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Mercer Unit Loses Forty-Six Bluejackets

The Mercer V-12 unit has made its first contribution to the National War Effort.

A number of the boys who have made many friends and good records for the past four months have been sent to the Midshipman School, Norfolk, Va., Bainbridge, Md., and various other places.

Mercer students will feel the great loss because these boys have been very active in campus activities.

A list of the boys that have left is as follows: Norman M. Atkins, William J. Byers, Joe W. Careker, John C. Forkner, John G. Glover, Milton B. Greenburg, Edward A. Gregory, Ben W. Griffith, Robert B. Harrison, William A. Haynes.

Lewis J. Hinely, Teodoro Manzano, Thomas W. Mitchell, Thomas H. Neyland, James T. Ramage, James S. Roberts, Carl D. Rodgers, Fred H. Tarpley, Robert B. Vickers, Henry L. Wilkie.

Francis P. Wright, Philip Zlotnik, Robert McCall, John Dukes, David Embry, W. L. Strother, Fritz Lyne, Bill Grissom, Carl Danford, Clay Brittain.

Linton Bishop, Irvine C. Henderson, Anderson J. Locklin, Vastine McCrory, Joe D. Metz, Don Moore, Robert E. Rainer, Joe H. Traynham, Curtis J. Tanner, Rufus Tyler, Arthur W. Bunker, Marvin Driggers, John G. Herndon, Donald F. Madden, Robert W. Neal, and Cecil H. Pate.

Crowe Gives Banquet Plans

The Ministerial Association will have a banquet in the basement of the Tattnell Square Baptist Church next Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. The program will include music by the quartet and a solo number. President Bill Crowe will act as master of ceremonies. After the dinner, the group will be entertained by a speech by Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Atlanta. The dates and wives of members of the association will be the guests for the occasion.

Porter Zoo

Snooping Reporter Finds Menagerie In M. E. Porter

By JULIE TURNER

Porter Hall seems to have turned into a menagerie—at least it looks that way to me after scouting around in a few rooms the other night.

In Betty Moore's room, I found something—she calls it a dog, but you can't prove it by me. Anyway, it's got brown hair about an inch long and dandruff worse than mine. Any remedy suggested that cures this unhappy mongrel will be greatly appreciated by all.

"Deena," the largest pet in Porter Zoo, is an elephant that takes up three-fourths of Lib Vaught's room. He was white, but you'd never know it. Could be turning gray, but it looks more like they use him for a dust cloth every morning.

M. T. Rankin Pleases Mercer

A high spot among this year's chapel programs was the series of talks by Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary to the Orient of the Foreign Mission's Board. Dr. Rankin based his talks on his actual experiences in occupied China from which he returned in August, a year ago.

The initial speech dealt with the living habits of internees within a Japanese Concentration Camp, the unique title being, "The Advantages of Internment." Dr. Rankin then developed his topic to illustrate the appreciation for freedom that one acquires during such a confinement.

On the following day, Dr. Rankin gave an interpretation of the Chinese outlook of wartime living under the Japanese rule. He presented most adequately the chief differences in the Occidental and Oriental attitudes.

A third of the series explained some of the questions that invariably enter the minds of Americans concerning the authenticity of Japanese atrocities' stories. He concluded that, though often exaggerated and distorted, the cruelty of the Nipponese cannot be denied.

Faculty Bans All Rattling

Rattling of Freshmen for the year went out, after a proclamation to that effect was made last week by the administration.

The order banning rattling came after several prominent students had been under fire of the Executive Council of the University for excessive rattling.

The episode followed several incidents, including night riding in the Girls' dormitory, and a syrup and feathers ceremony in the Chapel. Freshman meetings and threatened revolts aided by letters from complaining parents were given as possible factors in the ban.

New Men Join V-12 Unit As Winter Trimester Begins



MISS HELEN WALKER, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Walker of Macon, is the newly elected sponsor for Phi Delta Theta of Mercer. Miss Walker was prominent on Mercer's campus last year, being a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She is now at Wesleyan College at Rivoli.

Unit Bolstered By Fifty-Four

The Navy V-12 personnel has fifty-four new members. These men have come from all over the United States to join the Mercer student body. Some of these are transfer students and some are entering freshmen, while still others have had sea duty before their arrival here.

