

The Young Bohemian

by Ralph Smith

The Young Bohemian skulked into the lecture room. It was the eight o'clock class, and many happy students had gathered for the morning recitation. Their buzzing chatter offended the ears of the young Bohemian, but he unobtrusively and subversively crept to his seat next to The Drudge. This person was ensconced behind an imposing bulwark of books and other technological class-room equipment. The Drudge glanced disdainfully at the Young Bohemian and scornfully thrust his overly long nose into a protective book.

"Shay friend," inquired the Young Bohemian, "Do youse happen to have a match?"

"Certainly not," rasped out The Drudge, "and I'll thank you to keep your filthy, alcohol-palsied hands to yourself. Anyway, you're not allowed to smoke in the classroom."

"Aw Cheez, friend, I didn't mean no harm—I on'y wanted a match," replied the degenerate one.

Suddenly, a halo miraculously enveloped the head of The Drudge. He glanced upward from whence came his inspiration. Then, in a loud and authoritative voice The Drudge reprimanded the Young Bohemian.

"I saw you yesterday, O Young Bohemian, and I wondered why you walked so feebly. Yet now I know what is the cause of your physical shortcomings. You are of those men who are searchers after amusement, cohorts to the daughters of music. Each night, you men who stride the ways of feebleness during the day venture forth into the darkness in quest of entertainment.

In the classes, you are hardly able to stay awake, O debauched one. Why is it that you never seem to know the lesson, nor have ever answered a question? But you and your compatriots are always the first to laugh at some small mistake of the professor. Always, you are noisy, but for what purpose? The simple matter of your not having studied the lesson cannot be hidden. Keep trying; perhaps some day you will convince the teacher that you have studied."

The Young Bohemian said nothing,

but beads of sweat the size of pigeon's eggs popped out on his forehead.

"Walking down the street this past evening, oh foul one," continued The Drudge, "I saw you shooting billiards. You called to me in your riotous debauchery, but fortunately, I had other, more pleasant things to do. Thus I departed from the unfortunate wretches—the pale green faced wretches whose faces are stained by the grotesque green reflected light from the velvet topped billiard tables.

Your fingers are stained yellow from the cigarettes that you have held there, O Young Bohemian. Your eyes are bleary—the windows to your alcohol fevered brain. Farewell for now, o hurler of cynic's bans, I see that you are in danger of passing out."

The lecherous one was obviously much taken back by this unprovoked and vicious attack upon his personal life. He seized his book, uttered one sentence: "Gee, dis guy is givin' me the willies!" He fled from the room, and narrowly missed the professor who was barricaded behind a convenient desk.

LAMBDA CHI HOLDS SPRING FORMAL

The alumni of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity gave its annual Spring Formal at the Shrine Mosque.

The Shrine was decorated in spring flowers interwoven in greenery. The lead-out decorations consisted of a picket fence with a background of green carpet with a large LCA placed on the raised center. The brothers, pledges and their dates were announced as they came through the arch.

The officers in the leadout were:

Audiences Charmed By Players, Singers Opera Production

by Aubrey Heflin

The year's dramatic season at Mercer University was brought to a highly successful climax and close by the excellent presentation of the comic opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore," last Thursday and Friday evenings at Willingham chapel.

Near-capacity audiences were alternately charmed by the well-rendered musical numbers and convulsed with laughter by the hilarious comedy which was liberally sprinkled throughout the two-act performance.

The role of Josephine, the captain's daughter was especially well done by Blossom Craft and Margaret Garrison. The part of the hero, Ralph Rackstraw, was also done its due by Buice Wallace and Man Collier.

Favorites with the audience were Tucker Singleton and Ray Brewster who portrayed in admirable manners that detestable character, Dead-Eye Dick.

Other Lead Roles

Other leading parts were played by Fred Lowe and Jim Mount in the part of Sir Joseph, ruler of the Queen's navy. Harry Smith and Lewis Smith in the role of Captain Corcoran; and Betty Willet and Barbara Russell in the role of Buttercup, a bunboat woman; all of whose acting and singing were remarkably good.

