

EAVESDROPPING WITH ELLEN

Administration Comes Through With Brand New Registration Procedure

by Ellen Willis

The Spring Holidays have made their short appearance and we are now back at the old grind with a brand new load of studies and worries ahead of us.

A BOUQUET OF ROSES

... to the administration for the new system of registration. The system employed yesterday was welcomed by all students who remembered the hours of standing in line last quarter.



Willis as both the students and faculty will have longer to work on the new system and to iron out what wrinkles are still present.

to Eva Franklin and Libby Miller who returned from the spring holidays with diamonds on the third finger left hand.

to the basketball team of American Legion Post No. 178 for winning the state tournament.

SCENES 'ROUND AND 'BOUT Billy Joanis talking to Wesleyan girls—Frank Jones doing flip over a new girl—a number of Phi Mus having small house party at

Peggy Wood's — Ruth Dunwoody and Scooter taking in a show together—Marion Barfield mourning the absence of Rudy during his short holidays.

Several Sigma Nu pledges walking Sybil home from the Co-op.

Manning Duffy taking off to Athens to see his girl—Edgar Mallory dating Rea Cunningham—Lyman Delk and Lilly getting planned—Anne Lester reporting a big time at Florida University.

CONGRATULATIONS

to "Bebop" Hall, new Sigma Nu proxy, and his fine slate of officers including Bill Tyson, Jim Cowan, Wendell Sears, and Frank Wentz in the top positions.

DEAN ON LEAVE

Miss Louise Brown, dean of women will leave us for awhile to study at University of Minnesota. Mrs. Betsy Rowston will act as the Dean in her absence.

Don't forget the Alpha-Delta Pi dance this week-end. As this is the first dance this quarter, everyone should be in the mood for a big time.

R. M. WITH P. M.

Attempts To Establish Honor System In Past Disapproved By Student Body

by John Hyde Cluster Associate Editor

Mercer students have attempted to establish a successful honor system here at least four times since 1933, an investigation into old Cluster files has revealed.

Defeat for each of the attempts came from student disapproval of a requirement, embodied in all the proposed systems, that a person must report fellow students who made honor violations.

Despite repeated statements from campus leaders that an honor system would be ineffective without such a requirement, student voters refused to become overly enthusiastic about the proposals.

Last System

The last attempt to add an honor system amendment to the student constitution prior to the current drive occurred in 1946. This proposed system, as summarized by the Cluster, March 27, 1946, required that "a student shall in all scholastic relations act honorably.

After making a hurried campaign for the proposed system, student leaders called for a vote in chapel early in May. The proposal did not receive a majority vote of the enrolled student body and was defeated.

Enact Law

The only partially successful honor system and the only one enacted into student law during this period was the system proposed in 1933. However, the system was a subject for heated discussion from its enactment.

Following this, a vote on the system was called to decide whether the amendment to the constitution authorizing the system should be repealed.

Dowell Statement

A copy of this system could not be found, but the 1933 plan apparently affected honor specifically in the taking of examinations.

Dr. Spright Dowell, after this student action, stated: "Although the faculty would like to see an honor system at Mercer, the members (of the faculty) withdrew their approval of any such system until the students definitely make up their minds as to whether or not they want one."

Blue Key Proposal

The next honor system proposal came in 1940. The Cluster, March 29, 1940, announced that Blue Key fraternity "this week launched a campaign to incorporate a 'workable and efficient' honor system in the constitution."

This 1940 honor system stated in its preamble, "The only requirement of a Mercer student must fulfill is to live in harmony with others independent students. There are no specific regulations. If he lives honestly, originality, and self-reliance, he will not be in need of rules against any form of ungentlemanly conduct."

A student-elected honor council of four members was to judge reported honor violations of "every instance in which the induction of a student into adult, responsible independence remains incomplete."

Postponed Vote

As spring quarter was almost over, Blue Key decided to postpone a vote on the proposed system until the following school year.

