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### CLUSTER POLICY

"We are the sum of all the moments of our lives . . ."—Thomas Wolfe.

It shall be the policy of the Mercer CLUSTER to record these moments honestly, focusing upon them without distortion.

## An Explanation

Many of you have no doubt noticed something different about the CLUSTER by this time. For one thing most of you have probably noted that this is the first time the paper has made its appearance in several weeks. All of you too, have doubtlessly recognized something different about the general appearance of the CLUSTER this week. To answer these questions then, and to explain the situation precipitating them, will be the aim of this editorial. No, it's definitely not the type of initial editorial we planned to write, but we feel the circumstances compel it.

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In the first place in order to publish this edition we had to take advantage of printing facilities in Forsyth, when it became evident that another printer could not be secured in Macon after our former publishers found it necessary to give up printing the CLUSTER. In view of this fact, it was deemed advisable also, by the administration, that for the time being at least that the CLUSTER appear every other week instead of weekly as in the past.

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While we regret very much the necessity of breaking the continuity of our former schedule, we believe that this plan is better than discontinuing the CLUSTER for an indefinite period until a publisher could be found in Macon. We hope that as soon as the problems which naturally arise in changing over to a new printer can be solved, that it may become possible to resume the weekly schedule once again.

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Also because of the distances involved in traveling to and from the print shop to check copy and read proofs, and in view of previous contracts by our publisher, the CLUSTER will appear on Tuesday hereafter instead of on Friday. In order to meet the Tuesday publication date therefore, we must have all copy no later than Thursday noon preceding the Tuesday of publication. This information may be turned in to any member of the CLUSTER staff or at the post office window in the co-op.

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We realize full well that the situation we have attempted to explain above is not an ideal one, however, we feel, as we believe the majority of the students do also, that despite these handicaps bright as we care to make it.

## Registrar's Office Releases Final Exam Schedule

Major J. D. Blair, Registrar has released the following schedule for final examinations:

Monday, February 19  
 9:00-12:00 Classes meeting at 8:00 MWF; M-F; MWFS; MW.  
 1:30-4:30 Classes meeting at 2:30 MWF; MW.

Tuesday, February 20  
 9:00-12:00 Classes meeting at 8:00 TTS; TT.  
 1:30-4:30 Classes meeting at 2:30 TTS; TT.

Wednesday, February 21  
 9:00-12:00 Classes Meeting at 9:00 MWF; M-T; M-F; M-S.  
 1:30-4:30 Classes meeting at 1:30 MWF; M-T; M-F; MW.

Thursday, February 22  
 9:00-12:00 Classes meeting at 9:00 TTS; TT.  
 1:30-4:30 Classes meeting at 1:30 TTS; TT.

Friday, February 23  
 9:00-12:00 Classes meeting at 10:00 MWF; M-F.  
 12:00-1:00 GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR THOSE STUDENTS MEETING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS THIS TERM.  
 2:00-5:00 Classes meeting at 11:00 MWF; M-W; M-T; M-F.

Saturday, February 24  
 9:00-12:00 Classes meeting at 10:00 TTS; TT.  
 1:30-4:00 Classes meeting at 11:00 TTS; T-F; TT.  
 February 26, is the date set for registration for the new trimester.

## Chemical Fraternity Initiates New Members

The Mu Gamma Chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Honorary Chemical Fraternity held initiation ceremonies recently in the Wiggs Science Building. New members who were initiated at the time were Hubert Blakey, Sanford Mullen, Angie Matthews, Mrs. Gail L. Carver, Imogene B. Lanier, and Charles B. Shiver.

Also attending the ceremonies were active members Emily Carswell, Fisher Craft, Jennie Sue Claitt and Marvin Farley. Dr. Herman F. Kurtz and Andrew M. O. Wham, honorary members of the fraternity and Almus Marvin Greene also attended.

In order to become a member of Gamma Sigma Epsilon one must be a senior college student and have made a B plus average on five chemistry courses and a cumulative average of not less than C plus on all courses he has taken.

## Rough and Tumble Tussle Sees Bears Lose to Marines

The Georgia Pre-Flight Marines repulsed the attack of the Bears in Athens Saturday by a score of 67-55 in a roughly played game. A total of 41 fouls were called with one man from each team getting the maximum.

The Marines had the service of experienced college players, one a former All American and another formerly of Indiana University.

Lt. Whitley Kendall, player-coach, took scoring honors with 17 points followed closely by Jim Birr with 16. "Birdog" Thornton led the Bears with 16 points.

All of the Mercer squad saw action, but still did not threaten the lead gained early in the contest by the Marines.

