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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).
6. That the Mercer band be reorganized and enlarged; that new uniforms be purchased; that regular practices be held—in short, that the administration should feel responsible for the building of a greater band, which would be capable of representing Mercer in any situation.
7. That the Cluster be given a more equitable appropriation in relation to other publications on the campus in order that The Cluster may be enlarged to a six page newspaper to better serve the campus needs.

### DESIDERATUM: NOT KNOWLEDGE ALONE

Great indeed has been the work of the education department under the altogether capable guidance of Dr. Highsmith in helping imbue Mercer with the spirit of progressive education; more particularly is he and his department together with other liberal influences on the campus to be commended for revision of the heretofore antiquated curricula requirements.

We have come a long way. We need to go further. Colleges need to modernize, to come out of a lugubrious past. They need to avoid the pitfalls of casuistry, narrow scholasticism, and to brush away all the prudery associated with higher education. Disseminating knowledge should not be the only function of colleges, but even if it is the only aim—they are doing a poor job of it.

Teaching people how to live and how to think clearly is the most important function of any educative institution. A social education in this chaotic world seems to vastly overshadow any other type, for until men learn to live together peaceably, they can never reach the heights which some philosophers predict they are destined to reach.

### ASTERISKS . . . . .

#### A GLANCE AT THE LITERARY SCENE

By Harry Goldgar  
Southern authors and their works being always of primary interest, this column reports the latest in Southern literary productions—William Faulkner's *The Wild Palms* \*\*\* This is a novel sheltering two stories, both illustrating the theme of flight in a modern world \*\*\* Faulkner is a young pipe-smoking Southerner with a moustache \*\*\* In this novelty-novel embracing two stories of novelette length Faulkner displays his usual unnecessary sentence complexity \*\*\* If you can excuse that, you will like the week's novel, *The Wild Palms*, a Random House book at two-fifty \*\*\* James Joyce's surrealist style which is supposed to reflect the subconscious mind of his characters has made its mark on contemporary fiction \*\*\* For almost every

new book is crammed with rambling thoughts and complicated psychoanalytic interpretations of everyday life \*\*\* This is a principle illustrated in Thomas Wolfe and also in Fox in the Cloak by Harry Lee, the twenty-four-year-old Atlantan \*\*\* If you have an instinctive antipathy toward "best-sellers" as we have, then skim F in the C, which is not a best-seller but is a swell story—a MacMillan publication at two-and-a-half \*\*\* Joyce's *Ulysses*, by the way, which is to our time what *Euphues* was to its and *Far From the Madding Crowd* was to that generation, is not available at local libraries or book-stores, but can be had complete with modernistic format and jacket from Random House at three-fifty.

Our vote goes to the aforementioned Random House for the best contemporary publications, and, in-

## Collegiate World

By JOHN COURIC

"Then there was the Scotchman who fried his bacon in Lux to keep it from shrinking."  
—Ward-Belmont Hyphen.

A small group of students at King College have organized a woman hater's club. The club has adopted the honor system and members will pay fines for violations of various rules which include dating one girl more than twice in one month, buying soft drinks for the females, love letter writing and dating during the week.

A columnist for the *Sewanee Purple* has hopes of getting a "Roads Scholarship" from the WPA.

You sing a little song or two;  
And you have a little chat;  
You make a little candy fudge,  
And then you take your hat.  
You hold hands and say goodnight,  
As sweetly as you can;  
Ain't that a h—l of an evening  
For a great, big healthy man?  
—Student Printz.

Students of the University of Georgia will receive letter grades in the future instead of the numerical grades formerly used.

Maid of Athens, ere we part,  
Keep or give me back my heart,  
I care not which—What's been has been—  
But lady, I DEMAND my pin.  
—Emory Wheel.

The University of Florida players plan to present Kauffman and Hart's success, "You Can't Take It With You," along with Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the spring.

Davidson College will not schedule any big time schools on its next year football program and plans to keep definitely in the small school class.

**Them That Has Gits!**  
Emory University has received \$2,000,000 from the General Education Board to help provide for a great University Center to be established in Atlanta.

Because of financial difficulties all minor sports have been abolished at Loyola University in New Orleans.