The honor system next year failed to get a majority of votes of students present for chapel voting. Of the 397 students registered at Mer-

Shorter To Play For A. D. Pi Dance

The annual spring dance of Alpha Delta Pi sorority will be given on Friday evening, March 18, at 8:30 o'clock at the Shrine Mosque.

Music will be furnished by Ben Shorter and his orchestra. The theme of the dance is being kept a secret until Friday evening when the new officers will be presented.

Retiring officers are Ola Campbell, Quincy, Fla., president; Marion Edwards, Albany, vice-president; Martha Andrews, Carnegie, secretary; and June Smalley, Macon, treasurer.

After the dance a breakfast will be given at Stallworth's Grill. During the intermission, Marion Barfield, Macon, will hold open house for the sisters and their dates.

At the time, 269 were present at the chapel. 185 votes were necessary for passage of the system; but the count showed only 174 votes for the system and 73 against it.

The amendment was voted down, and this voting was ruled void by the Student Council which held that the chapel had not been called for that purpose.

This system was also defeated in student chapel on May 8, 1942. This was the last attempt to add an honor system amendment to the student constitution during the war years.

Indifferent Students An editorial in the Cluster of March 28, 1941, said, "The proposal never had more than a fighting chance before an indifferent student body."

The following year the president of the student body proposed a modified version of the 1941 honor system. This plan proposed that every student "shall be placed on his honor not to steal, cheat, or act dishonestly in any way."

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HEAD SIGMA NU: Newly elected officers of Sigma Nu fraternity to be installed tonight are (seated, left to right) Eugene Hall, Albany, Commander; Bill Tyson, Ashburn, Lieutenant-Commander; Wendell Sears, Douglas, Chaplain; Jim Cowan, Albany, Recorder; and Frank Wentz, Fitzgerald, Treasurer; (standing) Malcolm Hodges, Macon, Marshal and Pledge Master; Archer Moore, Fitzgerald, Reporter and Social Chairman; and Hubert Alexander, Valdosta, Historian.—(Photo by Harriet Rankin.)

Eugene Hall Is Chosen Commander To Head New Officers Of Sigma Nu

Extension Centers Opened By Mercer

Seven Georgia cities recently have had Mercer extension centers opened in them as part of the off-the-campus program of classes of the newly-formed Ministerial Extension Service.

Tentative plans call for the opening of at least two other centers by fall.

Under a program sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Convention which appropriated \$15,000 for them, the extension centers will afford opportunity of college and seminary training to ministers, and at the same time, allow them to remain in their pastorates.

The classes are being conducted by Mercer with the Rev. Guy N. Atkinson as director. His office will be the extension headquarters, to be established on the campus here.

Seven Centers

Centers now in operation are located in Baxley, Carrollton, Dublin, Gainesville, Griffin, Marietta, and Savannah.

Courses will be offered on credit and non-credit basis at the centers and are designed primarily for ministers. Classes will be held one night weekly for one hour.

Five quarters work at the center will be equivalent to one quarter work here.

At each center two courses in English are offered, one on the pre-

Eugene Hall, Albany, will be installed tonight as Commander of Eta Chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity. He succeeds Jim Christian, Commander for the past year. Hall is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholastic fraternity, Cluster staff, Cauldron staff, Bear Skin staff, and the American Legion.

Other new officers of the fraternity to be installed tonight are as follows:

Bill Tyson, Ashburn, Lieutenant-Commander; Jim Cowan, Albany, Recorder; Frank Wentz, Fitzgerald, Treasurer; Wendell Sears, Douglas, Chaplain; Malcolm Hodges, Macon, Marshal and Pledge Master; Archer Moore, Fitzgerald, Reporter and Social Chairman; Hubert Alexander, Valdosta, Historian; Charlie Davis, Jonesboro, Sentinel; Ralford Flanders, Macon, Athletic Chairman; and Dick Cunningham, Macon, Assistant Treasurer.

college level and another on the college level. The same program will be used on the Life of Christ, Baptist history, and homiletics. Students will have 10 to 12 Christian-ity courses from which to choose.

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