



**ATO OPEN HOUSE:** Taking time out to enjoy a quiet chat during the Alpha Tau Omega open house Sunday afternoon are (left to right) H. E. Steele, Miss Buddy Skinner, Morris Wynne, and Miss Laurie Shannon. The A.T.O.'s received guests in their Shorter Hall suite from three to five.—(Photo courtesy John Christopher.)

### ATO's Hold Campus Open House

The brothers and pledges of the Alpha Zeta chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity gave an open house in their suite at Edgewood Hall. The affair was held on Sunday afternoon during the hours from 3 until 5 o'clock. The group received over three hundred guests. Each brother brought a new record for the player in the suite as a tribute to the occasion.

Punch and cakes iced in ATO were served by Mrs. Hugh Wamble from a center table decorated in blue and yellow flowers to carry out the fraternity colors. Similar floral sprays placed over the suite completed the decorations. Dr. A. B. Anthony chaperoned the occasion. Don Horton and Willis Duvall assisted by Hugh Wamble and John Hemmingway were in charge of all preparations.

### The April Shower

by Ralph L. Smith

There had been a spring shower on this particular April day, and the earth seemed to literally exude a penetrating smell that overpowered and weakened all who came into contact with it. Instead of producing a refreshing effect as most April showers do, the enervating toll of the rainfall had penetrated into the classroom and had taken a heavy drain on the energy of the students and the professor. Plain Mr. Brown sat on the front row. His face was red, not with the healthful radiance of an athlete, but the pale pallor that was an unmistakable sign of a misspent youth. He struggled vainly to fight off the encroaching lethargy. The professor thought that Mr. Brown was taking notes from the dreary humdrum that was the class routine, but here, the pedagogue was wrong. Mr. Brown was busily writing down his reactions to the torpor that was

rapidly engulfing him, and would soon be consummated in sleep. "14th, April, 1948. . . again; I am being overpowered by this compelling desire to sleep in class. Oh, how can it be that I am the hopeless victim of this dread curse. I have temporarily lapsed into consciousness, and thus I am able to write down my feelings and thoughts and pass them on to whoever might read them. . . The Sleep Demon is cowering above me now, and I am fighting with all the will power, every ounce of strength that

is left in my sleep racked body. Every nerve is being tremendously exerted to keep me awake. Here comes another and another surging wave of overpowering sleep that threatens to cast me into the abyss of rest. . . I can no longer battle the tidal wave that has drowned me in the blessed comfort of oblivion. I feel that mounting fury of the attack of the Sleep Demon shall overpower and crush me; toss my tired, human shell into the gulf of dark oblivion. I must actually die there when the sleep has come to conquer me. Then all—all will be restful lethargic oblivion. . ."

The professor, observing that plain Mr. Brown had collapsed from exhaustion and rolled onto the floor, came wearily forward and shook Mr. Brown violently and futilely for a few moments. The other students were too weak to care about the proceedings and they glared listlessly from their sleep-dulled eyes. One especially vigorous pupil was heard to feebly whisper: "Cripes, I wish't I was him."

Ignoring this insult, the professor burst into tears when Mr. Brown refused to respond to his efforts to arouse him. The pedagogue ambled up the aisle to his desk and sat down. He looked long and wistfully at the outside where the fuming haze was emerging from the torrid ground. The shrubbery was too profuse for beauty and the smell of rotting vegetation permeated the entire campus and seeped into the crowded classroom. The professor leaned forward in his chair and placed his head upon the desk. Soon, he too was fast asleep. His head lolled upon some uncorrected test papers, and the regular breathing of the professor could be heard above all other noises in the classroom.

The wise students softly tiptoed from the building. Two of plain Mr. Brown's cohorts revived him, and he too drowsily stumbled from the accursed place. Outside, the semitropic sun shone with a deadening brilliance upon the dormant spring world. A butterfly was the only sign of life left on the campus. The shimmering heat waves were magnified and distorted in their withering intensity, and the whole effect united to produce sleep. Then the Sleep Demon came and observed the scene, and slumber and deadened senses, and drowsiness reigned supreme.

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Alison

The brothers and pledges of the Kappa Alpha fraternity will give a benefit bridge on Thursday night at 8 o'clock, April 15, in the basement of the St. Josephs Church.

The mothers in the Star and Crescent club of the Kappa Sigma fraternity gave the members of the Mercer chapter an open house Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Julian Crosley on College Avenue. Fraternity songs were sung by the group led by Charlie Smith who also gave several special numbers.

Punch and cakes were served by their hostesses.

The new officers of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity will be installed on Wednesday night in Beckworth Chapel at the St. Paul Episcopal church. The pledges will entertain the brothers at the close of the installation in the church recreation room.

Their formal campus-wide dance will be heard at the Shrine Mosque Saturday night, April 17, from 8 until 12 p.m.

The members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity were entertained at a wiener roast at Holly Bluff by Crawford Edwards, brother in the Mercer chapter.

Billy Leggett, Dick Sandford, and Brad Newsom left last week to attend a SAE Provincial Convention in Birmingham, Ala. Rev. Eric A. Oesterle has been selected as the new chapter advisor.

Bill Tyson was elected by the Sigma Nu fraternity to attend the Sigma Nu national Convention at San Bernardino, Cal., which will be held the first week in September. Mayes Dobbins will be the alternate.

The members of the Chi Omega sorority formally initiated Betty Bell of Atlanta, Lillian Moye of Waycross, and Juanita Tabb of Colquitt on Wednesday night of April 7 at the Chi O house. After initiation an informal party was held in their honor. The new sisters were presented with sorority owl necklaces by their big sisters. Refreshments were served at the affair which was under the supervision of Florence Haden.

Phi Mu sorority state day was held in Atlanta at the Piedmont Driving club last Saturday. Dr. Josiah Crudup, president of Brenau College at Gainesville, was the principal speaker at the occasion. Nat Blossom, president of the Mercer chapter, also gave a speech. Others who attended were Jean Kinnett and Betty Latham.

Lunch was served at the Piedmont Driving Club and a tea was given that afternoon for the delegates and guests.

M.I.C.A. members entertained their dates at an informal party at Ragan's Park on Friday night, April 9. Ethel Johnson and Betty Willet were on the program committee, and Alice Kilmer, was in charge of refreshments.

A mass meeting of all the sororities will be held at the request of the Pan-Hellenic Council in the biology building at 9:00 o'clock on Wednesday night. The purpose of the meeting will be to change the constitution governing the three sororities. Sue Fitts, Chi Omega, will preside over the meeting as president of Pan-Hellenic.

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