**This Week's Stale Joke**  
Uncle Elmer stared at the trombone player halfway through the concert, then turned to me and said, "He can't fool me. That feller don't swaller that thing ev'ry time."  
—The Concordian.

### RELIGIOUS

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Southern Baptist Convention.  
In accordance with the usual rule that there will be no conflicting activities during Religious Emphasis Week, mid-quarter examinations which were scheduled the week of February 6-10 will be postponed until the following week February 13-17, Dr. Dowell said.

identally, by far the best formats and designs \*\*\* Each book is a work of art \*\*\* If Random publishes it, be assured its worth reading and its also worth just looking at \*\*\* And they may use our column for advertising if they wish \*\*\* For we feel with Sam Peyp's of the 1600's who wrote in his diary "Today did stop by a bookseller's and buy three books, because of their pretty binding" \*\*\* Is it a crime to esteem a book because of physical beauty alone? \*\*\* We think not.

## CAMPUS CAMERA

### WOODROW WILSON

WAS THE MOST COLLEGIATE OF ALL OF OUR U.S. PRESIDENTS. HE ATTENDED FOUR (DAVIDSON, PRINCETON, VIRGINIA, AND JOHNS HOPKINS); BECAME PRESIDENT OF PRINCETON; WAS OFFERED THE PRESIDENCY OF SEVEN OTHER UNIVERSITIES; RECEIVED 21 HONORARY DEGREES—MORE THAN DID ANY OTHER PRESIDENT ON A PURELY ACADEMIC BASIS.



**ATTENTION DIOGENES!**  
PRES. JAS. C. KNARD OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE RECEIVED A \$5 CHECK FROM A FORMER STUDENT STATING—"IN PAYMENT, WITH INTEREST, FOR A TICKET TO YOUR 1927 THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAME WHICH I ENJOYED THROUGH THE COURTESY OF A MISSING BOARD IN THE FENCE."

## Aunt Agatha's Advice To The Lovelorn

Dear Aunt Agatha,  
If ever man needed woman, I need you. Trying to figure things out by myself last quarter really kept me on my toes, and then they weren't right. Aunt Aggie, please tell me what to do right quick.  
Well, first of all you know there is no dining hall meal at Sherwood Hall on Sunday night, and it is a fine thing to get invited out. Of course the football players don't have any trouble, especially outstanding players like myself, but that's my trouble. Five girls have asked me to come to their house every Sunday night. I'll tell you Aunt Aggie being a football player has its drawbacks;—I'm plumb baffled. What I want to know is what time I should tell each girl I will be there and how long I must stay too be polite. I'm depending on you to help me because I can't disappoint any of them.  
Baffled.

My dear baffled boy, I do truly sympathize with you. Yours seems to be a hard life indeed. However,

this problem of yours seems to be comparatively easy. No doubt, one of these girls has dinner at six o'clock, and this is where you can start. Arrive there promptly at six, have dinner, talk to the girl a few minutes, and then tell her that you have some pressing work to be done before Monday. Then go on to the next girl's house doing the same thing. Keep this up with each of the five girls. Another excuse you can make is that you have a theme to write. Or, you can say that you have to write your dear mother at home, your sister at another, and your brother at prep school. The girls will really fall for this. Not only will she believe you but she will think it so sweet and thoughtful of you. Practically any excuse to leave will be plausible because the girls must love you and therefore will believe anything you say. Such a fine, outstanding football player as yourself should be able to get by with a few white lies. BUT, don't blame me if these girls suddenly get wise and catch on to you in a couple of years.

## Views of the Day's News

By CLOUD MORGAN

By the time this column goes to press Barcelona may have fallen! The latest reports as this is being written are that the Spanish Loyalists' capital is under heavy bombardment and artillery fire, and that all avenues of escape from the city have been cut off. However, the city radioed a reply to the Insurgent demand for surrender stating that the city would be defended "street by street and house by house." Meanwhile the government has evacuated the city and established a new capital; it has not been revealed where, since the new seat of government would immediately become a target for aerial bombardments by the rebels. To clinch its threat to France against any intervention in the so-called Civil War in Spain, Italy has called for the mobilization of sixty thousand reservists, and again warned her to remain "neutral."