The actors were aided greatly by the University Glee club under the direction of Dr. Arthur Rich and accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Rich at the piano and Caroline King with the violin.

All production crews are to be praised for their work, but especially to be complimented is the costume crew which fashioned the ladies' costumes. The scenery was so well constructed as to receive a round of spontaneous applause as the curtain went up on the first performance.

General production was under the direction of Mary Brooks Popkins, and musical directors were Dr. and Mrs. Rich.

Lucius Hall, Jr., President, with Miss Anna John Watkins; George Mau, Vice-President, with Miss Leona Spively; Finn Groover, Secretary, with Miss Ada Jane Thompson; Thomas McCommons, Treasurer, with Miss Pansy Young; Marion Hall, Ritualist, with Miss Mary Jenkins; Bill Cochran, Social Chairman, with Mrs. Bill Cochran; Mary Steel, Sponsor, with Joe McDow.



IFC DANCE: Above is pictured one of the many scenes of enjoyment which were to be seen at the annual spring Inter-Fraternity Council dances. The music of Jesse Duckworth's orchestra, and perfect weather conditions combined to cause an attendance rarely paralleled in the history of these dances.

SHRINE MOSQUE IS SCENE OF ANNUAL I.F.C. DANCES

The annual Inter-fraternity dances were on both nights high-lights of the Spring quarter. The attendance was exceptionally large and the weather very good. The informality of Friday night was refreshingly different and emphasized the formal climax on Saturday night.

Each fraternity was represented by signs around the handstand. The theme of the leadout, which took place on the final night, was Stardust. Those participating in the leadout were members of the Inter-fraternity council headed by Tully Bond with Miss Barbara Smith. Tully is president of the council and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Preceding him in the leadout to form the letters IFC across the dance floor were: ATO, Gene Chaffin, with Miss Mary Loynius and John Hemmingway with Miss Betty Langston. KA, Dan Dunwoody with Miss Nell Rodgers and Johnny Stewart with Miss Alleen Jones; KS Carlisle Minter with Miss Sally McKay and Tommy Jimerson with Mrs. Tommy Jimerson; Lambda Chi A, Herb Schutte with Mrs. Herb Schutte and Tom McCommon with Miss Martha Powell; Phi Delt, Leonard Conger, with Miss Ann Thomas; SAE, Richard Thornton with Miss Sue Fitts and Matthew Roughgardner with Miss Kathleen Brown; SN, Jim Christian with Miss Eleanor Sammons and David Black with Mrs. David Black.

Dean and Mrs. Richard Burts, chaperons for both dances, were also in the leadout which was announced by Duncan Bazemore.

The officers of Inter-fraternity Council are: Matthew Roughgardner, vice-president; David Black,

Religious News

To enable the newly-elected officers to become better acquainted with their duties, the old and new members of the YWA Executive Council will participate in a retreat to be held at Snow's Lodge next Saturday, May 1. Featured at this assembly will be the study of the YWA Manual taught by Mrs. J. A. Timmerman.

Rev. Jesse F. Ray this week announced his resignation as Reheboth Association Missionary, effective June 1. He will accept the pastorate of the Southwest LaGrange Baptist Church. Mr. Ray's headquarters are located in the Theology building on the campus.

Last Monday night a group of students interested in Religious Education visited the Vineville Youth Center at the First Christian Church. Accompanied by Dr. Lewis Batts, the group was taken on a tour through the educational plant of the church.

At a retreat held last Saturday at Lakeside Park, the newly-elected BSU Executive Council met with last year's Council in a gathering held primarily for fellowship.

A deputation team consisting of approximately 25 students will leave Saturday for visits to various churches in and around Atlanta.

Under the direction of Pete Nunn, Extension Director, the group will return late Sunday.

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