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'M' Club Alumni To Swing Tonight

Colorful Bowery Ball Slated For Dempsey Tavern At 10

The alumni of the "M" Club will sponsor their annual Bowery Ball tonight at the Hotel Dempsey Tavern from 10 to 2 o'clock.

Eddie Holtz's Orchestra, which has been playing at the Tavern for the past few weeks, will furnish music for dancing. This annual dance is the only one of its kind at Mercer in that all dancers are requested to wear costumes typical of the Bowery. Prizes will be awarded the girl and boy attired in the best costume. Boys who have completed one year of varsity football are being initiated into the "M" Club this morning and this afternoon.

Admission to the dance will be \$1.00 and tickets may be obtained from members of the club.

Profit on the dance will be used for payment of the "M" Club's page in the Cauldron, "Wimpy" Jones, president, stated yesterday.

Sigma Upsilon Inducts Three

Three new members were initiated into the El Dorado chapter of Sigma Upsilon, national writers fraternity, at a meeting of the group Sunday afternoon in the student recreation center.

The initiates were Billy Geeslin, John Hogan and Cloud Morgan.

After the initiation the fraternity held a banquet at the New Yorker at which Dr. Wilbur Stout was speaker.

Other members of Sigma Upsilon are Jack Powell, president, George Shi, Joe Rickenbacker, Harry Goldgar, Thomas Parker, Ed Dorsey and Daniel K. Grahl.

STUDENTS TAKE INITIAL FLIGHTS

20 Sprout Wings For First Time

The first two official flying classes of ten students each logged their initial hours of flying time Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The remaining student pilots will receive their first flying instructions this afternoon.

Flying classes were scheduled for this week after Wesley Raymond, local airport manager, announced that the government contract authorizing air training had been received from the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington.

Mr. Raymond also said that two new Taylorcraft planes had been purchased by the Raymond Flight Instruction Company.

Art Pledger, Edwin Odom and Bob Alley have applied for student pilot training to fill the vacancies which exist.

CRITICS ANSWERED IN EDITORIAL

Anonymous writers of a sheet entitled "Goose and Gander" are answered in an editorial on Page two of this Cluster. The mimeographed sheet was issued Tuesday but up until press time this morning, no one had claimed authorship of the article.

Improvement Noted in Red Cross Drive

Over \$95 Given During Roll Call

Mercer contributions to the 1940 Annual Red Cross Roll Call showed a "slight improvement over past years", Dean E. E. Overton, campus chairman, announced at the close of the drive.

The total amount received was \$95.15, which consisted of 80 memberships, at one dollar each, and \$15.15 in contributions.

The Phi Delta Theta social fraternity led the campus again this year and was the only organization to have 100% membership.

Mercer's Faculty came second with 50% joining.

Many campus organizations showed splendid percentages through contributions. The Kappa Alpha social fraternity had the highest percentage contributing — 66%, followed closely by the Young Women's Association with 60% of its members giving to the Red Cross.

Other outstanding contributions were made by the non-sorority group, which had 53%; the Alem-Club, with 47% donating, and the Mercer Ministerial Association with 42%.

Dr. Overton stated that probably other groups would have shown similar excellent records but complete rolls for the various organizations were not available for checking.

GAY CARNIVAL SET TO START AT 6 TONIGHT

Plays, Concessions, Fortune Teller Among Features Planned

By MARGARET ZEIGLER

A gay and colorful carnival under the auspices of the Mercer Auxiliary is scheduled to get underway in Penfield Hall at the stroke of six this evening.

According to spokesmen of the auxiliary, every son and daughter of the Orange and Black not providentially kept away is both expected and urged to be on hand for the festivities, the proceeds from which will go for the most worthy cause of improving dressing quarters in Porter Hall and redecorating the men's living room in Sherwood Hall.

