constitution, and members of the student council have produced a document which will be voted on by the student body within the next week.

The constitution has been studied thoroughly by the council and comes to the student body with their approval and recommendation for acceptance. The Cluster commends the work of the committee and advises the whole-hearted cooperation of the student body in voting on and accepting the constitution. A copy of the entire constitution is printed in the Cluster so that each student may study its provisions and rulings. Suggestions for changes or additions to any part of it will be welcomed by the council, and should be forthcoming from the students if there is any disagreement about the provisions made.

A two-third vote of the student body is necessary for the adoption of the new constitution. The Cluster is confident that Mercer students see the need for a clearly-expressed and up-to-date constitution which will meet the needs of student groups in a manner which will insure better student government. Adoption of the new constitution will satisfy this need.

## MERCER STUDENTS PLAN NEW LITERARY, HUMOR MAGAZINE

### Prospects Good For Glee Club

#### This Year's Crop Of Singers Making Excellent Progress

The 1937-38 glee club has been organized and is being rounded into shape. The club has made progress under the direction of Mr. Lee Wood, Macon, who fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Dr. B. P. Richardson.

"The material is excellent and I am sure that Mercer will have another fine club this year," said Mr. Wood. He stated that as yet no heavy work has been done because he wished to "break in" the members easily.

Mr. Wood has issued the call for more first tenors as that seems to be the weak side of the club at the present. More than 40 have reported for the practices during the last week. Mrs. Wood gave a short talk to the group Wednesday emphasizing correct posture, breathing, and other fundamentals.

The glee club this year will be under the direction of Mr. Wood; Abe Conger is president; Jimmie Jordan, business manager, Johnnie Reed, stage manager, and Ben Scarborough, pianist. Members of the club attending practice this week were:

#### Glee Club Members

First tenor: Robert Lee O'Brien; Metter; James N. Vinson, Washington; Joe Cook, Rocky Face; Charles Lowery, Bartow, Fla.; and Isaac Levine, Macon.

Second tenor: Harold Beatty, Macon; James Rawls, Jacksonville, Fla.; Charles Hearn, Chickamauga; Malcolm Stokes, Savannah; Arthur Woodruff, Vienna; Glenn Morris, Atlanta; F. T. Franklin, Lithonia; Darnell Brunner, LaGrange; Ralph Kittle, Ringgold, and Jack Phillips, Branford, Fla.

#### Second Bass

Second bass: T. R. Smith, Vienna; Bert James, Macon; Abe Conger, Bainbridge; Fred Ford, Utica, N. Y.; J. W. Jenkins, Milledgeville; Alfred McGinnis, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mahlon Kirkland, Amity; L. N. Loxier, Atlanta; Neal F. Yeomans, (Continued on Page 4)

### Bailey To Edit New Publication; Powell Is Business Manager

The first issue of Mercer's new student literary magazine, "Silhouette," will appear next month, according to Herbert Bailey, editor.

The committee on student publications approved the petition entered by three senior college students and presented it before the Executive Council.

The magazine will be chiefly literary in nature, but some humor will be included. "Every student with whom I have talked expresses the need of a magazine that will be an asset to Mercer," says Herbert, "and we plan to give them one of which they will be proud."

The magazine will be run on the same principle as the Cluster and the Cauldron. It is entirely a student enterprise, and on that principle, it will be directly under University supervision and direction.

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## NEW CONSTITUTION IS SUBMITTED FOR STUDENT APPROVAL

### Schedules Given For Students To Pose For Photos

#### Upperclassmen Instructed To Report To Metro Studio For Cauldron Pictures

Attention of all Mercer students is called to the schedule, for having their pictures taken, given out by The Macon Telegraph and by W. R. Lynn, editor of the Cauldron year book.

In order to have all pictures made by October 23, which will make possible an early issue of the Cauldron, upperclassmen will observe the following schedule in having Cauldron pictures made at Metro Studios on Cherry St.

Friday, Oct. 1—the remainder of the B's.

Saturday, Oct. 2—all C's and D's

Monday, Oct. 4—E's and F's.

Tuesday, Oct. 5—all G's and H's through HARP.

Wednesday, Oct. 6—H's from HARP through HORTON.

Thursday, Oct. 7—the remainder of H's, all I's and J's through JOHNSTON.

Friday, Oct. 8—the remainder of J's and all K's.

Saturday, Oct. 9—all L's and M's

Monday, Oct. 11—all N's and P's through PATRICK.

Tuesday, Oct. 12—the remainder of P's.

Wednesday, Oct. 13—all Q's and R's.

Thursday, Oct. 14—all S's through SIMPSON.

Friday, Oct. 15—the remainder of S's.

Saturday, Oct. 16—T's, U's and V's.

Monday, Oct. 18—all W's through WILLIS.

Tuesday, Oct. 19—the remainder (Continued on Page 4)

### Vote To Be Taken On Document At Chapel Exercises Wednesday

#### FACULTY GIVES O. K.

A student constitution, drawn up by Abe Conger, president of the student body, with the aid of the student council, will be submitted to the student body for ratification or rejection next Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the regular student chapel.

