

CLUSTER GIRL Of The Week



KATHERINE HOLMES

Katherine Holmes, Sandersville, Georgia, is a first quarter Junior who likes playing tennis, singing duets, studying sociology and psychology. She plans to do social welfare work and is getting a minor in Christianity. While on the campus, Katherine has excelled in many and varied activities. Some of these

are: Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior class, member of the Glee Club, member of Life Service Band, Dormitory Council Freshman representative, Vice-President of Y. W. A., Executive Council member of the B.S.U., and member of the Mercer Independent Co-ed's Association.

Ratting . . .

by Jo Jordan

"Step right up ladies and gents and get your 'rat' while the supply lasts," shouted barker Howard Hartley last week as the annual "rat" slave mart began. "They are going fast," he cried. "Going, going, gone! The last one is sold in 'bond of respect' to the senior with the big nose there! Sorry to disappoint you other upperclassmen, but don't forget to shop earlier next fall."

That's the way it sounded at the beginning, but, brother, that was only the beginning!

Even though a few upperclassmen have long faces, the majority of them are happy, carefree little people with little to worry about

except for classes. Of course, the freshmen could attend classes for them, too, but they really wouldn't want to impose! Most of the campus "high and mighties" have really sweet dispositions when one gets to know them. This isn't hard to understand, when one considers that even though the campus is knee-deep in mud, there is always a willing freshman handy to polish shoes, take clothes to the cleaners and sweep mud tracks from the bedroom floor.

The sound of an eager Freshman voice singing the spirited Mercer Fight Song is enough to inspire delinquents to study and absentees to attend class.

Edgewood Hall, Mercer's Newest Occupied by the Greeks This Fall

OPEN HOUSE HELD SUNDAY; SUITES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

By Duncan Bazemore

At a cost of about \$225,000, Edgewood Hall was finally ready for occupancy at the opening of Mercer for the Fall quarter. Construction on the new dormitory, which is located on the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Adams Street, began more than a year ago.

Now with the beginning of the new school year, six fraternities have moved into their respective suites. Each fraternity suite contains ten rooms and a lounge making the total capacity of the dormitory one hundred and eighty students under normal conditions. The capacity will normally exceed two hundred when rooms on the fourth floor are completed.

Open House Held

The public and especially many close friends of the school were greatly impressed last Sunday when they attended the open house held in the new Mercer dormitory. All of the fraternity suites were open to visitors and many favorable comments were expressed on the appearance of the various suites. Many were surprised to find that the boys themselves had done the interior decorating, and that there was very little similarity in the furnishings and the decoration of the different fraternity lounges.

The Kappa Sigma lounge, with completely new furnishings, is done symbolically in the fraternity colors, with walls green, the chairs scarlet, and the woodwork white.

One receives the impression of comfortable livability when he enters the Kappa Alpha lounge with its muted colors.

A complete new set of furniture has been added to the Phi Delta Theta lounge of blue and white.

According to one of the members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, their lounge is decorated to resemble a den in a sportsman's club.

The Gamma chapter has a general color scheme of soft tints of green which blend with the natural finish of the woodwork.

Designed by Dunwoody

Elliot Dunwoody, who has been the architect for a number of the buildings on the campus, also designed Edgewood Hall. He used the same style which has been used in many other college dormitories throughout the United States. It is of a restrained collegiate Gothic type which clearly shows the modern trend, but eliminates all of the unnecessary ornamentation.

In order that nothing will detract from the looks of the new building, the telephone company has been asked to bring the wires into the basement so they cannot be seen from the street.

The dormitory is said to be fire-proof with wood used only for the woodwork and the doors. Asphalt tile covers the floors. Water fountains are conveniently located in every suite and each suite has its own bathroom facilities.

Rifle Range

A very special feature of the building will be the nearly completed rifle range to be located in the basement. Students living on the first floor need not worry of being disturbed by the noise, for a special committee checked to see if the rifle range would disturb the occupants and it was found that it would be in no way objectionable.

No specific plans have been made yet for utilizing the attic space but the tentative plan is to build two more fraternity suites, each consisting of six rooms and a lounge. A cost of around \$25,000 is estimated for completion of this project.

Chemical Frat Makes New Plans

The Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry fraternity of Mercer University met last week to discuss plans for the present quarter.

From the last pledge group, Joe Struby was selected as the member submitting the best paper on a subject in the field of chemistry. Mr. Struby was awarded an official Gamma Sigma Epsilon key.