New V-12 Men

The following new men are welcomed by the entire student body, the V-12 unit, the civilian group (including co-eds) and the Mercer faculty: William S. Anderson, James E. Breen, David Beesley, Charles V. Bailey, LeRoy C. Baker, Robert Cooper, Robert E. Donovan, James D. Fitzgerald, William N. Fompey, William L. Floeming, Ralph Garner and Harold W. Gettings.

Boleslaus Giempa, Ed M. Highsmith, Henry H. Kuns, Charles C. Kloy, John T. Lenihan, Gene B. Leslie, John Lawson, Alvin Loch, Joe McMillan, James E. Partee, Clifford E. Peters, Ralph A. Roane, Oscar Shealy, Lewis J. Stewart, Arthur P. Spenser, Donald C. Stafford, Sidney Trawick, Maurice T. Rose, John Ross, Allen Worthing, Charles Woodall and C. C. Wilson.

Thomas White, Thomas E. Wolfe, Preston Clark Williams, Arnold J. Weller, Will L. Weatherington, Clarence LeRoy Schultz, R. Frank Ogden, William G. Warmack, Roy Lee Bennett, Courtney Owens, Roy D. Mannie, Jay Malone, Paul A. Chapados, T. D. Ison, Colin D. Bell, Robert Spalin, Jack Webb, Wilford Loyton, Douglas A. Fulmer, Buster H. Crain.

BSU Convention Plans Revealed

Some two hundred Baptist students from colleges over the state will meet at Forsyth at Bessie Tift College for the twenty-ninth annual session of the Baptist Student Convention this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The theme, "In God We Trust," will be impressed upon the students as they listen to Baptist leaders of the state and Southland.

Principal participants on the convention program will be: Dr. J. L. Baggott, Pastor First Baptist Church, College Park; Dr. T. F. Callaway, Pastor First Baptist Church, Thomasville; Rev. Montague Cook, Pastor First Baptist Church, Thomaston; Dr. Florene Dunstan, Professor Agnes Scott College; Dr. Malcolm Knight, Pastor First Baptist Church, Rockmart; Dr. James W. Merritt, Executive Secretary Georgia Baptist Convention; Dr. John Slaughter, Pastor First Church, Birmingham; and other Baptist leaders will be on the Convention program.

"Lucy," Mercer B. S. U. bus, will escort thirty Mercerians to Bessie Tift for the convention.

Mayo Made ATO Chief

Echols Mayo, of Richland, was elected president of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at a meeting held last Wednesday night. Mayo is a premedical student and a member of the Alembic Club. He is Exchange editor and circulation manager of the "Cluster." He is also active on the Silhouette business staff and in the campus musical organizations. He is director of religious education at the First Presbyterian Church in Macon.

Other officers elected were: John Deaton, of Columbus, vice-president; Marion Brantley, of Wrightsville, secretary; and Bill Wilson, of Houston, Texas, treasurer.

Faculty Plans Social Program

The faculty is sponsoring a student social program at Mercer. Last Monday night a representative group of students gave their ideas about the kinds of entertainment that would be most desirable.

A planned entertainment is to be given every Saturday night. These entertainments are to be of various kinds that will appeal to all the students. Everyone is not expected to come every Saturday night. We are supposed to attend the ones that we would enjoy the most. In this way all of the students will be included in the plans, and everyone will find something that suits his own taste.

New Cauldron Staff Named

The 1943-44 Annual staff was announced recently by L. H. Johnson, editor-in-chief.

Sanford Mullen, Navy student from Jacksonville, Florida, was named managing editor, and Charis Knapp, Moultrie, was made associate editor.

Definite plans for the annual have been made, and pictures will probably be made within the next week, the editor said.

The complete staffs, with editors and members, are as follows:

Sports: Walter Owen, editor; Billy Dodd, Buck Melton, Milton Bryant, and Lulu Stanford.

Features: Ann Slate, editor; Mary Louise Shipp, Gertrude Harvel, Willetta Helmley.

Art: George Hale, editor; Frances Flowers, Rebecca Steinwinder.

Class: Bob Culpepper, editor; Harvey Carter, "Scootie" Williams.

Fraternity: Joe Andrews, editor; T. G. Parker, Catherine Elmore.

Organizations: Lucile Mundy, editor; Marion Brantley, Gladys Cordray, Virginia Wynne.

Photography: Bill Poe, editor; Ed Garthwaite, John Herndon.

Theme: Joe Harrison, editor.

Copy: Betty Jean Shealey, Gene Burnett.

CLUSTER MEETING

A meeting of the Editorial Staff has been called for this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.