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## Mercer Ball Club To Play Juliette Saturday

### First Game To Be Played At Mercer

Mercer baseball fans will get the first chance to watch their war-time club when the grey-suited Bears play Juliette, Ga., Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock on the new diamond east of the gym. It will be the initial appearance before the home crowd, seven games having been played already. Manager Snow has stressed hitting practice in session this week, and will send an improved line-up to the plate.

Big Claude Smith will be on the mound for the Bears with Walter Owens behind the bat. Junior Meeks, regular catcher, broke his middle finger in the Cochran game and will be out indefinitely. Smith is an old-timer with plenty of speed and deception.

The tentative line-up will see C. E. Owens, first base; Tilt Bryant, second base; Taylor Isom, third base; Larry Swartz, shortstop; Stan Walker, center field; Blackie Bidez, left field; Paul Chapados, right field; Smith, pitcher; and Owens, catcher. Also on hand will be Franklin, Gary Smith, and Red Chattin.

Chief Snow plans to play Cochran Field again Wednesday, May 31 on the Mercer diamond. The Fliers will have a colorful squad of former big league performers out to engage our varsity.

## What Goes On Here

Friday, May 26

Faculty picnic at Professor Carver's home.

Ministerial banquet at Tattall square Church.

Saturday, May 27

7:00—Gamma Sigma Epsilon, chemical fraternity, initiation.

8:00—Pan-Hellenic dance at Shrine Mosque.

Mon.-Fri., May 29-June 2

Fellowship Week. Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tenn., will speak in chapel.

Tuesday, May 30

7:45—Alembic Club meeting in Biology building.

Blue Key-Cardinal Key banquet.

## Twenty-Seven Due Diplomas

Reverend Dick Horne, registrar of Mercer University, announces that diplomas for the June 22 Commencement have been ordered for the following candidates:

Bachelor of Arts: Elnora Adamson, Lloyd Clyde Allen, Sarah Evelyn Almon, Carolyn Sandlin Chester, Charles Barton Clark, Horace Edward Coker, Norman Jewel Crowe, William F. Crowe, Benjamin W. Griffith, Lillian Gwaltney, James Robert Hanson, Robert Burton Harrison, Jr., Hugh G. Hayes, Willis Britten Hollingsworth, Edna McNair, William Lyon Matheson, Lewis Paskin Morris, Nancy Mosely Partin, Hazel Elizabeth Rogers, Claude Z. Saunders, Brantly Whiddon Seymore, William Kinnebrew Stanley, Vera Elaine Taylor, Gordon V. Wood, and Helen H. Wood.

Bachelor of Science: E. Henry Valentine, Jr.

Master of Art: Jean Neighbors.

## Minstrel Cast Now Chosen

The cast for the Phi Mu minstrel was announced this week by Burma Cox, director. The complete list of special numbers is not available, but the basic cast has been chosen. End men will be Peyton Richter as Choo Choo, Bill Wheatley as Agony, Phil Jones as Mose, Bill Wilson as Sears Roebuck, Johnny Marfleet as Fertiliza, Bill Poe as Slick Nick, and Bo Curtis as Joe.

"Pop" Owens will act as interlocutor. Mr. Ralph Ewing will add to the program by singing a spiritual. Ann Alday and Shirley Sutton will entertain with a clarinet-piano duet, and Marjorie Trimble and Jeanne Lukens will be heard in a number featuring Marjorie playing the marimba with Jeanne at the piano. A song-and-dance act, "Dancin' Sal from Ole Dallas Town" will be given by Blanche Neel. A special chorus will provide a musical background for the minstrel.

## Pan-Hellenic Dance Coming Tomorrow Night At Shrine



Jennie Dempsey and Walter "Popeye" Owens, presidents of Girls' Pan-Hellenic and Boy's Pan-Hellenic respectively, who are sponsoring the dance given jointly tomorrow night at the Shrine Mosque.



The Mercer University Pan-Hellenic Council announced completion of plans for the annual Pan-Hellenic dance to be held Saturday night, May 27.

This is the first dance sponsored by Mercer since the annual Spring Homecoming dances last December third and fourth. Walter "Pop" Owens, president of Boys' Pan-Hellenic Council, announced that the dance would be held in the Shrine Mosque, lasting from 8:30 until 12 midnight, with the Porter Hall girls getting late permission until 12:30 A. M.

After much debate, the committees, according to Jennie Dempsey, decided to leave the decorations as they are, and allow us to enjoy the beautiful Egyptian architecture, since the dance will be extremely informal. There will be a noticeable lack of corsages and bouquets on the shoulders of the girls. Due to the informality of the occasion, there will be no lead-out.

The non-fraternity and non-sorority men and women will be able to procure tickets at one dollar apiece from any member of the Pan-Hellenic Council on Friday, or buy them at the door Saturday night.