The selection and initiation of a faculty advisor to replace Dr. Herman Kurtz will be held in the near future.

Officers for this year are: Clara Bailey, Grand Alchemist; Stanley Stinson, Recorder; and Bill Argo, Visor.

Student Council Plans Program Series

by Jean Harbon

Ham Kellam, chairman, and Jim Christian co-chairman, with their committee of students have begun to map out a series of Student Council sponsored chapel programs which are designed to offer a variety of appeal to the interest of all students.

The Student Council will direct Chapel programs on Monday and Tuesday of each week, duplicating their programs wherever possible. The first of these programs will be under the direction of the Interfraternity Council. Among the student organizations, Cardinal Key and Blue Key will each have a program in which they will tap their new members. Also on the committee's agenda is a program sponsored by each class, beginning with the Seniors, consisting of a play or skit.

Among the entertainers drawn from Macon and vicinity is Mayor Wilson, popular amateur magician, who has promised to appear with his bag of tricks.

The program committee has determined not only to provide us with good programs for this fall term, but also to give us the best in entertainment for the winter season. To further this extended program of entertainment they have already scheduled fraternity and sorority skits to be presented in contest form.

Legion Plans Drive For New Members

An election of officers will take place at the meeting of the American Legion to be held on Monday, October 6, at 7:30 P.M. in the Legion Room of the Co-op Building. All members are urged to attend this important session, as the adoption of a constitution is to be considered.

Plans have been completed by this organization for one of the greatest programs of activity it has ever had. In a few days, a membership drive will begin, having as its slogan "Every Veteran A Legionnaire."

New Veterans on the campus will be interested to know that the American Legion can take care of any difficulties veterans may experience regarding their subsistence checks, pensions, and legal problems. If they will address their letters to the American Legion, Mercer University, and drop them in the mail box in the Co-op building, a representative of the Legion will call on any requesting this service.

Mercer Enrollment Increases By 102

After a decline in total enrollment for two quarters the Mercer student body again swelled to an all-time high this fall. Last week the enrollment figure stood at 1304, which is 102 above that of last fall.

A decline in veteran enrollment was noted; 700 registered this fall, as compared with 733 last spring.

Dean Burts reports 400 new students; 250 freshmen and 150 upperclassmen. For the male freshmen, 128 are "GI's," 77 are recent high school graduates.

For those interested in statistics, here are a few figures on veteran

enrollment at Mercer since the fall quarter of '45:

Year	Tot. En.	Vets	Vet %
Sept. '45	420	38	9
Dec. '45	557	154	27
Mar. '46	797	356	45
Sept. '46	1201	702	58
Dec. '46	1198	728	61
Mar. '47	1178	733	62
Sept. '47	1304	700	53

The administration admits that enrollment is now above the safety mark, but pledges its every effort to maintain standards.



Lem can't help noticing the flying start that the new freshmen are getting this year—just in case you haven't noticed, take a gander at the following:

"Crooner" Marvin Irby from Lamer has lost no time in getting into the Chandler of love—has he Alice?

Jimmy Whitehurst is another one of the Mercer wolves who just can't resist those trips to Wesleyan—What's the attraction Jim?

Attention Women! there is a very rare bird on the campus—a Red Sparrow.

Dot Walters has truly made time since she came on the campus, or else she knew how to play Chess before she arrived.

Know it must have been hard for Hemmingway to leave now that Betty Ann is on the campus.

Who is that Freshman Virginia Reese is all aglow over, or is there one in particular?

George Griffin keeps reminding everyone that there is a new Barbara Smith at Mercer.

We know that Doris Braken has already decided her Minor, but what about your major Doris?

So much for the freshmen let's give the old timers a chance . . .

Ask "Lover-Boy" Peavy if he is still seeing Dots before his eyes?

It seems Ladrum L. enjoys looking after home town girls.

Visualize three pins on Betty Lee, A. D. Pi . . . A.T.O. and . . . ? Lem also knows the words to "My Old Kentucky Home."

Fran and Nita have really seen the Sunny side of things this summer.

Sally Mac is still loyal to the Kappa Sig. She loves those men.

Ed H. what happened this summer, or shall we ask anyone who knows?

Wonder who Peggy Parker dates every day after the 2:45 class?

By the way Martha Andrews did you enjoy your summer visitor?

And why are so many boys taking speech courses this quarter?

This is all the dirt . . . I mean news from station LEM until next week at this time. Tune in, LEM knows nothing, sees nothing, tells all.

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