

FOR BETTER RELATIONS

When approximately thirty-nine per cent of the students enrolled at any particular college are graduates from one or two high schools, those high schools are the ones which receive the largest amount of genuine interest from students at that college. This is the case of Mercer students graduated from Miller and Lanier.

When forty per cent of the graduates from a high school who go to college chose one particular college, the interest in the high school remains even after the college life begins. This, too, is the case of Mercer, Miller, and Lanier. For better relations to exist between the Macon high schools and Macon colleges, a number of courtesies, including the entertainment tonight, are extended to high school students.

Seniors from three Macon high schools—Lanier, Miller, and Mt. de Sales—are present tonight. Some of these seniors will never go to college; others will attend college elsewhere; and still others will return to Mercer in September. All are invited with an equally cordial invitation. All are equally welcome tonight with the plan of improving the relations between high schools and college.

Ideal relation is that in which the Mercer student body would wholeheartedly cheer for a local high school in any inter-scholastic contest, and that in which the Lanier, Miller or Mt. de Sales student body would likewise support Mercer. Interests of the four institutions are similar enough to provide for such a relation. All that is needed is a closer friendship between the groups.

TWO OUT; FOUR TO GO

With the completion of a year's editorial campaigning marked by this issue, a survey of The Cluster's platform accomplishments and failures can be made. Two points suggested at the beginning of the year are out—they have been fulfilled and dropped from the platform. First to be accomplished was the abolition of beating and detrimental hazing by Mercer students. This was done when the student body voted to add an amendment to the student constitution making the practice a major offense. Second point to be accomplished was development of the university museum. This was done when the museum was officially opened to the public on April 29.

Four points still remain in the platform, two of them for completion in 1938 and two for future completion. First of these remaining four—construction of a concrete walk to the Student Center building—will no doubt be fulfilled this year. Members of the Mercer Auxiliary are studying plans for building such a walk, with the enthusiasm and support of Mrs. Frank Jones behind the project its completion is assured. Second point is the establishment of a student book exchange to be run entirely for the benefit of students. It will require considerable effort on the part of a number of wide-awake students before this project is realized. Perhaps it should be classified in the group for future completion.

Other two points still in the platform are suggestions for future campaigning. Typing and shorthand courses should be added to the Mercer curriculum as soon as departmental expansion is advisable. And credit for these courses should be allowed toward a degree from Mercer—not necessarily an A.B., but certainly for a degree in commerce or business administration. This project looks to the future, as does the last point: Establishment of a separate publicity department for Mercer. The plans and arrangements for such a department have been presented in The Cluster this year with the objective of spurring on interest in this project.

No last charge need be given publicly to next year's editor of The Cluster and his staff. Needless to say they will deal fairly with Mercer students, be broadminded and honest. As to whether or not The Cluster will continue campaigning, they will decide. If the verdict is favorable, two projects can be suggested now: Developing a girls' glee club at Mercer, and lengthening the hours during which the Mercer library is open for student use. The purpose in promoting such projects is the betterment of Mercer student life, and these who should be included in any future platform.

AROUND WASHINGTON

By MARVIN COX

WASHINGTON, D. C.—While the Capital this week was in its usual dither over legislation, the prospects of the adjournment of Congress, and the diplomatic repercussions to the Hitler-Mussolini love feast, your Washington correspondent stole back to the scene of his college days. This particular college is hundreds of miles removed from Washington and it served to remind him that, while in theory the national government is closely related to college students and all other citizens, practically the Washington government is ages removed from them.

Physically, the Federal spending program of the past few years was abundantly apparent. Splendid new buildings had replaced outmoded structures erected decades ago, and WPA signs indicated landscaping and other improvement projects actively in operation. These changes, however, marked the beginning and end of Washington's apparent effect on the university.

Commencement dances, track, baseball and approaching finals were the vital topics of undergraduate conversations just as they were in the days when every student in the business school expected to make a million dollars in the then prosperous stock market before he was 40.



COX

AT MACON THEATRES

By Olin Morgan

Showing for the last times today at the Grand, Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy in "Test Pilot." After running for three successful days last week this picture was held over for the first three days of this week and ends tonight. Playing Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Mark Twain's immortal character comes to the screen, in technicolor, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" starring Tommy Kelly and May Robson. The first three days of next week brings Irene Dunne and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., together for the first time in a delightful comedy "The Joy of Living." Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Robert Louis Stevenson's well known "Kidnapped" featuring Freddie Bartholomew and Warner Baxter.

The Capitol shows "Stolen Heaven" with Gene Raymond and Olympe Bradna for the last times today and tomorrow through Saturday. "Big Broadcast of 1938" with W. C. Fields, Martha Raye and Dorothy Lamour. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week Jane Withers in another of her grand comedy roles "Rascals" with Robert Wilcox. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dorothy Lamour and Jon Hall in "The Hurricane," a story of love in the South Sea islands put in beautiful technicolor.

Playing today and tomorrow at the Rialto, Gloria Stuart and Michael Whalen in "Island in the Sky." Friday and Saturday, Gene Autry and Betty Bronson in "The Yodeling Kid from Pine Ridge" also on the stage Major, the ideal dog. Monday and Tuesday of next week Annabelle and William Powell in "Baroness and the Butler"; Wednesday and Thursday, Edith Fellows and Leo Carrillo in "Little Miss Roughneck"; Friday and Saturday, Phil Regan and Ann Dvorak in "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round."

