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THE CLUSTER PROPOSES

1. A more lenient system of dealing with class absences.
2. That a Fraternity Row be established under the supervision of the university.
3. That a girls' dormitory be constructed by next September.
4. That a concrete walk be built between the new science building and Penfield Hall.
5. That students in the Senior College be urged not to participate in more than two major activities. (Football excluded).

Acknowledgement of Error

Last week an important news item was unintentionally omitted from the Cluster. The story about the Pan-Hellenic dances was good news journalistically speaking, and its omission automatically chalks up an error for the Cluster. The Cluster does not attempt to fix responsibility upon any member of the staff to whom the responsibility for securing news ordinarily falls, but rather prefers to regard it as one of those unavoidable oversights which appear ever and anon in any newspaper regardless of size or position.

The error was detected Friday morning when the Cluster appeared and the dance story was given a prominent place on the regular Friday afternoon newscast over WMAZ.

Recognizing errors and acknowledging them as such is one of the tenets of good journalism. The Cluster will always make corrections when and if the errors are bona-fide.

DOWN BROADWAY

By MEL ADAMS

(Associated Collegiate Press Correspondent)

IRONICAL TWIST

When lovely Maxine Gray was injured in a Chicago train wreck involving Hal Kemp's crew last February, her place in the Kemp band was taken by U. of West Virginia's Judy Starr. . . . Just recently, while Kemp was appearing at Chicago's Drake Hotel, Judy was rushed to the hospital for an emergency abdominal operation. . . . Hastening from the west coast to pinch-hit for Judy came Maxine Gray, to repay her debt of song! . . . Maxine's swellegant gesture is to be doubly appreciated when one realizes that she herself hadn't fully recovered from her own back injuries. . . . Out of the hospital now, Judy will tour theaters in Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Washington and Boston with the Kemites, while Maxine returns to the coast to finish convalescing. . . . Kemp, incidentally, broke all existing records, jointly held by Paul Whiteman and Fred Waring, at the Drake's Gold Coast room Saturday night.

The presidents of the various organizations at Mercer are invited to meet with the Committee on Institutional Policies next Tuesday afternoon in the office of Dr. E. M. Highsmith. The purpose of the meeting is to evolve some practical liberal system of dealing with class absences.

The Cluster makes this announcement avec plaisir, because from the first of the school term, it has advocated a modification of the present system. And let it be faithfully recorded that every member of the faculty consulted so far has been particularly amenable to the suggestion of a change.

Collegiate World

By JOHN COURIC

Sigma Chi defeated Sigma Pi at Emory last week for the campus touch football crown. At the University of Florida the Phi Delta Theta fraternity has taken cups in the intra-mural tennis and water polo contests.

The Standing Hop Committee at the Citadel has barred the Little Apple and other "shine dances" at formal dances. Couples will be allowed to shine at informal dances provided they do not greatly disturb less energetic dancers.

Incidentally, Reggie Childs has been signed to play for the Thanksgiving hops there.

Louisiana State University has received a gift of 5,000 French books from the French government.

—Emory Wheel.

Herman Talmadge, the son of Georgia's ex-governor and an alumnus of the state University, has returned a debating key given him by the Phi Kappa literary society. Young Mr. Talmadge, who is angry because papa's picture has been put in the literary society's trunk, thoroughly denounced the organization in a recent letter to the president.

A man's work is from sun to sun; a manager's work is never done.

—W. Va. Concordian.

Make It A W.P.A. Project

... we note that a group of Princeton students, aroused by the nation-wide hysteria which came as a result of the broadcast have organized a 'League For Interplanetary Defense' which will awaken the world to the realization of the threat of an invasion from Mars. Shades of the Veterans of Future Wars and the Silver Star Sisters!"

—The Florida Flambeau.

Someone wants to know if two heads are better than one, if they are on the same shoulder.

—The Watchtower.

The state of North Carolina recently held a student legislature at Raleigh. Being held primarily for student participation and experimentation in legislative procedure, the legislature is the only one of its kind in the United States.

A girl can be mighty sweet when she wants.

—Collegiate Profile.

Stale Joke Of The Month:

1st screwball: "How do you like bathing beauties?"
2nd screwball: "I don't know; I never bathed any."

—Atlanta Junior Collegiate.

Poem of the Week

By JOE COOK

A GOD to love;
A world to love;
A life to spend at sea.
We've searched this broad and wide domain,
But nowhere can we see
How deep is Love, how broad is Death,
How long Eternity.

—Joe V. Cook.

CAMPUS CAMERA



Views of the Day's News

By CLOUD MORGAN

The most important news of the week is, of course, the results of Tuesday's elections. The Republican party gained some fifty or sixty seats in the House of Representatives, and about a dozen seats in the Senate; but the Democratic party retains an easy majority in both houses.

The newspapers have hailed these victories as a rousing triumph for the G.O.P., but we fail to see it as anything phenomenal. Pennsylvania elected a Republican governor and senator, but we find nothing to get excited about in that! Since when has Pennsylvania been considered anything but a Republican stronghold? The Democrats there rode into power during the Roosevelt landslide—and what should be more natural than that Pennsylvania should now return to the fold, particularly after the stench raised recently over Governor Earle's administration? The question involved there was local, not national.

