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Mercer Auxillary Honors Student Body

The Co-op was the scene of a party last Friday night sponsored by the Mercer Auxillary in honor of the incoming Freshmen.

The receiving line, headed by Dr. and Mrs. Dixon, was composed of various members of the faculty.

Immediately after the reception, the program consisting of various skits and stunts, was emceed by Mrs. Dixon, wife of the vice-president of the university.

To start the entertainment, a clever stunt was enacted by members of the library staff. Those participating were Mr. Charles Stone, head librarian; Naomi Holt, I. W. Bowen, Betty Allen and Riley Mae Wynn. The skit depicted various characters that have come into the library for different purposes.

Second on the program was Mrs. R. B. Plymale and Miss Vivian E. Burton who struggled through the ordeal of tying up a package, using only one hand.

Next followed a sleight of hand trick by Mrs. Dixon. To prove the hand is quicker than the eye, Mrs. Dixon removed Dr. Dixon's and Professor R. B. Plymale's shirts without taking off their coats.

Dr. Snyder, recently appointed physics professor, and Dr. Matthews, history professor, solved a tricky string puzzle.

Miss Dorothy Truex, Miss Vivian Burton, and Miss Leone Bates received much attention over the subject of a pet flea. While performing, Oscar escaped from the hands of her trainer. After much searching a flea was found on the person of Dr. Dowell, but it was not the celebrated Oscar that had escaped.

Refreshments of Coca-Cola and popcorn were served by the ladies of the auxillary at the conclusion of the program.



MARIAN LACK



BILLY ECHOLS

MARIAN LACK, WILLIAM ECHOLS SELECTED TO HEAD '45-'46 CLUSTER STAFF

Due to the resignation of Freda Tutt Watson, the Student Council elected William S. Echols and Marian Lack as Editors-in-Chief of the CLUSTER.

Billy Echols, a member of the Ministerial Association, Secretary of Kappa Phi Kappa, and a participant in Intramural Sports, is well known on the campus.

Marian Lack, a member of Chi Omega, the Glee Club, and A Cappella Choir, the Dramatic Club and a student on the Dean's List, is outstanding on the campus.

The Staff selected by the Editors-in-Chief are as follows:

News Editor—Dorothy Farlow. Feature Editor—Rose Waldron. Society Editors—Ben Giles and Carolyn Morrison.

Sports Editors—Glenn Wilkes and Ruby Jo Wolfe.

Art Editor—Edd Atkinson. Business Manager—Laura Major.

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Circulation Manager—Marion Brantley.

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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE B.S.U.

D. B. Nicholson, state student secretary, announces that the annual Baptist Student Union convention will meet this year with the First Baptist Church in Athens, October 26, 27, 28. Included in the program will be outstanding South-wide speakers, student speakers from several colleges of the state, method courses in B.S.U. work, round table discussions of student problems and other phases of religious activities among students.

Baptist Student Union work is organized in twenty-six institutions of the state. An attendance of about three hundred of the students is expected.

Among the speakers on the program are: Dr. O. T. Binkley, of the Louisville Seminary; Mr. W. H. Preston, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. James W. Merritt, Executive Secretary; Rev. L. C. Cutts, Copper Hill, Tenn.; and Dr. John T. Coetz, native of Roumania, who now lives in Atlanta.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform and inspire our state B.S.U. workers, to bring outstanding leaders and speakers before them, and to coordinate the state programs. Spiritual uplift will be the principal feature of the conference but fellowship and fun will be provided by the Social Hour.

All students of colleges and other religious institutions are cordially invited to this meeting to form new and wholesome friendships and have their hearts warmed as they form new resolutions for the post-war period.

B.S.U. Office

The New B.S.U. office, in the Old Faculty-Trustee rooms of the Theological Building, is now open for the use of the students at all times. Mr. Pope Duncan, new student secretary on the campus, urges the students to use the new office extensively for their use, and to feel free at any time to use it as they see fit.

Mr. Duncan invites all students to drop by the B.S.U. office to talk over their problems with him: love, money, study or spiritual.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN INVITED BY MERCER TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE OCT. 2

MUSIC ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR YEAR

Stating that Mercer has a very promising season in the Department of Music, Dr. Arthur L. Rich pointed out many changes and additions in music activities on the campus.

GLEE CLUBS

Composed of 127 members, the Glee Club has planned the "Messiah" as its first performance to be given Monday, December 3. A special soloist will be employed for that night.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR

New on the campus, the A Cappella Choir has been carefully selected. This group will perform twice weekly in the chapel. Appearances have already been arranged. On October 18 at 8 o'clock they will sing at the State Convention of the W.C.T.U. at the Mulberry Street Methodist Church.

During the last week of this quarter, the Choir will give an outdoor spectacle entitled, "Singing Christmas Tree."

B.S.U. CHORUS

The B.S.U. Chorus has been re-organized with their first rehearsal on October 3 at 8 p.m.

They will provide music for Vespers once weekly.

BOYS' QUARTET AND GIRLS' ENSEMBLE

Both the Quartet and the Ensemble will begin practice soon. The Boys' Quartet is under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Rich.