Chaperons who have been invited are Mrs. Robinson, Miss Meadows, Dr. and Mrs. Dixon, Lt. and Mrs. R. G. Matheson, and Lt. and Mrs. Robert Bierstedt.

Due to the fact that the Mercer Orchestra disbanded last month, the music will be furnished by the Lanier High School Orchestra under the direction of Alex White. This band has been the favorite of the local high school dances and promises to be "in the groove" Saturday night.

Walter Owens has announced that this will be the last dance given by the present council and also a sort of a farewell dance for many of the V-12's who leave in June. In his own words: "We are expecting one of the largest turnouts of all times, and we hope everyone does come, because we are really going to have a good time."

The dance is informal this time because dances in the past have been stiff affairs where at least one-fourth of the dance

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## Cardinal Key Initiates Four

Cardinal Key, national honorary sorority for women, initiated four girls into the sorority Thursday night, May 25. The initiation was held in the informal parlors of the Administration building. Elaine Taylor, president of Cardinal Key, conducted the meeting. Dorothy McLendon and Mrs. Montague, faculty advisor for the sorority, were present.

After the initiation, Mrs. Spright Dowell entertained the members and new initiates at an open house given at her home.

The new members and their campus activities are: Anne Slate, associate editor of the Silhouette, assistant news editor of the Cluster, feature editor of the Cauldron, member of the Ciceronian Literary Society and International Relations Club, and vice-president of Phi Mu fraternity.

Lulu Stanford, sports editor of the Cauldron, secretary of YWA, member of the Alembic Club, Ciceronian Literary Society, IRC, business staff of the Silhouette and Co-ed "M" Club.

Charis Knapp, vice-president of the Georgia Collegiate Press Association, IRC, Ciceronian Literary Society, and associate editor of the Cauldron.

Margaret Sams, president of the Co-ed "M" Club, president of Non-sorority, a member of the IRC, and Ciceronian.

## Faculty Club Has Its Annual Party

The faculty club of Mercer will meet at the house of Professor Gail Carver this evening for the annual faculty club party, which will be held out-of-doors, on the lawn of the Carver home. Dr. Curtis Dixon, president of the club for this year, will be in charge. The club is made up of faculty members, their wives, and members of the business staff.

## Lt. Matheson Talks At Paducah School

Lt. R. G. Matheson, commanding officer of the Mercer Navy Unit, was away from the campus at the beginning of the week in order to be present at the commencement exercises of Paducah Junior College, Paducah, Kentucky.

Lt. Matheson delivered the commencement address Tuesday to the graduating class. The Lieutenant was dean of the college before entering the service in May of 1943.

## Mercer Auxiliary Holds Final Meet

The Mercer Auxiliary will meet this afternoon in the final meeting of the school year on the Mercer campus. Complete reports from all committees are to be made in the course of the business portion of the program. A social will follow.

The club is made up of women banded together for the welfare of the university, and who are interested in the activities and projects of Mercer. Honorary male members are also included in the club.

## I've Made The Print

By BOB BANKS

I could feel it coming on. The moment I had so patiently awaited was here. I watched him sitting there. Drinking alone. Staring down at the table. A tear dropped on the dingy cloth. Meekly I slipped into a chair next to him and

held a worn piece of paper under his nose. "Whatthehell?" he shouted. "Please, Mr. Editor." I began hurriedly, "you've just got to print my feature story this week. I've been carrying it so long, and you've asked not less than fifty people today to write one, and what response have you had? Look at this—typewritten, double spaced, and everything. And look at yourself, sitting there, stoned and broken." I motioned for two more "Buds" (this is not an endorsement of that product, as

the Navy does not endorse any product). He blew his nose in an assenting tone. Which just goes to show that the best time to kick a man is when he's down.

I feel I should make some explanation for this ardor of passion. Dale Carnegie is the sole influence behind all this. Every night he sits on the foot of my sack and tells me that the sweetest thing in the eyes of man is to see his own name in print.

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## G I Movies Show G I Soul

By OLIVE ANN BURNS

"Hey, you!" growled a Pfc. to a Pvt. "Get in da line! What 'cher think 'dis is, da World's Fair?"

"Okay, okay! Get in line, soldier," warned the fat little corporal just behind them. He thumbed toward the end of

the line, which was a picket fence of khaki stretching down the block and disappearing behind a building at the corner. The rookie stammered a "Yes sir," saluted the corporal, and walked away.

"Des damn trainees," the Pfc. groaned. "Dumb as hell."

"Shut up, Binozzi," his buddy said then. "Don't you see the lady?"

A stray thread on my handkerchief suddenly became very absorbing, and I went to extra-

vagant pains to pull it off.

"Some dame," Binozzi admired. "Some fellows has all da luck."

If I had not been so close to them, I wouldn't have heard, because for the most part, the picket fence just stood there in the sun like hot sheep, and looked. By order, there was no no whistling.

With extreme relief I watched my sergeant come up to me

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