

WHY GO TO COLLEGE ?

Principal objective of the Mercer Pilgrimage is to show visiting high school seniors why they should attend college and what advantages Mercer offers them.

An old sage once said, "To rub a brain with other brains is the very best form of polish." And the process of college training is this form of "polishing brains." Three reasons for attending college are obvious: First, the college graduate is, if he has taken full advantage of his opportunities, better educated than the non-college man. To go to college is expensive; to go to college should mean work; but to go to college also means a better educated, more informed product than the public high school can turn out.

Second reason is that well-trained men are the ones who hold highest positions in the professions today, and college is one of the best places for this training to begin. Mercer is quipped to offer training for a number of professions including those in the liberal arts division, pre-medical and scientific, and law. Mercer is not prepared to offer training in mechanics or technical engineering.

Third reason is that college graduates are better equipped to live a "full life." Through proper college training, an appreciation of art, literature, fellowship can be instilled in the student's life.

A former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine, himself a graduate of a large university, once said words to this effect: "In the case of a large institution, more students go through the college; while in a small college, more college goes through the students." Mercer is a small college but with as high a ranking and with as many advantages as other colleges have to offer. Many high school students make the mistake of choosing the college they will attend by the thickness of the catalogue, with the illusion that the larger the better the college.

The trend for youth today is to college; the trend for thoughtful youth today is to the smaller college.

THE MERCER MUSEUM

Today opens for the first time for public inspection, the Mercer Museum. It is not yet entirely completed, for a number of other trophies and relics are still scattered over the campus and will be collected for the Museum in the near future. In the meantime those articles displayed today tell a history of the growth of both Mercer and the Baptist denomination.

The books, letters, files of papers and magazines, pieces of furniture, trophies and relics deserve hours of study and ponderation, rather than the passing glances which will be given today. Full appreciation of their meaning and significance will be understood by few who see them today, but to alumni who cherish the history and tradition of Mercer they will seem noteworthy objects. And Mercer students will find that, in the future, the museum is the place where achievements of the college are recorded.

Even when all relics now scattered over the campus are collected, the search for museum material will not end. It will only be beginning for students and alumni will search their own homes and the homes of friends for articles relating to the history of Mercer. Thus, as complete a record as possible of the past will be obtained, and for the future a more complete record will be kept.

Mercer has long needed a Museum, and today marks the satisfying of that need. Development of the Museum was Point Two on The Cluster platform, but main credit for the work must go to the director of the work, Dr. Wilbur Stout.

AROUND WASHINGTON

By MARVIN COX

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Whether we agree with the President's proposal to revive heavy Federal spending to cope with the current depression, there is one small item in the recommendations he made to Congress that is of vital significance to thousands of college students:

If Congress approves the President's spending program many thousands of students will be able to continue their education next fall. This is made possible by the increase in funds for the National Youth Administration which President Roosevelt asked Congress.

Of the \$1,250,000,000 requested for the Works Progress Administration, \$75,000,000 is to be allocated to the N.Y.A. This will insure the education of literally thousands of young people. N.Y.A. funds for the current year were reduced, in keeping with the program of general reduction of Federal expenditures. If business had maintained its uptrend during the past six months as it had during the previous year, further reductions in N.Y.A. and other expenditures would doubtless have been made.

When the Recession grew into a full blown Depression, however, the President had to get out the old pump primer and, as a result, N.Y.A. funds will be increased for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Of course, if the commercial life of the country had continued to improve, more parents would have been financially able to send their children to college without outside aid. So, this increase in Federal funds for college students probably won't result in any increased enrollments. Without it, though, many students would probably have had to drop out of school.



COX

AT MACON THEATRES

By Olin Morgan

Now showing at the Grand "In Old Chicago" with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche. "One of the most spectacular pictures ever produced" says Walter Winchell; "Tops them all and you'll never forget it" says Jimmie Fidler; it is truly the great American motion picture... Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Constance Bennett as the heiress who adopts tramps, Brian Aherne, and papa runs them away in "Merrily We Live" it tops "Topper" in laughs, with a supporting cast of Billie Burke, Alan Mowbray, Patsy Kelly and Tom Brown. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dorothy Lamour and Ray Milland in "Her Jungle Love." A mysterious white goddess of the jungle and a famous English aviator in one of the most amazing adventures ever shown in technicolor. Also on the same program "Pop-eye the Sailor meets Ali Baba's 40 Thieves" in a twenty minute short. Today and tomorrow at the Capitol a story of the opening of the West and the building of a great nation, "Wells Fargo" with Joel McCrea, Frances Dee and Bob Burns. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Danisell In Distress" with Fred Astaire, George Burns and Gracie Allen. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sonja Henie and Don Ameche in a swell musical show "Happy Landing."

At the Rialto today and tomorrow "Penitentiary" with Walter Connolly and Jean Parker. Monday and Tuesday, the return of that well remembered picture "It Happened One Night" with Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. Wednesday and Thursday, Benita Granville and Dolores Costello in "The Beloved Brat" and Friday and Saturday, "Raw Hide" with Smith Ballew and Evalyn Knapp.

