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## Collegiate World

By R. C. Souder

They have some hot freshman rules at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. "Freshman girls shall wear a card, three by seven inches around the neck, bearing their names and telephone numbers." All freshmen must learn, also, the definition of leather (one with 54 words in it) and be able to say it when any upperclassman demands. Freshmen shall wear shoe strings for ties, etc.

Seen in The Boston University News: Freshmen, don't let the sophomores scare you. After all, a sophomore is only a freshman who paid tuition twice.

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man who lives in it so that his place will be proud of him.  
—Abraham Lincoln.

Enrollment reaches 43,500 at N. Y. U. as the school begins its 106 year.

"Fall in love early and often" is the advice of Professor C. A. Morley of Tampa University. It sounds pretty good, but at the risk of being a wet blanket may we ask—with whom?

Parker Webster, tackle on the Syracuse football team, made a place in the collegiate "hall of fame." Being rushed by two fraternities, Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon he decided to join both; he was initiated into both the same day. When the interfrat council found it out, they expelled him from both frats and put both of the chapters on probation.

Captain Blake of Chapel Hill's police force says that there is less drinking and misbehaving at the University of North Carolina now than there was five years ago.

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## B.S.U. Group Has Meeting Tuesday

Tatum Tells Members How Organization Can Best Serve Campus

Jack Tatum, Stonewall, addressed the B.S.U. Council Tuesday. His talk dealt with the ways in which the council members "may be of the greatest service to the campus."

After the regular reports of the officers, plans were made for the Mercer members to attend the annual B.S.U. Convention which will be held in Athens, October 29, 30, and 31. All members of the Mercer B.S.U. are expecting to attend this convention.

The Council will sponsor the closing assembly of the Tatum Square Baptist Church's B.T.U. meeting Sunday night, it was announced.

All members of the student body have been invited to attend the revival services of the First Baptist Church during next week. Dr. W. H. Knight of Atlanta is the visiting minister, and Mr. B. B. McKinney is the song leader. Both of these appeared on the Mercer chapel program this morning.

## SEVEN MEN TAPPED BY BLUE KEY FRAT AT CHAPEL PROGRAM

Blue Key Head



HUNTER HURST

## LIBRARY STAFF OUTLINE RULES

Regulations Must Be Followed By Students, Cameron Says

"The Library staff will appreciate the cooperation of the students if they will observe the following regulations," Kenneth Cameron, Mercer librarian, announced this week.

The Library is open from 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. and from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M., Monday through Friday; from 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 on Saturday. The janitor will receive books from 8:00—8:30 A. M. if you will knock at the front door.

Reference books and magazines do not circulate, but all other books may be taken out for a week, three days or overnight as stamped on the book card. All books are due some time during the day stamped in the book, except overnight books, which are due at 8:30 A. M. the next morning.

Books returned after the day due are liable to a fine of two cents a day. The fine on OVERNIGHT BOOKS returned after 8:30 A. M. is twenty-five cents the first hour and ten cents additional every hour thereafter.

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## Mercerian Off Press; Copies Sent Alumni

The Mercerian, monthly alumni magazine, will come off the press today and will be immediately distributed to alumni throughout the nation according to an announcement issued by the alumni office this week.

Dr. Josiah Crudup, alumni secretary, is editor of the publication and his assistant is Dr. Wilbur Stout. Students working on the magazine are Tom Horton, Dot Cox, Trammell Shi, A. G. Pinkston, Virginia Little, Peggy Chapman, and Howard Laney.

Dr. Stout announced that the magazine would contain sixteen pages. The October issue will have

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## Honor Group Holds Recognition Event Wednesday Morning

HURST PRESIDES

Seven outstanding junior and senior men students were pledged to membership in the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity at the annual fall tapping ceremony held by the group in student chapel this week.

New men who were selected by the honor organization were: W. R. Lynn, Fairfax, Ala.; George Brown Marietta; Willis Conger, Bainbridge; Charles Hearn, Chickamauga; Jack Tarver, Macon; Ivan Lester, Dublin; and George Grant Forsyth.

Hunter Hurst, president of the Mercer Blue Key chapter, presided over the tapping exercises. Other student members of the present chapter who were introduced from the stage included: Bob Smith, Pelham; Bert Struby, Macon; Boyce Outen, Douglas; Wylly Johnston, Miami, Fla.; Bill Smith, Albany; James Fitzpatrick, Palisades Park, N. J.; Abe Conger, Jr., Bainbridge; Lennie Davis, Columbus; and Harry Dismukes, Macon.

Only men students in the senior college division who have outstanding records in scholarship and extra curricula activities are eligible for membership in the fraternity. Newly-selected members will be initiated at a dinner to be given

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## PHI ETA SIGMA FRAT OFFERS AWARD TO LEADING FRESHMAN

## TUPPER SPEAKS AT FIRST MEET

Charter Member Of Phi Delta Group Talks To Ciceronian Rivals

Dr. K. B. Tupper was the principal speaker at the first meeting of the Ciceronian Literary society Monday night. Tom Flournoy, president, was in charge and seventeen members of the group were present.

Dr. Tupper spoke on the subject That Vision Splendid and told the members that the happiest time of their lives will be when they see that vision. Dr. Tupper also urged the students to always to look on the bright side of life "Too many people today see the hole in the doughnut instead of seeing the doughnut itself," he said.

Jimmie Jordan gave a short talk on the history of the society and its purposes. He started by telling of its organization at old Mercer at Penfield in 1838 and led up to the present day. Dr. Tupper is himself a member of the Phi Delta society, the rival of the Ciceronian since its founding.

