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Where To From Here - The Cluster

Queries, whisperings, and mutterings have reached the collective ears of the incoming so-called New Regime as to The Cluster's future welfare and policy.

So we take this opportunity to appease the curiosity of all the questioners, all the whisperers and mutterers. Some of these, and we like to think most of them, are well-wishers. It is the earnest desire of this paper to make every Mercerian feel that The Cluster is dealing fairly and squarely with every campus organization and personality by or before a year from this day.

Further, The Cluster solemnly and sincerely pledges that the following practices shall be the policy of the paper as long as the present staff is in the driver's seat:

First, reasonably complete coverage of alumni, faculty, and student activities.

Second, de-emphasis of international and national developments except as they may relate to college students.

Third, adoption of free and easy, flexible style for headlines and news stories, forgetting the binding rules of structure.

Fourth, use of interpretative comment by qualified reporters wherever possible.

Fifth, selection of reporters and staff members from among the best students and writers on the campus. If selected staff members prove incompetent, they will be replaced without hesitation.

Last, objective and unbiased presentation of the news regardless of political affiliations of any sort.

We feel that the retiring staff has earnestly sought to accomplish most of its proposals, and to these graduating members of the Little Fourth Estate, we bid a pleasant farewell with the hope that through experience gained during this year, we may be able to edit a paper which the circus barker might be able to truthfully call "bigger and better than ever before."

Billy Geeslin.

AU REVOIR!

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But back to more pleasant things: As for actual physical accomplishments, can they be listed with black ink? Some can. The Cluster now has one of the very few college newspapers of the air, broadcasting weekly since last October over the Macon station, WMAZ.

Plans for the greater band which the Cluster proposed for Mercer are now well laid under the active sponsorship of Blue Key.

Fraternity row is definitely on the agenda of the administration; the girls' dormitory (something which will aid the growth of Mercer more than any other one thing, in our opinion) is also on the program.

The Seniors' Exam Exemption failed in its particular purpose, but directly stimulated the New Plan for Comprehensive Exams for all students next year.

"A more lenient system of dealing with class absences" another Cluster proposal was adopted by the administration and was printed in the last issue of the catalogue.

The only thing sticking out like a recalcitrant sore is that concrete walk from the Science Building to the Hall. It is still very, very sloppy when it rains; some Mercer students who cannot swim are in serious

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Collegiate World

Politics

Although the college press and the great mass of undergraduates are still just as engrossed in international politics as they have been the past month or so, many of them are turning their thoughts to preparations for the political battles that will be fought on the home ground next year. There is little to report in the way of a trend, but the following will give opinion-charters, something to go on in the way of guide-posts for the future:

Students of Hardin Simmons University, in Texas, have formed a Garner-for-President Club, with the following as their battle-cry: "Saddle Your Pack with Cactus Jack." An announcement by the club says: "We believe he represents the conservative element in government, an element which America, because of the radical surge of liberalism during the last few years, is needing. We believe he will not be the tool of politicians, but will work diligently as the servant of the sovereign people of America to bring about prosperity, work for the common good, and promote peace and international friendship which will give America her just place as the bulwark of the democratic systems of government."

But, the University of Minnesota Daily thoroughly disagrees with this group, and maintains that "Garner is no more than a small time politician in spite of the persistent attempts to picture him as an astute statesman blessed with homely wisdom. Garner's qualifications apparently consist of his ability to play poker, his position as a conservative democrat, and his political adroitness in sabotaging the New Deal. Considering all this, the Garner boom seems unbelievable, but unfortunately it is a political reality."

Lampoon

The president of the Harvard University Lampoon, college humor magazine, has made himself and other Harvard men the subject of much lampooning because he made so bold as to dress up in women's clothes and win the traditional hoop race at Wellesley College, famed eastern women's school.

Because it is a pleasant interlude in many weeks of talk about foreign and domestic problems, we give you the candid comment of other collegians about this new development in inter-collegiate relations:

"We have deplored the way in which the Crimson had doggedly stuck to such purely masculine activities as football, baseball and soccer. We have felt that it just wasn't right. We have long known that Harvard was capable of other things. It does our heart good to see that Harvard has at last broken its hide-bound traditions and gone into an activity where its abilities are properly rewarded and where it can be appreciated at its full stature. Now the sons of John Harvard have taken this momentous step, they should look for new fields to conquer. We foresee stunning victories for Crimson squads in knitting, crocheting, making-the-daisy-chain, and such allied strenuous sports. Frankly, other men's schools would feel out of place in fields, but Harvard cannot. We feel sure that Harvard will thus earn its place in the collegians' world."
 Mass. Institute of Tech.

Thomas E. Dewey, district attorney of New York City, has been awarded the Cardinal Newman award by the Newman Foundation at the University of Illinois.

CAMPUS CAMERA



FRAT FAX

By FRED BRATY

PHI DELTA THETA

New Phi Delt officers are Bayne Barfield, president; Clyde Calhoun, vice-president; Johnie Reed, secretary; John Couric, treasurer; Billy Geeslin, warden; Lee Wood, alumnus secretary; John Arnett, historian; Jack Holt, chorister; Bill Latta, librarian; Clyde Calhoun, house manager. Pan-Hellenic representatives, Bayne Barfield and Quenton Plunkett.