An invitation has been extended to President Harry Truman by Mercer to come to Macon so that the University may bestow an honorary degree upon him. Senators Walter F. George and R. B. Russell extended the invitation, October 2.

President Truman will visit Georgia early in November and has been asked to Macon November 4, or the following day. The president of Mercer, Dr. Spright Dowell, said that should the president accept the invitation, the ceremony would be held in the Municipal Auditorium.

Senator Russell announced from Washington that he had the impression that the president would accept the invitation.

Senator George, an alumnus of Mercer, was selected to extend the invitation and Governor Ellis Arnall was selected to head the chairman of the committee on arrangements for the president's visit to Georgia. Governor Arnall, also an alumnus of Mercer, is to arrange the schedule for the visit here and to second the invitation made by Senator George.

Mr. Truman is scheduled to come to Georgia for the Tech-Duke football game on November 3, and will visit Warm Springs. While in Atlanta, he will be the guest of Governor Arnall.

UPPER-CLASSMEN CHALLENGE FRESHMEN AS THEY INVADE CAMPUS WITH FORCE

Once upon a time in the year of our Lord, about two hundred mothers sent their little darlings off to school. Off to Mercer University to prepare their little minds to solve the problems of their oncoming adult years. For no one knows what the future has in store for them.

The Freshmen arrived on the campus ready to conquer the world—well anyway, Mercer University. Each one was welcomed heartily by Dr. Dowell, the faculty and most heartily by Dupree Jordan, as the president of the Sophomore class—the class they will never forget!

Their first day was filled with registration which consisted, to the freshmen, of writing this on that card and that on this card. The Freshmen did not mind however, for they knew life would be a "bed of roses" from then on. On the following Wednesday rushing began. Gee . . . but those people were nice to that cute new freshman class. Party after party was given to honor the new students, and everybody had loads of fun. They would not exchange their life for the life of the most royally treated kings.

Then it came. A new experience for all the freshmen. Ratting! On Wednesday, October 3, 1945, "hello" exchanged for "button rat." The

rats became under the command of all upperclassmen. If the first week at Mercer was heavenly—the second week was most unearthly.

And that concluded the life of a freshman up to their first day of ratting. If you want to know how they like ratting just ask them—they'll tell you!

Girls' Open House Honors V-12 Unit

The Naval V-12 Unit gave their farewell review for the Mercer students and the public Thursday, October 4, at the Porter Stadium.

Following the review at 5 o'clock, Mercer girls gave an open-house for the sailors who will leave Mercer in November. The party was informal, given in the parlors of Mary Erin Porter Hall. In charge of the open-house was Marianne Smith, with Olga Gore as refreshment chairman, and Ann Leavell as hostess chairman, serving under her.

FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES CLOSE MOST SUCCESSFUL RUSH SEASON

A.T.O. Leads Pledging With 15

After twelve days of rushing, the six fraternities on Mercer Campus ended Monday night with the most successful rush season in many years.

New students pledging were:

ALPHA TAU OMEGA: Maurice Wynn, Bob Denney, George McCowen, Robert Handley, Pat Barmore, Rufus Hodges, Doyle Pratt, Aaron Baker, John Hatten, Glenn Pelham, Gerald Cutchins, Roy Strange, Brad Wade, William Eden, and Hard Story.

KAPPA SIGMA: Paxton Stockton, Glenn Wilkes, Joe Surratt, Albert Henry, Carrol Wright, L. W. Parr, Harry Wade, Harry Lee, Butch Carroll, Mullen Whinnant, and Cliff Hunnicutt.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON: James Wood, Billy King, Banks Worsham, George Jones, Dumbo Faulk, Robert Andrews, Fred Couch, and Bill Warner.

PHI DELTA THETA: Tedy Turner, Wesley Hanson, Horatio Rowin, James Dillard, and Bill Demmond.

KAPPA ALPHA: Hulett Hammond, Louie Wanninger, and Harris Williams.

ALPHA LAMBDA TAU: Warren White and John Donehoo.

Preferential Bidding Clixames Rush Week

The preferential bidding last week climaxed a week's rushing activities by the three Mercer sororities. Chi Omega led the race pledging sixteen girls, Alpha Delta Pi was second with fourteen pledges, and Phi Mu pledged ten for third place.

New pledges for the different sororities are as follows:

PHI MU: Betty Latham, Margaret Palin, Louise Jarnagin, Carolyn Fuller, Ethel Mintz, Dot Taylor, Dot Walters, Eleanor Crowe, Nat Blossom, Hazelherst Herrin.

ALPHA DELTA PI: Jean Allen, Virginia Howell, Rose Waldron, Frances Skinner, Beverly Shipp, Clarene Gaddy, Carolyn Edwards, Claudia Lee, Betty Bowen, Ruth Baker, Carolyn Clift, Martha Currie, Martha Andrews, Nancy Neal.

CHI OMEGA: Jean Feagan, Alice Crimmins, Marjorie Wood, Margaret Tabb, Earnestine Wood, Jeannette Wiggins, Celeste Manack, Vera Donaldson, Virginia Richmond, Marion Burnette, Beverly Fay Culbertson, Jannie Wiloughby, Jeannette Hyde, Nora Hart, Peg Mulling.

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