

Imminent Pvts.

ERC Graduates Eat Spaghetti, Are 'Eulogized' At Jim Barfield's

By GAINER BRYAN

Poverty Row was the scene of sumptuousness last Sunday evening, such as would have put the recent elaborate Barch-Popkins affair utterly in the shade.

Menu consisted of: spaghetti, cheese, potato chips, saltine crackers, french rolls, peach pickles, cucumber pickles, olives, an asparagus-deviled-egg lettuce tomato-salad, grape juice, hot tea, and a dessert of peaches and cake.

The festive occasion, product of the generosity of host Jim Barfield and the culinary skill of hostess Jo, was an entertainment in the form of a spaghetti supper for members of the class of 1942, who graduate next Friday and expect induction soon into the armed reserves.

Guests were, Tom James (Army Air Corps), Gainer Bryan (USNR), and Bill Preston, Doug Barnard, Billy Krenson, and Frank Mazza (all ERC). Barfield, James, Mazza, Bryan, and Preston were classmates all the way since '39; Barnard and Krenson happened in at the beginning of the sophomore year, and Jo Barfield "matriculated" when the others were beginning their junior year.

James and Bryan tied for first place in mileage of spaghetti consumed, the amount being five miles apiece, while Mazza was a close second with four miles, four thousand, two hundred seventy-nine feet and eleven and a half inches. Failure to catch on quickly to the plate-to-mouth technique of spaghetti sippers was blamed by the others for their poorer showing.

Red, white, and blue was the decorative scheme, which included napkins, favors, and the cake—almost. The cake, which sat safely in the middle of the table (at the beginning), baked especially for the occasion by Jo, lacked only the blue, having luscious cherries studded in white icing.

Reminiscences of old football days, of favorite professors, and the like were in order, but the climax of interest came with the reading of bits of verse about each guest, all of them composed by Jim, with the excep-

tion of the one Jo wrote for Jim. These are printed below:

Billy Krenson

Bill Krenson is a dude
But not in the nude.

He is a man who exercises none,
If the house were ablaze he wouldn't run.

Although he is sometimes called Drac,
He's a good ole fellow, and that's a fact.

Bill Preston

Bill Preston is a lad from the hamlet, Monroe.

He wears fancy clothes and is always so so.

He is learning to fight and take a slug.

For Monday night he tangles with Kid Doug.

Jim Barfield

Jim of the gym
Keeps you on the limp.

His exercises give you fat-i-gue
And undermine your phy-si-que.

Tom James

Tom James was voted the star of them all.

For him and his strength all girls do fall.

He curses the referee and spits in his eye.

But when it comes to Body Building, on him don't rely.

Doug Barnard

Douglas Barnard
He's a Card!

He looks to the preachers for that lift.

To dear Betty Jo of Bessie Tift,
Lately, he's been sparring on a large scale.

Tomorrow night will tell the tale.

Gainer Bryan

Gainer Bryan is a man of Silhouette fame.

At themes and essays he is 'bout the same.

He joined the wrestling class as if insane.

Now he is muscle bound in both body and brain.

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, has estimated the last war cost 30,000,000 lives and \$400,000,000,000.

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Lawyers Try Murder Case

By CHARIS KNAPP

Moot Court jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation of life imprisonment, in a murder trial Tuesday night.

Principal participants were: attorneys for the state, Frank Pinkston and Hendley Napier, attorneys for the defense, Louis Pagan and Clayton Jay; judge, Cubbedge Snow.

The case concerned the alleged murder of one George W. Lingo, Macon citizen, on the night of January 28, 1939. Will Farley, negro, was on trial for the crime.

Focussing . . .

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ent forms of "nud." Mrs. Eubank cited the conditions in Russia as she saw them first hand.

Seminars have been under the direction of different student organizations and have been led by members of the visiting team. After the seminars, team members have been asked by the different student groups to visit them for an informal discussion or "bull session."

Much of the success of the week is because of the able direction and organization of the entire program by Alice Wright and Charles Clark.

Off to the Army

Reporter Laments Fate of March Grads, Is Confident of Victory

By CHARIS KNAPP

In the few months that have seen our nation at war, we have watched scores of Mercerians leave the campus for service in the armed forces of our country. It becomes harder each time a student leaves for it isn't easy, saying good-bye to a soldier. We know too well what lies ahead of

them—the rigors of life in a training camp, the horrors of death on the battlefield, the sadness of a nameless grave. Because we know that each of us must sacrifice more and more, we let them go without too much excitement; it was their job and they were going to do it—well.

Now another great crossroads has been reached in the life of Mercer students. After March 5, this campus will look deserted and bare to all of us who remain. All of the reserves will be called into service at the end of this quarter and Mercer will lose many of its finest boys. Another service flag will have to be presented to the student body, for the next boys who leave here will be part of a mass exodus. Uncle Sam is the Pied Piper who is leading the students into a new life—he is the symbol which is molding our care-free, irresponsible boys into sturdy men, ready to die for the life they have lived, for the country that has given them the American way of life.

They are fighting and dying for the generations of the past, for the pioneers who are now

part of the dust. There is another generation which they are defending—the unborn children of tomorrow. The world which we are making now will be placed in the hands of that generation, and it is up to us to determine whether or not it will be a decent world, or one not fit for human habitation. It is an awful responsibility, and one which we will not shirk. That is why we can send our boys and some of our girls into a burning hell of conflict with dry eyes and hearts unafraid. They are the bulwark between our world and the one to come, as a result of this fight. So that we can look the children of tomorrow straight in the eyes and say proudly, "We did this!" we will not weep when the best group of boys in the world leaves.

We will even be able to "take it" when we read familiar names in the columns of the missing or killed in action. We believe with a victorious faith in the ultimate victory for our side, and we know, too, that many Mercerians will be back. So its good-bye for now, and God Speed!

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