

The Editors Speak

Free Press A Basic Freedom

We might think for a few minutes along the line, "Freedom Goes Where the Newspaper Goes", which is the 1919 slogan for National Newspaper week, October 1-8.

Along with the Freedoms of Speech, Religion, and Peaceable Assembly, Freedom of the Press is included as one of the four basic Freedoms in the Constitution of the United States.

The Free Press is the responsibility of the newspaper to publish the news, whether or not it is desirable to the reader, and to publish it accurately and unbiased, delegating opinion only to editorial matter.

Pressure groups everywhere tend to destroy this Freedom. Give it careful consideration. What amount of satisfaction would a licensed Press have?

We may lose friends, we may have to sacrifice, but we accept the responsibility. We stand on the rights of Freedom, and Freedom goes where the newspaper goes.

Girls Rushing Rules Better

The Pan-Hellenic Council might be congratulated and highly commended on their successful rushing rules this year.

Last year lack of free association with the new girls made it difficult to get to know them well, and certainly was to the disadvantage of the freshmen, who needed friendship and helpful hints on college life, as well as a better chance to know the various sororities.

This free association is a big step up the ladder toward better and more successful rushing. The Pan-Hellenic Council and sororities have done a good job. Perhaps next year other improvements can be made.

—S.H.

What Mercer Has To Offer

There are doubtless those newcomers to the campus who wonder what a small denominational school like Mercer has to offer a student in comparison with some of the larger universities. Although Mercer may lack some of the facilities of larger schools, there are several advantages which it has over such schools. The size of classes at Mercer, generally speaking, is smaller than that of classes in larger schools. This offers the student a chance to take greater part in classroom discussions and thus improve himself. The instructors are also able to give more attention to individual students.

There is also more opportunity for active participation in extra-curricular activities for everyone on the campus. The ability of the entire student body to get together in the chapel and on campus wide social events is an advantage enjoyed by few larger schools. This plays an important part in making a more close knit group of the student body.

One of the most important things Mercer has to offer is the friendliness which is so often lacking at larger schools. This spirit of friendliness which is found on the Mercer campus, is among the most pleasant memories of many Mercer graduates. You, as a student at Mercer, can do your part to keep this spirit alive by going out of your way to be friendly to everyone you meet on the campus.

—C.W.T.

THE CLUSTER PLATFORM

1. To promote a strong, self-governing student body.
2. To stimulate interest in worthwhile extra-curricular activities.
3. To maintain an editorial policy committed to the interests of the entire student body, and to pull no punches.
4. To constructively criticize any campus irregularities after a complete investigation of the facts.

The Mercer Cluster

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LOOKING AT THE SONNY SIDE

By "SONNY" FUTCH

I don't know how the rest of you feel about this matter of kissing girls good-night after a date, but me — I've got certain fixed ideas on the subject.

Take this date I had the other night. I was escorting a young lady of much charm, much "jôle de vivre" (French for "I can spend more money in one night than you can earn in a week.") She seemed genuinely interested in everything I had to say; especially when I was ordering her dinner. She looked at me with languid eyes and her lips were moist and parted, like in the movies. I figured the meal would be worth the dessert.

Fifteen dollars later, I took her home. As we got to the door, she turned full face to me, fluttering her long eye-lashes and breathed, "I've had a wonderful time, Sonny".

That kind of stuff is fine for deodorant soap ads, but not for a fifteen dollar dinner, I thought. Now was the time for dessert. I put my hands caressingly on her shoulders and said, "Come here, sweet, I want to kiss you".

"Kiss me?" she said suddenly, like I had leprosy. "Why I've only known you two months."

"How long am I supposed to wait?" I complained. "Till Mercer has a football team?"

But she meant it. "Why, Sonny, if I were to kiss you, I'd have to kiss every boy at Mercer."

That was all I could take. I grabbed her, tied her to the door knob, and gave her a great big kiss. Then I ran to the campus to round up the other guys.

After all, why keep a good thing like that to yourself?

Collier's Suggests "Ph.T." Degrees

For the GI bride parked in the back pew while her Joe steps up for his college diploma, Collier's magazine has suggested an honorary degree—the "Ph.T.", which stands for "Putting Husbands Through."

Actually, the national magazine, editorially speaking, is seconding a motion offered by Jesse Buchanan, President of the University of Idaho, who figures that girls who set up heavy housekeeping in Quonset huts are past due for collegiate, as well as national recognition.

In the "lead" editorial of its October 1 issue, Collier's says the wives of student veterans "put up with a lot and did a lot, organizing nursery schools and community groups and generally providing a maximum of domestic stability with a minimum of money and equipment."

"We didn't happen to meet up with any veterans whose impatient wives had forced them out of school, and into the first job that came along," the Collier's editorial continues. "We did know of a good many GI brides who, with a few scrimped dollars and a lot of ingenuity, converted bare and cheerless dwellings into something resembling a home."

"These are the wives of what is probably the best-educated college generation in our history... and if some day we hear those leaders say that they owe it all to the little woman, we'll believe them."—Collier's.

I had a little rabbit,
 He name were Jim.
 Got sixteen now,
 Her were no him.

College Life Means New Faces, Parties, Rat Caps, Even Education

By PAT ALDRED

To the freshmen girls, college life means a great variety of things: new faces, new places, sororities, rushing, parties, dances, football, frat men, frat pins, rat caps, chapel, the Co-op, and last but not least, education.

Education on, and off, the campus starts even before classes get well underway. For instance, I have already discovered that there would be many more brunettes if so many hadn't dyed.

And I know that many of us have learned in Co-opology 101 that she who gossips to you will gossip about you. Speaking of gossip, a good definition for a secret is something you tell to one person at a time.

Another bit of education picked up during the past couple of weeks is that no one's opinion is entirely worthless; even a watch that won't run is right twice a day.

Some girls will spend many hours to learn this last item of extra-curricular education:

Late to bed.
 Early to rise
 Makes a gal baggy
 Under the eyes.

"Your soul is oftentimes a battlefield, upon which your reason and your judgment wage war against your passion and your appetite."—The Prophet.

"And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course."—The Prophet.

THAT'S ALL BROTHER

ALTHOUGH DEFEATED MICE GET TREATED

By JIM YOUNG

Scientists have developed a type of mouse which is afraid of women.

There's no longer any point to asking the old question: "Are you man or mouse?" The mice are afraid of women, too.

But don't run right out to throw away the cat and drown the mousetrap. Because the net effect of this new scientific achievement will be to produce more noise whenever a female spies one of the little grey creatures. It merely means that the mouse will add his frightened squeals to those of the woman.

For the typical lass will jump first and remember her science lesson second. Perched in the chandelier, she will hardly be in a receptive mood for any educational lectures.

It all means that mice will be as well-fed as they always have been. We all know they like cheese. And a lassie atop a table presents them with plenty of cheesecake.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that a sad situation has arisen when the girls attending this university are compelled to return from a fraternity rush function as early as 11 p.m. after arriving possibly as late as 8:30 or 9. Also another gripe I have is that the administration seems to be giving little cooperation to the freshmen girls in that

they are forced to forfeit one week-end date in order to attend a week-night rush function.

I am sure that we have a very competent administration here and some happy medium should and could be worked out. I'm sure I express the emotions of the majority of fraternity men on the campus.

Sincerely,
 Sellers Parker.