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Croom Made Dorm Head In M. E. P. Elections

Three Sororities Nab Sixty-Two In College's Largest Pledging

The students residing in the Mary Erin Porter Hall have elected their officers for this year, and have made extensive plans through their Student Council to set up and enforce a more effective system of student government in the dormitory. The officers of the Council are Doris Croom, president; Ceda Dowis, vice president; Catherine Harwell, secretary and treasurer.

The other members of the Council are monitors elected from the various floors of the dormitory, including Jean Lukens, Byrd Horton, Mary Ellen Van Nus, Lulu Stanford, Jean Burnette, Betty Wilson, Nancy Mosley, and Bess Strickland. Miss Anne Boyette and Miss Elizabeth Meadows are the advisors.

At a recent house meeting, the girls voted to accept the rules and regulations worked out by the Council.

Chapel Choir On Program

The Mercer A Capella Choir, under the direction of Mr. Ralph Ewing, entertained an enthusiastic audience in chapel, Monday morning. Opening the program was the patriotic hymn "America the Beautiful," after which the choir rendered Palestrina's impressive "O Bone Jesu," which was unrehearsed and spontaneous. The students joined in the singing of "Good Morning Mr. Zip Zip Zip," "In the Evening by the Moonlight," and "I'm an Old Cow Hand," the latter being enhanced by authentic "yippees" on the part of some of the Navy men.

In reality, the choir consists of two organizations, the men's group and the girls' glee club, both functioning separately except when performing as one unit for such occasions as the chapel program. The Navy Men's Glee Club is under the direction of Seaman Bill Poe, and other officers include Buck Melton, secretary; Ben Griffith, publicity manager, and Joe Harrison, business manager.

Campus Communism

It's All For One And One For All At MEP

By SCOOTIE WILLIAMS

Mr. Webster says the word borrow means "to adopt." I looked up the word adopt and found that it means to choose or take. Put these two definitions together and what do you have? To borrow a thing must mean to choose or take it.

Most of us seem to take Mr. Webster's statements literally—especially at Mercer. We get someone else's money's worth out of everything from a shoe string to the favorite evening jacket. Why can't we be content with our own goods?

Apparently, things most often borrowed are pencils, pens, hair dryer, pencil sharpeners, Sox, stationery and jewelry. However, the neighbor's clothes are also quite popular. It is very con-



The members of the Mercer Naval Unit pour out of Willingham Chapel after their Monday morning stint.

Gen. Hester Speaks Here

Looking like the college girl's idea of a handsome, gray-templed warrior, Major General John H. Hester addressed the Mercer student body Wednesday in chapel, highlighting his discussion of war in the south Pacific with the applause-commanding statement, "There can be no doubt as to the outcome of hand-to-hand fighting between Americans and Japs."

General Hester, back in the United States for a period of recuperation, told an interesting story of the transporting, training, and fighting of the 43rd Division of the U. S. Army, of which he was in command. A native of Albany, Ga., he told of naming his headquarters "New Albany," but hastily added that they were in no way similar to living conditions in his home town.

Because of the fact that he was speaking to a majority group of Navy men, General Hester stressed the importance of the Navy in combined operations with the Army and Marine Corps, pointing out its responsible task of transporting troops and equipment across the Pacific, selecting suitable beachheads for positions of attack.

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Mercer Navy Tied For Third In Bond Race

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 1. The Navy's college student bluejackets learn fast.

More than 90 per cent of all students in the Navy's V-12 college training program within the Sixth Naval District of North and South Carolina, Georgia and northern Florida are investing 25 per cent of their government pay in government bonds.

The Sixth Naval District Bond Officer, Lieutenant H. C. E. Johnson, USNR, formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn., said these bond percentages are based on allotments made by bluejackets for bonds each month.

Mercer University, Macon, Ga.: 96 per cent of student bluejackets have allotted 22 per cent of base pay to purchase war bonds.

Southern Dental College, Atlanta, led all other schools in number of bluejackets buying bonds—100 per cent; Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., is second with 96.2 per cent, while South Carolina Medical College, Charleston, and Mercer University, Macon, Ga., are tied for third place with 96 per cent.

