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Navy Unit Will Present Variety Show Tonight

Program Will Begin In Chapel At 7:30

Friday evening will bring forth the first of a series of entertainments sponsored by the Navy for the benefit of Mercer students. Variety is the keynote, talent having been gathered from the campus. Feature will be musical offerings and quiz, for which prizes will be given. Friday's program will take place in the chapel, starting at 7:30. Souvenirs will be given to everyone at the door.

A rough schedule of the program for this Friday evening is as follows: National Anthem; band numbers; vocal by Harvey Carter, "I'm Getting Tired So I Can Sleep"; quiz with four sailors and girls as contestants; band number; tumbling acts; Irvin Knight on the hot trumpet; round two of the quiz; Billy Dodd and his boogie-woogie; girls' quintet singing "Blues in the Night"; Jean Taylor, special vocalist; music by the band; Stan Walker on "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To"; group singing of Christmas carols. Stan Walker will emcee for the event and Bill Lowe, former Atlanta announcer, will try to stump the geniuses on the quiz.

Chief Specialist Harry Scott is making plans for a series of variety programs to be presented on the Mercer campus every month. These shows are known in Navy lingo as "Smokers." The programs will be as varied as possible and will include talent from here at the University.

Rec Center Plans Dance For Gobs

Taking a prominent place in this week's social events is the tea dance to be held at the Recreation Center on Saturday, Dec. 11. Offered for the entertainment of Mercer's Naval trainees, the affair will start at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and last through 6 o'clock. This pre-holiday dance will be the last of this type for the year.

Billy Dodd and Company will furnish music both sweet and hot for the occasion. Light refreshments will be served to the sailors, cadets, and their dates.

Editor-in-Grief

Shipp Tells the Awful Truth About an Editor's Hectic Life

By MARY LOUISE SHIPP

Deadline at 1 P. M. Monday . . . so nobody has any copy. What's a little thing like deadline? Maybe some good soul handed in a story at the post office box, so I go down fully expecting to find No. 176 full of good old copy. There's something in the box. . . . Excited, I rack my brain for the combination . . . it has been so long since I saw anything but sunlight through the little window. . . . The box is open . . . it's a note.

Dear Editor:
I couldn't get anything out of my brain for this issue. Anyway I had a test in Shakespeare this week. Ask me next time. Sorry.
Adam Brain.
I contact the guys who are addicts to the old Cluster type-writer and on bending knees

beg for a few lines of literature. The jokes for this issue haven't shown up, I remember, so I ask a few of those witty people around here if they know any jokes.

"Nice, or otherwise?" is the
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A X E Sorority To Become Chi Omega December 18th



Pictured above are the president and vice-president of AXE sorority who will take over these positions in Chi Omega next week. President Doris Croom of Thomaston is shown at the left, and Vice-President Jean Burnette of Camilla at right.



National President Announces Details

Mary Love Collins, national president of Chi Omega fraternity, has officially notified Alpha Chi Epsilon sorority that it will be chartered as a chapter of Chi Omega on December 18.

Alpha Chi Epsilon was founded May 20, 1940, at Mercer University as a local sorority. The eight charter members were: Lois Hudson (Mrs. John Musselman, Macon); Virginia Greene (Mrs. Earl Gillespie, Macon); Mildred Hillman, Macon; Betty Ann Sperry (Mrs. Robert Peterson, Detroit, Mich.); Nony Britt (Mrs. Robert McMichael, St. Louis, Mo.); Anne Harris and Julia Harris of Macon; and Martha Leonard (Mrs. James Rivers, Miami, Fla.). The sorority now has many local and out-of-town alumnae.

Campus Activities

During the three and a half years of its organization, the sorority has had members in many campus activities such as the Alembic Club, Ciceronian Literary Society, Glee Club, International Relations Club; Kappa Delta Epsilon, Cardinal Key, and Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic society. Members have also served on the staffs of the campus publications, and two presidents of Mary Erin Porter Hall have been members of the sorority.

The first president of this group was Betty Ann Sperry. Later presidents have been Julia Harris, Lois Hudson, and Pauline Parham. Doris Croom, of Thomaston, is the president for this year. Other officers include Gene Burnett, vice-president, Dot McLendon, treasurer, and Nell Lewis, secretary.

Founded In Arkansas

Chi Omega was founded at the University of Arkansas in 1895 at a time when northern fraternities did not expand at southern colleges and universities. It was organized to be
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Silhouette Is Almost Ready Six Initiated By Blue Key

The Christmas issue of the Mercer *Silhouette* will be released on or about December 17, Mary Louise Shipp announced Wednesday.

Several new members have been added to the staff of the *Silhouette*. They are: Harrison Lilly, associate editor; Mildred Avery, Harriett Kahrs and Mary Ellen Van Nus, feature writers.

Miss Shipp explained that, "due to the lead shortage there will be no pictures in the magazine this month. We hope to be able to secure the materials for later editions, but at present priorities rule."

Miss Younginer Sings at Chapel

Earline Younginer, former Mercer student and Glee Club soloist, returned to the campus to give a recital in chapel Wednesday morning.

Selections included on the program were "The Star" and the well known "Jewel Song" from Faust. "Let My Song Fill Your Heart," popular favorite of radio theme songs, was dedicated to the Alpha Chi Epsilon sorority.

Sanderson's beautiful love song, "Until," concluded the soprano's program. As an encore, Miss Younginer sang an Italian selection, "Il Bacio."

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR COMING WEEK

Friday—Variety Show, Wilingham Chapel at 7:30.

Saturday—Tea dance for Navy at Recreation Center.

Sunday—Religious services.

Wednesday—Fraternity and sorority meetings.

The dates of all basketball games can not be announced in advance until after Christmas.

The Mercer Chapter of Blue Key, national honor fraternity, held its annual initiation dinner meeting at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon, at Van's Cafe.

The six new members initiated include: Billy Dodd, Bob Culpepper, Kay Stanley, Marvin Green, Charles Standridge and Broadus Marlow.

A committee was appointed by Fred Marshal to draw up a constitution for the Mercer chapter of Blue Key. This committee consists of Charles Clarke, Marvin Green, Bob Culpepper and Charles Standridge.

Plans were made to secure a student activity room for this fraternity.

Blue Key honor fraternity is composed of outstanding men on Mercer's campus. The purpose is to promote more interest in student activities, and insure students a college campus of highest moral integrity.

Bullin' Around

One of the Illustrious Mates Demonstrates How to Fill Space

Having rather foolishly obligated myself to contribute some space fodder to that gem of journalistic endeavor, *The Cluster*, I am at loss for possible subjects. Since we have been reading about every conceivable part of MEP these past few weeks, the natural subject seems to be its antithesis, Sherwood Hall. But, all things considered, I believe that the readers will be no more interested in Sherwood than MEP, unless to see their own names in print. The Navy boys see too much of it already; the civilians, not enough to be greatly interested.

What then? There is, of course, the possibility of continuing the seemingly futile crusade for dancing on the campus. Futile because it seems that the venerable powers that be, the self-endowed representatives of the Georgia Baptists, are adamantly opposed, for reasons best known to themselves and the nineteenth century. Although, strangely enough, they have no

objection to school dances downtown.

That shadowy figure, the campus watchman, who prowls around nightly on some undisclosed mission, offers rich material for a feature story. But, amazingly, he could not be located—probably the first time such a thing has happened.

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