As for Governor Murphey's defeat in Michigan, that may be attributed largely to the congressional committee, headed by the Democrat's own Representative Dies, investigating un-American activities who threw a well-timed bomb-shell into Governor Murphey's campaign, with the investigation of his activities in the recent Michigan labor disputes. Whether the charges hurled against the governor were true or not, they came at the precise moment when they would do the most damage to his prestige. St. Peter himself would be hard pressed to wiggle out from under the

heavy shadow of doubt which these accusations cast on the governor, regardless of their validity.

Now as to Kansas—Kansas has yet the first time to ever return a Democrat to the governor's seat—they just don't re-elect Democrats in Kansas. So why should anyone be surprised now when Kansas elects a Republican to the office over the present governor, a Democrat, running for re-election?

But what of New York? There the Democrats better than held their own, with the re-election of Governor Lehman and Senator Wagner, the election of James M. Mead to fill out former Senator Royal S. Copeland's unexpired term, and the defeat of Representative John J. O'Conner. O'Conner, a Democrat, was defeated by James H. Fay, Democrat and supporter of the present administration. The defeat of O'Conner, whom President Roosevelt termed "one of the most effective obstructionists in the lower house," leaves Rep. Sabath, an ardent supporter of the president, in line for the chairmanship of the House Rules Committee, through which all major legislation must pass before it can reach the floor of the House.

Out in California, Culbert L. Olson, Democrat, defeated Governor Merriam, Republican candidate for re-election. We could name more, but why? We feel that the outcome of Tuesday's election is very encouraging. It shows that the country is beginning to get back to normal; but we don't believe it points to a Republican victory in 1940. We only said the country was reverting to normal!

Mercer News Ten Years Ago

The Stormy Petrels of Oglethorpe University will swoop down on the den of the Mercer Bear in the feature of the annual Homecoming day here Monday; thousands of students, alumni and other Bear supporters are expected to turn out for the game. . . . Until three years ago, Mercer could not beat Oglethorpe, but now the tide has changed. In the last three encounters, the Bears have emerged victorious.

her best game of the present season, against Duke University, at Durham, N. C. . . . although she was beaten, 18 to 35, Mercer showed the North Carolinians a triple fake pass which was unstopable.

The freshmen team will play Georgia Tech's first year team at the Stadium at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon; Coach Kay Tipton's crew has been preparing for the game all week.

All first round matches have been played in the freshmen tennis tournament, sponsored by the ten-

Last Saturday, Mercer played

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The Cluster Lends An Ear

By CAROLINE ADAMS

The time seems to have arrived for a few unasked for but not quite "uncalled for" suggestions to the director of Mercer's Thursday afternoon broadcasts which seem to be lagging a bit lately. Of course it is not generally known that they are lagging because the lack of effort and preparation has thus far been concealed by the use of "guest stars" who, we must admit have contributed interesting and timely programs.

While this method of providing broadcast material has been successful, it has also been an easy way out for somebody—perhaps the student body. If a program is to be attempted at all, it should be planned by the first of the week to allow sufficient time for rehearsals. For several weeks this has not been done. If ideas are at a premium, suggestions might be solicited. On the other hand, if it is cooperation that is found wanting, the whole purpose of the broadcasts—to manifest the spirit of Mercer—has been defeated.

In the event that only the first is true, a repetition of the fraternity and sorority series should be very successful and certainly representative. And then something might be done to rush up the formation of the Mercer Radio players who should at least be able to give voice to a quite active phase of Mercer life.

Also it should not prove impractical to arrange programs in which the various student organizations might be represented. In fact, it is probable that if every phase of campus life were covered by Mercer's Thursday broadcasts, there would be little necessity for throwing together a "last resort" program.

At Macon Theatres

By HARRY HUDSON

Picture of the week: Heralded as the "cavalcade of American aviation," "Men With Wings" is that in every sense of the word. This picture, which opens at the Grand Theatre Thursday, November 17, is as big as the sky against which the action takes place and as heroic as the men who have written the history of aviation during the past three decades.

The three principle characters, Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland, and Lousie Campbell, give outstanding performances as the friends caught in the surging torrent of aviation's march to triumph. Miss Campbell plays a girl, who after giving up everything to further the cause of aviation, must choose between the two men in her life: one, Milland, a patient, hard-working pioneer airplane-builder; the other, MacMurray, a romantic, restless adventure seeking birdman.

The story, the cast, and the glories of technicolor all go to make "Men With Wings" one of the most stirring pictures of progress yet shown on the screen.

Schedule: * indicates Movie Quiz Contest pictures.

Friday and Saturday: "Suez," with Tyrone Power, Loretta Young, and Annabella.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: "Just Around the Corner," with Shirley Temple, Joan Davis, and Bill Robinson.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: "Men With Wings," with Fred MacMurray and Roy Milland.

Capitol
Friday and Saturday: "Spawn of the North," with Dorothy Lamour and George Raft.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: "Garden of the Moon," with Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday: "I'll Give A Million," with Warner Baxter and Marjorie Weaver.

Rialto
Friday and Saturday: "The Storm," with Charles Bickford and Tom Brown.

Monday and Tuesday: "Adventures of Marco Polo," with Gary Cooper and Sigrid Gurie.
Wednesday and Thursday: "Girls"

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