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The President Says . . .

To the student body of Mercer University for 1938-39:
This annual return of absent members of our Mercer family and the coming of so many new ones bring happiness and joy too deep for expression.
The fine way you are cooperating with the institution you have chosen for your Alma Mater, established one hundred six years ago and consecrated to the sublime service of helping young people grow and develop for noble life careers bespeak a year characterized by application and achievement with corresponding distinction and honor.
Accordingly, I take peculiar pride in extending to you each and every one a sincere and wholehearted welcome to your college home and to full membership in our ancient and honorable Mercer family with all the rights, privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities thereunto belonging.
Sincerely and cordially,
Spright Dowell, President.

Clearly Defined: A Pledge

In starting off a new year, THE CLUSTER wishes first of all to commend the excellent work of last year's editor, Mr. Bert Struby. He originated a number of progressive steps which made for the well-being of Mercer students as a whole, not for any particular sect or group. He executed his job well, working with a certain zeal and courage which is characteristic of many editors, but his distinguished service lies in the fact that he performed these tasks without yielding to narrow partisanship—something characteristic of too few editors.

Those students—and there were many—who believed in the editorial policy of The Cluster last year have no cause for alarm in the editorship change, for the two editors, past and present, see eye to eye on practically every campus issue.

To say that The Cluster's policy has changed would be erroneous. The Cluster does, however, seek to enlarge its scope, believing that the interests of Mercer students are vitally concerned with the world in which they live, and as certain influences mold this world, The Cluster will strive to present honest opinions, both in editorial and columnar form, of international, national, and local events.

For instance, in the international situation today, The Cluster stands soundly entrenched against the forces of reaction and fascism, in the firm belief that there can never be any true or lasting peace as long as the two diametrically opposed systems—fascism and democracy—exist under the same sun. Fascism uses war as an active instrument of national policy; democracy professes peace and diplomacy. Fascism thinks war is beautiful; democracy knows war to be an ugly insanity. Fascism was the brain-child of a little anemic philosopher who longed to be big and strong so badly that he conceived of a race of supermen to live by the law of the jungle.

Ideas rule the world—an obvious truism that needs no further proof. And millions of men and women over the world are slaves to the little German who died in an insane asylum.

His conception has come to reality in half the world today. Can the civilized nations withstand invasion from both within and without from the illegitimate offspring of Oppression and Ignorance? That is the fiery question being hurled in our faces today. Frankly, The Cluster does not know the answer. The danger is real and palpable. The cost may be great. The Cluster, however, purposes to be in the vanguard of the fight.

At Macon Theatres

By HARRY HUDSON

Aimed straight at the heart of America, "Boys Town," starring Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney opens Tuesday at the Grand Theatre.

Based on the story of Father Edward J. Flanagan's Boys Town, located twelve miles outside of Omaha, Nebraska, the role of the priest whose mission in life is to give home and shelter to needy boys, affords Spencer Tracy an opportunity for one of the sincere, natural portrayals for which he has become deservedly famous.

Sharing honors with Tracy as Whitey—tough, unmanageable and non-conforming—is Mickey Rooney, cast in one of the most dramatic roles of his career.

As it stands, "Boys Town" is not only a monument to the little community and the men at its head, but it is a tribute to Hollywood in recognizing such outstanding story material in so worthwhile a setting.

Schedule for the week:

Grand
Friday and Saturday: "Carefree," with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Monday: "Road to Reno," with Randolph Scott and Hope Hampton. (Added attraction: George Hall and orchestra with Dolly Dawn in person on stage).

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: "Boys Town," with Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney.

Capitol

Friday and Saturday: "The Rage of Paris," with Danielle Darrieux and Douglass Fairbanks, Jr.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: "Give Me a Sailor," with Martha Raye and Bob Hope.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: "Three Blind Mice," with Loretta Young and Joel McRea.

Rialto

Friday and Saturday: "Time Out for Murder," with Gloria Stuart and Michael Whalen.

Monday and Tuesday: "In Old Chicago," with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye, and Don Ameche.
Wednesday and Thursday: "Breaking the Ice," with Bobby Breen and Irene Dale.

Friday and Saturday: "Smashing the Rackets," with Chester Morris and Frances Mercer.

Ritz

Friday: "Gold Diggers in Paris," with Rudy Vallee and Rosemary Lane.

Saturday: "Western Trails," with Bob Baker.

Monday and Tuesday: "Crime Ring," with Allan Lane and Frances Mercer.

Wednesday and Thursday: "Kentucky Moonshine," with the Ritz brothers, Tony Martin, and Marjorie Weaver.

Friday: "Stage Door," with Ginger Rogers and Katherine Hepburn.

Saturday: "Phantom Gold," with Jack Tuden.

LAWRENCE

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Grady Rainey, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; treasurer, Joe Rickenbacker, Pi Kappa Alpha; and secretary, Grady Gillon, Alpha Lambda Tau.

The council voted to retain the rushing rules which were drawn up last year, with only a few changes: the shortening of the rushing season from six to three weeks. This year each fraternity will be allowed to hold one major function (a banquet or dance) and one minor event (open house).