Gobs On Panic Til Oct. Sixth

The Navy student body, and co-ed acquaintances, were shocked almost into insensibility this week by the startling revelation that the long hoped-for pay check, originally scheduled to arrive October 1, would not be forthcoming until October 6.

Sailors were wryly contemplating a between-meal diet of herbs and roots, and were seen stealthily emerging from the Tattnell Square Apothecary clutching small brown bags of Bull Durham.

The reason that the American Eagle failed to moult on schedule is explained by the fact that a quarterly audit is now in progress at the Naval Disbursing Office, Milledgeville, Ga.

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V-12's Swift In Fire Drill

It was "all out for Navy" Saturday, Sept. 25, when members of the Navy V-12 unit filed quickly out of Sherwood Hall in two prearranged fire drills at 0815 and 0822.

The first complete evacuation of the building was made in one minute and forty seconds. The second drill was completed in one minute and twenty-two seconds, which in the opinion of Captain R. T. Matheson, head of the V-12 unit here, was commendable.

The fire drill included instructions as to verbal orders and stations to be manned. Every window and transom was closed and the last man out of each floor checked to be sure that no one remained in the building.

Captain Matheson also announced that a spot fire drill would be called at some time in the future. "Two minutes will be considered good for a drill of this sort," said Captain Matheson.

Unit Is Assured Week At Xmas

The Mercer V-12 Unit and staff will receive a seven-day leave for Christmas holidays. It was officially announced Thursday by Lieut. R. G. Mathison, Captain of the station.

The Captain also announced that final exams would begin on October 25 and run through the 29th. There will be no time designated for leaves between quarters. It was impossible to give between-quarter leaves, the Captain stated, because the Unit started about three days later than scheduled.

Sophs Devising Frosh Torture

The sophomore class met Monday in the chapel building to discuss plans for ratting.

Rules for all freshmen during ratting were submitted to the sophomores by their president, Homer Crandall, for alterations and approval.

The rules will be announced this week, and will also be posted on the bulletin board.

AXE's Lead In Numbers

Sixty-two girls Tuesday afternoon signed preference slips and accepted bids to the three sororities on the campus. The issuing of bids brought to a close two weeks of rushing according to Pan-Hellenic rules.

Twenty-five girls pledged Alpha Chi Epsilon, local sorority; twenty-one pledges were added to the roll of Alpha Delta Pi; and Phi Mu received sixteen pledges.

The new Alpha Chi Epsilon pledges are Margaret Barrett, Mt. Vernon; Gladys Cordray, Savannah; Virginia Massey, Waycross; Martha Jewel Pasley, Thomaston; Velma Carter, Thomaston; Claire Short, Thomaston; Sue Hunter, Columbus; June Whatley, Zebulon; Emily Carswell, Augusta; Jane Dubose, Brunswick; Alma Elder, Sparta; Jean Denson, Macon; Joyce Clements, Macon; Sara Ferguson, Shellman; Annette Pirkle, Alma;

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'Eve of St. Mark' Date Postponed

"The Eve of St. Mark," war play by Maxwell Anderson selected by George Hale, Navy student, for production on the Mercer campus, has been postponed until the beginning of the November quarter. Hale announced its shelving, and stated that crowded schedules of students made it impossible to whip the play into final form in the space of three weeks.

Practice starts November 1, and the play will be ready for presentation shortly thereafter. Most of the cast has been chosen, and will begin work immediately.

The play is a very good one, its timeliness adding to its appeal and should prove an interesting and worthwhile project for Mercer students aspiring to "tread the boards."

Navy Gets Blues November First

To those of the Mercer V-12 unit who are wondering when blues will become the uniform of the day, comes word from Captain R. L. Matheson that summer whites will be the uniform of the day until about November 1. However, blues will be worn on liberty away from the station.

Perhaps from a layman's viewpoint the main difference between the whites and the blues is that, whereas the whites pick up dirt from actual contact, the blues have a much wider range and can pick up dust particles at some distance away. It is thought that by November, the whites will have wiped up all of the year's dust and that the blue uniforms will have to scour hard to find their full share.