

Socially Speaking

By Pat Bledsoe

As you have no doubt gathered by this time the brief interregnum in the course of the Cluster's publication is broken and once again "They Say" can be devoured eagerly—that being the part of the paper most universally read according to the recent CLUSTER poll. In the meantime, since Mercer is used to a four page publication the rest of us staff members have continued to contribute our information. For example if you weren't there, you will probably be interested to know that the Pan-Hellenic Dance was a great success Saturday night. Whether due to the acceasment or to the fact that the Lanier Orchestra (which incidentally is plenty good) played, a large number of fraternity men and their dates were present. By now I suppose all the orchids have wilted and been placed in the memory books of freshmen and in the waste paper baskets of seniors. Nevertheless I can still remember (and I'll wager a number of men on the campus can too) the way Anne Thomas looked in her white net evening dress with gold sequins. Anne, whose mother has been ill at the Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, came back just for the dance. Nice going, Sam! SAE sponsor Martha Bradford

of Bovine proportions and the slightest similarity between neophyte and said cow is unnecessary. Yessiree, the Contented Hour, originating in Porter Hall, had gone in campus-wide hook-up. This epidemic of what we cornily call cow-pox is spreading rapidly throughout the campus popul.

Amid moos, shrieks, and the strains of "Wait Till the Cows Come Home", a new cow emerges from the secret ceremony patiently chewing her cud, so to speak. "The innocent look in her eye had went, and the look on her face was a look of content." (With apologies to the Persian Kitty).

At this point it would be interesting as reading matter to reveal the significant handshake and other component parts of the ritual. However, an enthusiastic cow never lows and tongues are ordered to be forever stilled in regard to the riter. The cream-faced initiates bellow at the very thought of divulging to the common lot the creed, etc., which is shrouded in mystery. This I simply say. Initiates are cowed considerably and the only usual, workaday factor about this initiation is the blindfold prerequisite.

In spite of the veiled insinuation in a recent CLUSTER of the powers of "beau-catcher" (Bow to Burkhalter) the full-fleshed members voted unanimously for "cow-catcher" as their most adored perfums. At our monthly meeting, Lott and Bell insisted that they hold offices of prestige because of the frequent associations of their respective names with bovinity. Wynne nominated herself for the elite position of cowherd, because her papa was a pasture (go ahead

there in a brand new sparkling dress. And Laura Major in orchid from top to toe. On the whole the dance was a welcome relief to Mercer's dance starved student body. Favorite comment of the evening was "Why don't they do this more often?"

Friday night January 12 the Phi Mus gave a banquet at the Dempsey Hotel in the Walter Little Room. At the Banquet Sbirley Dukes was awarded the plaque which is given annually to the most outstanding Phi Mu freshman. A Valentine motif was used for the occasion which included red satin hearts arranged artistically on the tables. Helen Bullington a last year's student was back attractively dressed in an aqua suit. Mary Holbrook gave a toast to the sisters and in return Doris Burkhalter toasted the initiates. Freda Watson made a prophecy of what the next ten

years will bring. It was announced that many of the uninitiated were clamoring for membership. Cowherd Wynne then stated that the stock market was flooded and postponement of further initiations this week was imperative. Our repertoire consists of "Cow-Cow Boogie," "Don't Fence Me In," and the mumbo-jumbo's hummed by the Indians (Of India) around the sacred cow. We, the Bovine fraternity, do not seek to minimize, nor exalt the cow. Therefore the middle song is more indicative of our tempo or temper regarding her. We advocate the using of the cow as an end rather than as a mean, and we wish to see the cow elevated to her deserved position within our culture (I mean in the broad sense of course).

Someone mooted that we adjourn and stop all our beefing. Delicious refreshments consisting of corn and milk were served and a nice time was had by all.

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ENSIGN DOWELL WILLIAMS

Dowell H. Williams of San Angelo, Texas, was commissioned as Ensign, USRN, in ceremonies held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, last month. Ensign Williams graduated sixth in his class of 1023 men who also received commissions. "Red", as we all remember him, was in the V-12 unit here from July 1, 1943, to July 1, 1944. During this time he served as a Company Commandant.

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They Say . . .

"Sleepy" might mean an attack of insomnia to some people, but to S. SUTTON . . . well, all her spare time is devoted to writing letters to a cadet with that title.

Invite us to your next buffet supper MINNIE WOODALL. Hear it was super.

Orchids to the cast of "Mr. Pim Passes By" . . . also belated congrats to the chorus for the "Messiah".

The newest additions to the sparkle collection of MEP belong to GRAMMAR, BETTE SUE, and PASLEY. Congradulations.

Lady Marden in rubber boots—Now, LULU, you know better than that.

Welcome back to Psychology UNCLE DOUGLAS. That three weeks vacation must have been fun.

Girls, please! If you *must* have a date with THOMPSON be sure and let his agent SIMMY COOPER know far enough in advance to avoid congestion.

Could "BRIAN" WOMACK have something to do with "DUSTY" MILLER'S sudden interests in dramatics?

They say the SAE lion is considering changing his name from LEO to BLACKIE . . . we wonder why, Hm?

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Bridge

A Local Coed Learns Intricacies Of Bridge in Role of "Observing Fourth"

By DORIS BURKHALTER

We had planned a nice quiet game of bridge in the suite, and I was all excited. All of that stuff about grand slams, singleton, and set sounded like fun to me, but I wasn't sure. I had never played before.

nights ago. I still have a few nice bruises to show for that mad scramble.

I cleared by throat, and in that soft husky telephone voice I've practiced so much, I said, "Phi Mu suite".

"Let me speak to Juanita Johnson, please," said a not too masculine voice. Must be a V-12 I thought.

"She is not here unless you have an orchid," I purred.

"Then let me speak to any old bag. Is Burkhalter there?"

"This is she," and I slammed

tellects were doing. They were watching me, and they looked pretty disgusted about something.

"What are we waiting for; is anything wrong?"

In exasperation came the reply. "It's your bid!"

Angie had been watching the proceedings and could stand it no longer. "Can I take your hand?" she asked in a sympathetic voice. I consented.

"Why don't you try 'Idiot's Delight'". Alday suggested hopefully.

"Thank you, I have a date," I retaliated.

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Blair Announces Seniors Ready To Receive Degrees

Listed below are the Mercer students who have made application for degrees to be conferred February 28, 1945. The Registrar, Major J. D. Blair, who released the list, said, "If you are qualified for a degree and your name does not appear on the list,

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