Next Friday Is Deadline

According to the rules of the council, the rushing period will close at midnight, Friday, October 7. Saturday, October 8, will be a day of silence on which upperclassmen may greet freshmen but may not converse with them. Pledging will take place on Sunday, October 9, during the hours 3 to 5 in the afternoon. Bids from the various fraternities will be placed in the post office, Saturday morning, October 8.

In connection with the proposed plans for rushing, "Bubber" Lawrence, newly elected head of the council, stated, "We expect a large pledging and every effort will be made to make this a great year for the new pledges. We plan a large homecoming with a big-time band, and we are looking forward to a highly successful year for Mercer Greeks."

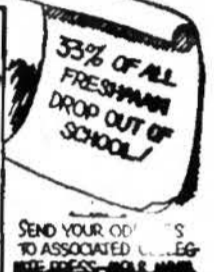
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"WHIZZER" WHITE

COLORADO'S PHI BETA KAPPA ALL-AMERICAN QUARTERBACK OF LAST SEASON, NEVER DROPPED BELOW AN 'A' IN ANY OF HIS STUDIES



THE "WHIZ" WAS KNOWN TO STUDY HIS CALCULUS STRETCHED OUT ON A RUBBING TABLE BETWEEN HALVES. MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE IS A RHODES SCHOLAR.



GREEK HOT BOX

By JOHN COURIC

Rushing by the seven fraternities active on the campus is getting hotter and hotter and will reach its peak next week. While the prospective pledges from the freshman class are still in the process of being rushed, several upperclassmen have already put on the button.

The SAE's have pledged Jack Treadwell, a transfer student from Georgia Tech. Walter Williams, who attended junior college to G.M.C., Jack Holt of Macon, who formerly attended The Citadel, and Roy Lilly of Quitman, formerly of Norman Park Junior College, have all put on the Phi Delta pledge button; W. A. Duncan, the older of the two Duncan brothers, has cast his lot with Pi KA. John Hogan, a transfer student from the Portland (Maine) Junior College, has donned the star and crescent button of Alpha Tau Omega.

Some of the Greek letter organizations have already given one of the two functions allotted them by Pan-Hellenic. Phi Delta Theta entertained rushers, members, and pledges and their dates with a buffet supper before the Wofford game. Kappa Sigma entertained their rushers after the game with an open house. Wednesday night the members of the Alpha Lambda Tau fraternity

held an open house for their members, rushers, and dates.

The SAE's plan to have their two entertainments next week. There will be an open house on Monday night and a supper on Wednesday night. Kappa Alpha will have a buffet supper Sunday night as their first entertainment of the current rushing season. Open house was held by the ATU's last Monday night. The Pi Kappa Alpha chapter entertained with a smoker last Wednesday night. Their alumni are planning an entertainment for the local chapter and its prospective pledges next Thursday night the 6th at the New Yorker from 8:30 to 12:30.

Some of the stray Greeks found on the campus so far this year are Tuck Callaway, Chi Phi from Georgia Tech, and Leonard McManus, Sigma Nu from the University of Georgia.

Al Hospers plans to take a load of his SAE brothers to the Tech Mercer game tomorrow. Here's hoping the Packard holds up. Hope Cook of Kappa Alpha journeyed to Athens last week-end to see his ex-alma mater trounce Georgia. Cheer up, Hope, disappointments are soon forgotten.

The ALT's have some sort of record this year. Only one of their men failed to return. An intra-

Views of the News

By CLOUD MORGAN

Number one news story of the week is, of course, the war scare in Europe. For the past few days Europe has been tottering on the brink of another world war. And headlines in American newspapers have fanned the spark of apprehension into a growing flame of tension, as America weighs the outcome of the present crisis in light of its effect on the economic structure of this country.

If this column had been written one day earlier, war would almost certainly have been predicted; but as we go to press there is a growing feeling of optimism over the outcome of the four-power conference at Munich, Germany—in which the heads of the British, French, Italian, and German government meet to decide the fate of little Czechoslovakia, and perhaps the fate of the peace of Europe.

The issues in this struggle for power have become so beclouded it is hard to make any definite statement of cause and effect. The next generation may be able to view the situation from afar and differentiate between the real problems and those created by propagandists. With us it is a case of being in such dark woods we cannot distinguish the trees.

We should not condemn Germany too hastily, however; America itself is partly responsible for the present situation. Our fathers fought a good fight for democracy in the last war, but the allied powers of Europe turned a victory for freedom into a triumph for tyranny and oppression by their attempts to victimize the German people and their country as a spoils of war. And it was our government who stepped aside and allowed them to do it. Small wonder, then, that a demagogue such as Hitler has been able to secure such a strangle-hold on a country like Germany.

Czechoslovakia itself is relatively unimportant; it was created as a spoils of war. The important thing is, if Europe is thrown into another great conflict and America enters again, as she inevitably will do, will we, the college students and future soldiers of America, see history repeat itself again too the extent of setting the stage for still another war, as was done the last time?

mercian softball champions of Mercer they plan to challenge the powerful Oglethorpe chapter sometime in the future.

NOTICE

A TICKET to the Grand Theatre will be awarded for the best idea for a weekly cartoon to appear on this page. Ideas must be submitted to the CLUSTER office not later than Tuesday of each week. The winning idea will be illustrated in the second issue from its selection.