three-hour debate that the United States should stop trying to 'police' the world, and pay more attention to its domestic affairs. He informed us all that the U. S. is carrying on an "undeclared war" with Japan, and that we should keep our nose out of Germany's business. According to him we should follow the example of the dictator nations in their successful efforts to solve their problems of unemployment and surplus capital. Now Senator, if you'd just stop and think for a moment you'd realize that if we followed the methods of the dictators, you would immediately be out of a job.  
The State department has informed Germany that Uncle Sam will not accept her proposal of settling the Austrian debts to this government by a German-American balance of trade; it also reiterated that we hold Germany responsible for the Austrian debts, which she has been attempting to squeeze out of paying. This column only hopes we have more success.

## Music of the Moment

By John F. Hogan  
IRVING BERLIN has recently written a song called the "Eleanor Glide" to be used with the new dance creation by that same name. The song and the dance were introduced at the White House not long ago, and MRS. ROOSEVELT took part in the debut. The "Eleanor Glide" is a combination of the polka and mazurka steps with a definite swingtime flavor. The song has a tune as catchy as "The Yam" or "The Lambeth Walk," and should become a big hit if the public gives it a chance.

For those who enjoy music in the Spanish style, CIRO RIMAC'S South American orchestra is bound to be refreshing. This band is made up of real Latin musicians, and can dish out rumba and tangos with a distinctive rhythm. They are playing at the new Hollywood Restaurant in New York, and if you stumble onto them on some late hour dance program don't fail to listen for their version of American swing.

RECORD RELEASES. Vocalion presents BOBBY HACKETT and his orchestra playing "Blue and Disillusioned," one of the smoothest torch songs written. A good band with a good song. On the opposite side he revives "Poor Butterfly" from "The Big Show," with a reed section that really does justice to a beautiful melody.

ERSKINE HAWKINS and his colored band give "A Study In Blue" a new red hot arrangement on Bluebird 10029. Listen for the tenor sax ride, and the piano work. On the reverse he does "Easy Rider," the song that Mae West built up in "She Done Him Wrong." Incidentally this song is by the same writer who wrote "Some Of These Days," SHELTON BROOKS. Hawkins does one of the best trumpet solos of his career on this record.

"They Say" is at the height of  
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## At Lucas & Jenks Theatres . . . . .

PICTURE OF THE WEEK:  
The most romantic outlaw in the history of America, the desperado whose daring colored a whole era, has been brought to the screen at last in "JESSE JAMES," which starts at the Grand Theatre Thursday, Feb. 2. Starring in the film are Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly and Randolph Scott.

**SCHEDULE:**  
Grand  
Fri. and Sat.: "Kentucky," with Loretta Young and Richard Greene.  
Mon., Tues., and Wed.: "Trade Winds," with Frederic March and Joan Bennett.  
Thurs., Fri. and Sat.: "JESSE JAMES," with Tyrone Power and Nancy Kelly.

**Capitol**  
Fri. and Sat.: "That Certain Age," with Deanna Durbin and Melvyn Douglas.  
Mon., Tues. and Wed.: "Heart of the North," with Dick Foran and Gale Page.  
Thurs., Fri. and Sat.: "Men With Wings," with Ray Milland and Louise Campbell.

**Rialto**  
Fri. and Sat.: "Strange Case of Dr. Meade," with Jack Holt, and "Shine On Harvest Moon," with Roy Rogers.  
Mon. and Tues.: "Sing You Sinners," with Bing Crosby and Fred MacMurray.

Wed. and Thurs.: "The Arizona Wildcat," with Jane Withers and Leo Carrillo.  
Fri. and Sat.: "Ambush," with Lloyd Nolan, and "Overland Stage Raiders," with John Wayne.

**Ritz**  
Fri. and Sat.: "Terror of The Town," with Tom Thumb's Midget.  
Mon. and Tues.: On the Stage—"Hollywood Revue," and on the screen, "Charlie Chan in Honolulu," with Sidney Toler.  
Wed. and Thurs.: "Straight, Place and Show," with the Ritz Bros. and Ethyl Merman.  
Fri.: "Blockade," with Henry Fonda and Madeleine Carroll.  
Sat.: "West of Santa Fe," with Charles Starrett.