ETHRIDGE

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last June and is doing graduate work this year. The fellowship is for two years of graduate study, after which time it is expected that he will probably be able to obtain his doctorate. Dr. B. P. Richardson, head of the chemistry department, stated that he had commended Ethridge highly, with no reservations, because "he has done good work in the chemistry department and is a fine chap."

COMMENCEMENT

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Evelyn Sanders, Karl Denham Sanders, William Jefferson Self, Emma Ione Shepherd, Edna Sikes, George Edward Smith, J. Robert Smith, Norman Keene Smith, William Charles Smith, Edna Mae Steger, Elmer Malcolm Stokes, Chester Albert Struby, Jr., Jack Williams Tarver, Robert Jackson Tatum, Henry L. Taylor, W. R. Taylor, George Richard Tyson, John Edward Wiggins, Leland Hubert Williams, Jr., Irma Johnson Willis, Joseph Harry Winters, Joseph Doyle Woddail.

MASTER OF ARTS

Pearl Virginia Eichelberger, Allie B. Bates Jolley.

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Lennie F. Davis, Walter Colquitt Godwin, Jr., George Clarence Grant, Madison Wylly Johnston, Boyce C. Outen.

HONORARY DEGREES

D.D. Claude Milton Coalson, Earl C. Sheridan.

L.L.D. Mauncey Douglass Collins,

CAMPUS CAMERA



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FRAT NOTES

By John Couric

Six of the nine social fraternities have announced the election of officers for next year. These are Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Lambda Tau.

ATO officers are W. R. Lynn, president; Bill Laur, chaplain; Tom Horton, treasurer.

Phi Delta officers include Willis Conger, president; James Jordan, reporter; T. R. Smith, warden; Billy Jenkins, secretary; Crawford Parker, treasurer; Charles Durden, historian and house manager; Billy Geeslin, chaplain; Charles Hargrove, chorister; R. C. Souder, alumni secretary; and Willis Conger, convention delegate with Bayne Barfield as alternate.

Pi KA officers are W. J. Kirksey, president; Bill Lance, vice-president; Charles Lowery, secretary; and Joe Rickenbacker, treasurer. Rickenbacker is also convention delegate with Kirksey as alternate.

John Mattox will serve as president of the SAE's for next year. Fred Clements is vice-president,

and John Hillyer and Al Hospers are secretary and treasurer respectively.

George Brown has again been elected president of the KA chapter and those serving with him are Leon Herrin, vice-president; Harry Hudson, secretary; and Darnell Brawner, treasurer.

New officers for the ALT's are Billy Winburn, president; Grady Gillon, vice-president; James Buckner, secretary; A. G. Pinkston, social secretary; Chauncey Daley, warden; Hugh Tarver, treasurer; Malcolm Thomas, sentinel; and Edward Galloway, chaplain.

Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Pi plan to elect officers at a later date.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces the initiation of Sanders Lane of Macon. Arthur Turner of Newnan is a recent initiate of Kappa Alpha. Bill Adams and Albert Pharr, both of Macon, were initiated Wednesday into Phi Delta Theta.

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity held an open house Saturday night for the members, pledges, and their dates.

THE MERCER CLUSTER

Bert Struby, Editor; Hunter Hurst, Managing Editor; Herbert Bailey, Associate Editor; Billy Geeslin, News Editor; George Brown, Business Manager; Charles Hearn, Advertising Manager.

Board of Control: Bert Struby, Herbert Bailey, George Brown, Charles Hearn

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By R. C. Souder

FRAT FACTS
Pi Kappa Phi

Active Chapters—38
Alumni Clubs—22
Total Memberships—6,330
Founded—Dec. 10, 1904.

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet.
Took out a cig
And began to puff it.
Saw the dean,
Tried to snuff it,
Burned her fingers,
But couldn't bluff it.
Dean approached
All set to rough it,
Said: "You're smoking?"
She: "I luff it."
Dean: "Me too. Gimme a match."
—Boston University News.

The very worst habit
To get in your head
Is to send co-eds flowers
Before they are dead.
—Louisiana Collegian.

They find fault with the editor
The stuff we print is rot;
The paper is about as peppy
As a cemetery lot.
The paper shows poor management,
The jokes, they say, are stale,
The under classmen holler;
The upper classmen wail;
But when the paper's printed
And the issue is on the file,
If someone missed his copy
You can hear him yell a mile.
—The Crimson White (U. of Ala.)

Here's a comfortable hint
for tired students: Always eat your
breakfast before you go to bed at
night. Then you can sleep later in
the morning.



SOUDER

Up at Wake Forest College the student president recently requested the boys to not indulge in "semi-nude sun bathing on the tennis courts and other conspicuous parts of the campus."

Since this is the last column of the year, your columnist would like to thank his readers for their suggestions and criticisms which have enabled him to better know just what Mercer students like to see in features of this kind. He has enjoyed writing this "Collegiate World," and the only trouble has been getting the column in on time.

Our columnist has attempted to give you variety of news and incidents interesting to college students. The writer usually reads rapidly over the 40 or 50 exchange papers we get at Mercer, marks with a pencil the best articles and then picks the 10 or 12 best items out of these. The exchange list next year will be completely revised to provide a wider selection for column material.

RICHARDSON

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Dr. Richardson stated that he will deliver no "formal paper" or prepared address at the alumni banquet—he expects merely to reminisce. He says he is looking forward with pleasure to the occasion, to meeting some of his old friends, and to the few days he will spend in St. Louis before returning to Mercer.