Those students present were: Tom Flournoy, Jimmie Jordan, Martha Harrison, Alfred McGennis, Manta Adams, "Chip" Peabody, George Guinn, Harold Edwards, Joe Scarborough, Clyde Calhoun, Isaac Levine, Jane Orme, Caroline Adams Catherine Wood, Sdna Tomlinson, Harry Barrett, and Evelyn Sanders.

## TRYOUTS BEGIN FOR DRAMATIC WORK TONIGHT

"Hoosier Schoolmaster" Parts Will Be Assigned To Twenty Six Students

Try-outs for the "Hoosier Schoolmaster," first play of the 1937-38 dramatic season, will begin this evening at seven o'clock on the Mercer stage.

The play books arrived Monday and have been on reserve in the library. The play is a comedy requiring eighteen men and eight women characters.

Every one interested in dramatics is invited to attend the try-outs Friday evening whether he has seen a copy of the play or not. Dr. Wilbur Stout, dramatic instructor, said. Freshmen are encouraged to try out their talents early in the dramatic field.

No memorizing or other preparation is required for the try-outs. Contestants will be allowed to read designated lines from the books, with as much characterization as possible.

If the first evening does not give a complete cast, the try-outs will be continued Monday at the first regular seven o'clock rehearsal, Dr. Stout reported.

The "Hoosier Schoolmaster" will be presented by the dramatic club in cooperation with the Mercer Department of Education. Several students from this department will assist with costume designing and script revising.

The Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity sponsors one major activity on the Mercer campus each quarter.

## Lowe Announces Decision Will Be Made On Scholarship, Activities, Character

The Phi Eta Sigma fraternity, freshman honorary society, will present an award to the most outstanding boy in the freshman class, Sam Lowe, president, has announced.

"The freshman ranking highest in the world of scholastic achievement and student activity and noted for his good character will be given the award," Lowe said, this week. The award will be made, on a basis of 40 per cent for scholastic standing, 30 per cent for extra curricula activities, and 30 per cent for character, it was stated.

Lowe said the purposes in offering the award to the men in the freshmen class is "to promote the development of a trained mind, a healthy body, and a higher character in Mercer freshmen." The award will probably be presented about the middle of the spring quarter, he said, "and we urge every freshman to compete."

Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois, March 22, 1923. The Mercer chapter was granted March 26, 1932.

"It has played an important part in the lives of all those who were fortunate enough to be elected," the president said. "It promotes the interest of the freshmen class and creates a desire for scholarship."

## VOTING ON STUDENT DOCUMENT DELAYED FOR MORE CHANGES

Student President



ABE CONGER

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of brief sketches of the various campus leaders.

By Billy Geeslin

Abraham Benjamin Conger, Jr., was born in Bainbridge, Ga., on a rainy day in the month of June, 1917.

The future president of Mercer's student body received all of his pre-college education in Bainbridge grammar school, junior high, and regular high school. Although Abe won't admit it, the records show that he graduated with first honor from junior high. In high school, Abe made the All-Conference football team of the Second Congressional District. He played fullback.

Abe has taken part in an unusual number of activities since entering Mercer. He is a member and at one time was vice president of Phi Eta Sigma. Since his freshman year, Abe has been in the Glee Club and is now acting in the capacity of president of that organization.

He is taking pre-med at Mercer and intends to enter Tulane University where he will attend medical school probably studying surgery.

## N.Y.A. Students Aid Alumni Office Work

The central alumni office is continuing work begun last year with a staff of seven N.Y.A. students. Aside from the special duties in connection with Home-coming Day, and the mailing of the Mercerian, which is now a university publication, the staff is busy checking records and posting addresses of former students.

Last year the office completed a directory of 3600 degree alumni. This year the office will try to find current addresses for about 15,000 Mercerians who did not remain to receive their college degrees at Mercer.

The student members of the staff are Virginia Little, A. G. Pinkston, Howard Laney, Peggy Chapman, Dorothy Cox, Tom Horton, and Christie Harp.

## Certain Sections Of New Constitution Revised This Week

NEW COMMITTEE NAMED

Voting on the Mercer student constitution was postponed from the scheduled time Wednesday until next week when further changes can be made.

The constitution, formerly scheduled to be submitted to the student body for ratification the middle of this week, was withheld upon recommendation from the university faculty that further revision of the document be made in certain sections.

The entire faculty met for nearly two hours the first of this week studying the constitution after it had been passed by a special committee from the administration headed by Dr. Spright Dowell, president.

Abe Conger, Jr., student body president, announced that another student committee, not including those students who had participated in drawing up the constitution, would meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock to discuss the changes with a faculty committee.

Included on the new committee are Helen Glenn, Macon, W. R. Lynn, Fairfax, Ala., and Bert Struby, Macon, as representatives from the arts college and Lennie Davis, Columbus, and Wylly Johnston, Miami, Fla., as representatives from the law school.

The new faculty committee will be headed by Dr. E. M. Highamith, of the department of education.

Conger did not state Wednesday which sections of the constitution were in dispute, but various faculty members expressed doubt about the advisability of passing the section relating to an honor system for Mercer students.

"Next week the students will be given opportunity to express their ideas about changes in the constitution," the student president said, (Continued on Page 3)

## Honor Sorority, Frat Give Plans

Both Blue Key And Cardinal Key Groups Outline Activities For Coming Year

The Blue Key honor fraternity announced this week through their president, Hunter Hurst, a plan of activities for the coming year. At the same time, Cardinal Key made public a partial plan of future activities.

Helen Glenn, president of Cardinal Key, announced that her organization will cooperate with the Blue Key in sponsoring Home-coming and in other activities. Both organizations expect to follow along the same lines as they did last year. The Blue Key will again sponsor the Macon performance of the glee club and will help sponsor the annual Pilgrimage program.

In addition to these annual activities, Blue Key expects to put up signs on all highways leading into Macon advertising Mercer. Cardinal Key will aid in supporting the student Constitution.