# The Battlin' Bears

By JIM COOPER

As I began to write this week's news there's a definite realization in my mind that all of it may not be entirely new to you. Our former classmates are moving around the nation so fast that in almost every case, by the time the news reaches us that they are at one destination, they have gone on to another. At any rate, the report that follows is the last word I have received from any of our "Battlin' Bears"—and here 'tis:

Ensign Frank "L." Carter of Nashville, Georgia, received his commission in the same ceremony with Ensign Williams. The principal speaker at the ceremony was Assistant Secretary of Navy Ralph A. Bard. Ensign Carter was in the V-12 unit here from July 1, 1943 until July 1, 1944.

Second Lieutenant Art Fuller is stationed in Nebraska, serving as a B-29 pilot. Lt. Fuller attended Mercer from the fall of 1941 until 1943 and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Ensign Ray Zinsli, very recently commissioned, visited the campus for several days and has reported to Hollywood, Florida, for a short period of further training. Ensign Zinsli attended the University of Texas and was a member of SPE fraternity there. He entered the V-12 unit here in 1943 and left for Midshipman's School in July 1944.

Ed Thompson is in the V-12

Unit at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Ed has seen action in the South Pacific and was transferred into the V-12 program last November. He attended Mercer from 1941 until the middle of 1943 and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

George Skeene and Pete Ross have both been sent to Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. These boys were members of Kappa Alpha fraternity while at Mercer.

Midshipman Bob Lee has gone from Pre-Midshipman's School at Ashbury Park, New Jersey, to Columbia University, New York. Bob was in the V-12 unit here from July 1943 until November 1944 and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Seaman First Class Hilton "Cash" Register recently visited the campus and has reported to Gunnery Instructor's School at Pensacola, Florida, for a three months training period. "Cash" was in the V-12 unit here from July 1, 1943, until November 1, 1944, and was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa honorary fraternity and Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

## Mercer Moves

### Removal of Mercer to Macon Marked by Torchlight Procession

By MALCOLM LESTER

It is not recently that college students have begun expressing their opinions and desires. As early as 1870, Mercerians were making their voices heard. In that year, agitation for the removal of Mercer to Macon was at fever heat. The chief argument for removal was the out-of-way location of Penfield. Listen to the words of J. L. D. Hillyer, a senior in 1870, "While cut off for four years from the refining influence of female society, young men in such seclusion would come forth from the college as educated gawks."

The last classes ended at Penfield in the December of 1870. The student body chartered a lumber wagon and six oxen to transport their belongings to the nearest railroad. Gaudily decorated, the wagon made its way from Penfield accompanied by the hilarious college boys in a torchlight procession. Removal was not effected harmoniously as the Penfield residents were greatly opposed, and attempted to enjoin the university from being moved. It is interesting to note that one of the university attorneys was the fire-eating unreconstructed rebel and silver-tongued orator, Bob Toombs. The story goes that the poor students nearly starved during their last days in Penfield as the boarding house proprietors gave vent to their rage by providing skimpy menus.

While the litigation was pending, the university was closed, but the faculty came to Macon in the spring of 1871, and taught a private school in a downtown building on Mulberry Street.

In 1871, West Macon was an almost unbroken forest. The only house in the vicinity was the Bartlett home, still standing on the corner of Ash and College. By the fall of 1871, temporary build-

ings had been provided on the Mercer campus.

Would you have thought that the naughty Bessy that kicked over Mrs. O'Leary's lantern in faraway Chicago and started the great fire could have affected Mercer? Well, she did, for the original plans of the Administration Building were drawn by a Chicago architect, and they were destroyed in the fire. This necessitated a delay in building, and it was not until 1874 that the lofty spires of Mercer began to rear against the sky.

The building, described as a "veritable Gibraltar", has the architecture of the Victorian period, and has solid brick walls and twelve inches of sand between every floor and ceiling. If every structure that is to stand the sands of time must have a tragedy connected with its construction, the Administration Building boasts one, for tradition has it that a workman fell from the main tower, and was hurled to instant death. Another tragedy was that while the university was being readjusted to its new home, an epidemic of meningitis took the lives of a number of students. The opponents of the removal to Macon took pleasure in saying that the catastrophe resulted from the vengeance of the Almighty being wreaked upon a project that he opposed.

## Exchange

Jimmie—"Wot's da best way to teach a girl to swim?"

Johnny—"Well, yer want ter take her gently down to the water, put yer arm around her waist, and—"

Jimmie—"Oh, cut it, out. It's my sister."

Jimmy—"Oh, gosh! Get off the dock."

"The Indian Star"