"I spent several months studying the constitutions of other universities," said President Conger, "and with the help of the Student Council, I combined the best parts of these articles to give the students of Mercer an article that will meet their needs—a constitution based on self government."

When the constitution has been ratified by two-thirds of the student body and approved by the President of the University, it will go into immediate effect.

A copy of the complete constitution as it has been accepted by the student council and the faculty committee headed by Dr. Spright Dowell, is printed below. Rephrasing of the articles, which will in no way change their meaning, will be done next week by Prof. W. T. Smalley, of the Mercer English department.

#### The Constitution

### STUDENT CONSTITUTION OF MERCER UNIVERSITY

We, the students of Mercer University, believe self government, properly administered, to be government in its best form. We also believe the training in citizenship, derived from governing ourselves, to be invaluable.

Therefore, asserting that we are firm believers in our own integrity, we do hereby declare the following principles of our government:

We propose to be governed by the Constitution and laws of our

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## NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY . . . .

### By Dan Grabl

Over 2,000 new books are in the process of being catalogued by the university librarian and his staff. The books will be added to those now comprising the library. These volumes cost over \$5,000 and were made possible by a \$10,000 grant from the General Education Board for this specific purpose.

The library now not only boasts of its standard works but has modern works in all fields. It has been the aim of the staff and the library committee to purchase those books that are readable in all fields and may help the student to choose his vocation as well as avocation.

Some of the books cover the fields of radio, aviation, sports, music, militarism, science, electricity, and television. The remainder cover various other fields, one group giving numerous biographies of living men and women of importance. The staff has also added a large number to the reference books, natural science volumes, and the psychology shelf. Dr. Jones, professor of English, has added a number of very valuable books to the Shelley collection that he acquired while in England on leave of absence last year.

Many of the valuable volumes on early Mercer and Baptist History are being moved from the old vault to lock cases in the Museum room on the second floor of the library. The second floor will also house the Theology library.

During the 1936-37 session the Library building was completely remodeled and the building is now one of modern, fire-proof construction with steel beams, concrete floors, steel window frames and doors, new lighting equipment and fixtures, and new furniture throughout the building. This new equipment, and new books to be added from time to time, will give Mercer one of the finest libraries in the state.

Congress Library cards are being used for cataloging the books and the staff is trying to catalogue the new ones as quickly as possible. The students wanting books among those not yet catalogued are requested to ask the librarian for them and they will be ready for use as soon as possible thereafter.

The students are also urged to watch the new bulletin boards for displays of new books and some of the new ones will be put on the front desk for the students to read if they so wish.

## MERCER CAFETERIA TO OPEN IN NEW ACTIVITIES BUILDING

### Freshman Grid Team Shows Much Promise

#### By Art Barrow

The question "what are the prospects for Mercer's football team in 1938" may be answered in part when the freshman team takes the field for its first game of the season with Gordon Military College on October 8.

To date the 1937 Mercer Cubs have confined their workouts to fundamental and group work and to defense against varsity plays. They have not worked on offense, but their defensive work has shown improvement in each scrimmage with the varsity. Fans will be given an opportunity to see whether or not the yearlings have the necessary natural ability and poise to become of service to the varsity when they swing into action against Gordon.

Although the Cubs this season are not as large either in numbers or average weight as was the strong freshman team of 1936, the squad consists of determined fellows some of whom have shown (Continued on Page 2)

### Tea Room Will Serve Sandwiches, Lunches, Or Meals To Students

"The Mercer Tea Room," a small restaurant located in the new student activities building, will open this week-end, according to an announcement made by Mrs. M. H. Manly, concessionaire.

Meals, sandwiches, and short orders will be served for reasonable prices every day until 9:00 p. m. Mrs. Manly also plans to cater to the various fraternities and social organizations on the campus.

The tea room will be modernly equipped with facilities for serving thirty persons at a time. Interior fittings will be in orange and black, the Mercer colors.

"The Mercer tea room will be merely a supplement to the Sherwood dining hall and will not interfere with regular meals served there," Mrs. Manly stated. "Students boarding at Sherwood Hall will not be allowed to eat three meals a day at the tea room," she added.

### Classes Meet For Business Courses

#### Not Too Late To Sign Up For Either Typing or Shorthand

Mrs. Allie Bessie Jolley, 1124 College Street has announced that the typing and shorthand class will meet at 2 p. m. each day.

"Little progress has been made toward organizing this class," she said, "therefore it is not too late for prospective students to enroll."

Major Blair has recommended that all journalism students take typing. He also states that a student carrying full load may take typing, but cannot enroll for both typing and shorthand. He points out that typing will be essential to these students when they enter the active journalistic field.

"At present there are no prospects of the typing or shorthand courses being added to the curriculum as regular credit courses," Major J. D. Blair, registrar, has reported, "but those students interested or needing the courses can get excellent training from Mrs. Jolley."