Audience Likes First Effort Of Players

By JOE RICKENBACKER

Taking a play that was admittedly lacking in dramatic greatness, The Mercer Players provided an audience of some 125 people with an evening of light and pleasant entertainment with their presentation of The First Year in the chapel Tuesday evening.

The play was the story of the first year of married life—its trials and tribulations—its sorrows and its joys. A simple story told in an even simpler way. Outside of the various experimental productions presented here, this latest effort of the players is by far the least dramatic thing undertaken.

William Latta and Marjorie Hughes, who took the leads, turned in acceptable performances. Miss Hughes at times sparked in her part of the young wife but at certain of the few dramatic moments of the play she seemed unable to give a sense of depth to her portrayal. Virginia Fincher, as Hattie the maid, came very close to stealing the show. It was a fine performance for a newcomer.

Old standby Bayne Barfield gave a sterling performance as the father. His was a typical Barfield role and he played it with all the finesse that was required to take him straight to the audience's heart. Mildred Albert and Wylie Davis gave sympathetic treatment to their roles of Mother and Doctor respectively. John West was cast rightly as the other boy in the case and provided the audience with many laughs due to his treatment of the lines in the various "situations". Buck Williams and Evelyn Neel did the best they could with the bit parts, though I am of the opinion that the latter could have keyed up her lines to the point where she might have even stolen the show.

Special deluxe orchids to Dr. Wilbur Stout, director, for excellent make-up jobs (the best we have had) and an excellently-staged production.

ALLEN HONORED

It was learned shortly before going to press that Neal Allen, varsity left end for the Bears, has been awarded a position on the second team of Associated Press Little All-America Selections.

KALTENBORN, TRUE SON OF HARVARD, COMING HERE

Dean of Radio Commentators Was Champion Debator, Member of Phi Beta Kappa

By HARRY GOLDGAR

H. V. Kaltenborn, who speaks tomorrow night, at 8:30 in the municipal auditorium under the auspices of the Macon Junior League, is known as the "dean of radio commentators." Maybe that is because he is a Harvard man, and Harvard men always retain a certain amount of academic dignity.

Which is by way of leading up to the fact that when Kaltenborn graduated from Old John Harvard's higher education project in 1909, he had a degree with distinction in history and political science, was winner of the Coolidge Prize in debating and the Bowdoin prize for elocution, was commencement speaker, and a Phi Beta Kappa.

That man whose voice brings you all the latest international crises is of German descent, and appropriately enough, was born in Milwaukee, in 1878. After primary education there and that brilliant Harvard career, he married a German girl in Berlin. Before he went to college, however, he edited a small Wisconsin newspaper and traveled abroad as a foreign correspondent and as secretary to the Harvard-Berlin professorial exchange. He tutored Vincent Astor in Europe in 1909 and in the West Indies in 1910.

Practically all the rest of his life has been spent abroad travel-

ing, studying international affairs, writing, and lecturing. His travels included South America, Russia, Japan, the Philippines, the Near East, as well as all of Europe. In other words, pretty near the whole world, we gather.

Mr. Kaltenborn broadcast the London World Economic Conference in 1933, the Spanish Civil War in 1936-37, the Buenos Aires Pan-American Conference in 1937, and what the dossier refers to glibly as the "European Crisis of 1938 to the present." For the past seventeen years, however, he has given radio talks on current events followed by a large audience. Besides lecturing at special engagements such as the present one throughout the country, he gives regular series of lectures at the New York Town Hall, Columbia University, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and the Philadelphia Modern Club.



COMMENTATOR

H. V. KALTENBORN, Columbia's "ace news commentator" will lecture on current events tomorrow night at 8:30 in Macon's municipal auditorium.

Singers Take To Road On Jan. 18

The Glee Club begins its annual six-day road trip January 18, Business Manager R. C. Souder announced this week.

The repertoire of the club will include a more diversified program than the one offered at present and will be strengthened by five or six additional members, Souder said.

The mixed chorus will play in Barnesville during the middle of January instead of Dec. 8 as previously announced. The definite date in January will be set later.