The Phi Delt conclave was held Friday and Saturday. The Georgia Gamma chapter won three cups and one trophy in conclave activities. A dance was given for the visitors and their dates by alumni of the Mercer chapter. The four chapter presidents present, and their dates, were Bayne Barfield, Mercer, and Betty Dunwoody; Buster Matthews, Georgia, and Mary Freeman; Bill Gignilliat, Emory, and Voncile Timmons and Billy Mitchell, Georgia Tech, and Connie Roberts. Officers of the four chapters were entertained by Matt Cole at his home on Vineville Avenue Saturday afternoon. Dr. H. E. Rogers, former Mercer professor and Roland Parker, province president also attended the conclave. Dr. Rogers is present advisor of the Mercer chapter.

S. A. E.

New SAE officers are Roscoe Cline, president, Ed Dorsey, vice-president, Jack Treadwell, treasurer, and Sanders Lane, treasurer.

A D P I

A D P I patronesses gave a picnic for members and dates at Lakeside. There was a dance that night for all the fraternities. Hostesses were Mrs. Lake Russell, Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Mrs. Josiah Crudup and Mrs. J. D. Blair.

PHI MU

The ball room of the Shrine Mosque will be converted into a Colonial Garden when the alumnae of Alpha Iota chapter of the Phi Mu fraternity give a dance there tonight. T. R. Smith and his orchestra will play from 10 till 2. Radiating from the balcony to the windows will be strings of gay Japanese lanterns alternating with Spanish moss. Around the orchestra pit will be a white picket fence covered with ivy and climbing roses.

During intermission, Miss Marjorie Ried, president of the Mercer chapter, will entertain the actives and their dates with an open house. (Continued on Page 4)

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danger from drowning in the dank, murky waters of the lake which forms just outside Penfield every time it rains. Oh well, Cluster editors have listed the concrete walk so long in their platforms, it might possibly be considered a breach of the tradition were it suddenly paved. Cluster editors have got to have something to fight for, and from this (now-ex-) editor's view point, it might be much wiser for most editors to fight for concrete walks exclusively rather than try to awaken, and therefore, annoy the untouched, unspoliated brain of the average college student with issues of significant import.

Ah well—no bitterness at the parting. Nor any sentimentality either.

It's far far better to adopt the gentle-soothing policy of a well-known sleep-inducing radio program: "Float on, drift on, Moon River to the sea..."

Congratulations to the incoming editors and staff members. We are confident you will do a great job next year. Many thanks to the present staff for the invaluable assistance rendered during the past year. We won't resort to the old one about it's yours to catch the flaming torch from our hands. Our torch may be a bit smothered. Maybe you've got a better one, a fresher one... Realize however, that a well-planned cogent editorial policy requires more time and energy and courage than most students would care to give.

Music of the Moment

By John Hogan

(Editor's Note: These recordings herein reviewed may be purchased at A. G. Rhodes on Second Street. See Ed Everett in the recording department.)

Two comparatively unknown hands come to mind this week that are good enough to be given a plug in any publication. They are GEORGE DUFFEY's orchestra and VAN ALEXANDER's. Duffey comes from a supper club in Toledo on the National and Mutual networks, and Alexander is chiefly known for his smooth sweet recordings. Both bands offer a style that is very similar; roedy music and flippant brass. Both bands feature male vocalists.

ARTIE SHAW is still in the hospital out on the west coast, and the recordings the band is making now without him show the let-down of losing those swell clarinet riffs. Shaw has pulled through an illness so far that his physicians termed "almost always fatal." His mail is filled daily with letters and gifts from his faithful following.

RECORD RELEASES. WILL OSBORNE does a creditable job with his theme song, "The Gentleman Awaits," and "Tell Me Pretty Maiden." Both beautiful discs. HERBIE KAY comes back in the spotlight with two fine numbers that remind us how good Kay really is. Be sure and hear "By Candlelight" and "Y' Had It Comin' to You." BING CROSBY tackles two favorites on Decca in a new treatment. "And the Angles Sing" and "Sposin." Crosby handles this wax-work typically. Speaking of "And the Angles Sing," be sure and give MILDRED BAILEY a listen.

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At Lucas & Jenkins Theatres

By HARRY HUDSON

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

GRAND

Fri. and Sat.: "Stagecoach," with John Wayne and Claire Trevor.
 Mon., Tues. and Wed.: "MADE FOR EACH OTHER," with Carol Lombard and James Stewart.
 Thur., Fri. and Sat.: "Rose of Washington Square," with Tyrone Power and Alice Faye.

CAPITOL

Fri. and Sat.: "Topper Takes A Trip," with Constance Bennett and Roland Young.
 Mon. and Tues.: "The Jones Family in Hollywood." On the Stage, Kiddie Revue.
 Wed. and Thurs.: "Test Pilot," with Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy.

RIALTO

Mon. and Tues.: "Young Dr. Kildare," with Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore.
 Wed. and Thurs.: "Society Lawyer," with Virginia Bruce and "Spring Madness," with Maureen O'Sullivan.
 Fri. and Sat.: "Western Jamboree" with Gene Autry and "They Made Her A Spy," with Sally Eilers.

RITE

Mon. and Tues.: "One Third Of A Nation" with Sylvia Sydney and "Mysterious Miss X," with Michael Whalen.
 Wed. and Thurs.: "Young In Heart," with Janet Gaynor and "Service De Luxe," with Constance Bennett.
 Fri. and Sat.: "Red River Ransom," with John Wayne and "Little Miss Thoroughbred," with Ann Sheridan.

MARINES

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training this summer. Carl Vinson, Marine aviator and chairman of Naval Affairs, is largely responsible for Marine's representation. Hunter Bond, former Marine aviator, who received his second lieutenant commission in the regular Marine Corps last year, is the captain of the ship.