Playing today at the Ritz, Irene Dunne and Randolph Scott in "High, Wide and Handsome" and tomorrow Bob Baker in "Border Wolves." Monday and Tuesday, Dick Foran and June Travis in "Over The Wall"; Wednesday and Thursday, "Wife, Doctor and Nurse" featuring Loretta Young, Warner Baxter and Virginia Bruce.

PILGRIMAGE

(Continued from Page 1) you the High Ideal of service so typical of the Mercer Family.

Sincerely yours, George Brown, President Mercer Student Body

Major J. D. Blair will direct all processions and will be in charge of conducting the students to and from dinner. At Porter Hall the pilgrims and all other visitors will be met and greeted by a committee composed of members of the Mercer Auxiliary. Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Reeves, H. K. Adams, and M. C. Pierce will be in charge of preparations for the barbecue dinner.

Over a thousand seniors from over the entire state attended Mercer Pilgrimage last spring and witnessed a program somewhat along the same lines as the group of pilgrims today will see.

CLUSTER SENT

(Continued from Page 1) ette, Mercer student magazine, containing an article written by one of Dr. Redlich's students was also mailed to Berlin, he said. Each week other copies of The Cluster are mailed to colleges throughout the United States. Students at schools in California, Iowa, Arkansas, New York, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Illinois, North and South Carolina, and many other states receive The Cluster.

CAMPUS CAMERA



WHAT BIG GUNS DO

Lee S. Trimble, Manager Macon Chamber of Commerce

Out of the dead past comes the legend about raising a drowned body by firing a cannon over the water above it. The belief then was that the cannon shot would "break the gall" in the body which would cause it to then rise so it could be reclaimed, properly accounted for and buried.

Though we may smile at this old practice, we can recognize a germ of truth in it that operates faithfully.

The big guns of war start forth some natural impulses that lie dormant without the cannonade. What people will do under the stimulus of war is amazing and sometimes scandalous.

The Big Berthas of controversy over national questions now resound over the stream of the Republic exciting impulses into verbal form and cause many a rash reaction.

Hate is an ugly thing. It has become common to hear an ordinarily sane, well-beloved man resort to profanity in expressing himself on

national issues. Such an attitude tells all too plainly that reason has abdicated in favor of emotion in his mind. He is no longer able to see or act rationally while in that frame of mind. "Whom the Gods would destroy, they first make mad."

It is well to make sure before condemning that which is new as false. Said Bacon, "Time is the greatest of all innovators." And the rules of the past cannot always be used to measure present needs.

Twenty years ago the Federal Income Tax was first introduced. How it was reviled and detested! But today, the principle of income tax is accepted generally as the fairest of all tax bases. Another twenty years will see some of these present day innovations accepted as reasonable and right. Carlyle puts the thought with great clarity, "Today is not yesterday,—we ourselves change,—how then, can our works and thoughts, if they are always to be the fittest, continue always the same. Change, indeed, is painful, yet ever needful."

THE MERCER CLUSTER

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Collegiate World

By R. C. Souder

Frat Facts
Phi Delta Theta
Active Chapters—108
Alumni Clubs—146
Total Membership—42,773
Founded—Dec. 26, 1848.

At Sewanee the Delta Tau Delta fraternity won a scholarship cup for being the leading fraternity six out of the past nine semesters. The top three fraternities for the winter semester there were D.T.D., A.T.O., and Phi Delta Theta.

Little Jack Little and Buddy Rogers will furnish the music over at the University of Alabama this week-end for the spring dances.

An absent-minded professor went into a shop to buy a jar. Seeing one which was upside down he exclaimed, "How absurd! The jar has no mouth!" Turning it over he was once more astonished. "Why, the bottom's gone, too!" he ejaculated.

At Davidson there is an organization known as the Beaver Club. It is composed of outstanding students who are organized to warmly welcome visitors to the campus. These boys are the official hosts of the school and it is up to them to entertain all visitors to the campus, including alumni, visiting athletic teams, and others.

In Atlanta in the William-Oliver building elevators, there is a sign which gives mute testimony to the advances of the times. It reads: "Gentlemen need not remove their hats. The elevator is a public conveyance and, being such, failure to remove one's hat does not constitute an act of discourtesy."

—Boys' High Tatler.



Members of the N. C. State College chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, honorary commerce fraternity, have invited prominent bankers of Raleigh to speak to them on four successive weeks as part of the public education program of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

"A college student is one who enters his alma mater as a Freshman dressed in green, and emerges as a Senior in black. The intermediate process of decay is known as a college education."

—Author Unknown

"Twas nearly dawn, he stopped the car. She was by his side. "Some daw," the gallant youth remarked. "Some don't," the gal replied. —Gold and Black of Birmingham Southern.

"We've gone crazy on extra-curricular activities and it's a wonder the boys and girls have any energy left for what still is the prime business of the schools," says Dr. N. Henry Black of Harvard.

COMMENCEMENT

(Continued from Page 1) Centennial. In the afternoon there will be a reception for seniors and Alumni at the President's house. The graduating exercises will be held Monday evening in the Macon Auditorium with the colorful academic parade beginning the exercises. Dr. Truett will make the Alumni address, and diploma will be given following this.