

## Alpha Delta Pi To Give Dance Saturday Night

Beta Sigma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi will give its annual formal dance Saturday night from 8 until 12 p.m. at the Shrine Mosque, at which time the new officers of the sorority for the coming year will be presented.

"Moon-glow" will be the theme of the dance, and Jesse Duckworth's orchestra will play for the occasion.

An open-house, given by Lillian Patton, Macon will be held during intermission, and a breakfast, at Hunt's will be given afterwards.

Ellen Willis, Macon, is chairman of the dance.

## Y.W.A. Members Give Program and Play at Bessie Tift

Several Y.W.A. members went to Bessie Tift at Forsyth last Thursday to put on a program for the girls there.

The program consisted of a chalk talk by Mimi Timmermen, Macon; a solo by Rheta White, Bainbridge, and special music by Jere Weyer, Shreveport, La.

A short play entitled, "A Search For Happiness," was presented by the following girls: Mary Conway, Savannah; Ann Powers, Douglas; Margaret Lewis, Cartersville; Elaine Meeks, Nicholls; Roy Hamilton, Arabi; Ann Wood, Macon; Micky Roberts, Columbus; Sarah Brown, Atlanta; Mary Helen Simms, Commerce.

## Pressure Threatens Diversity of Opinion

(The Atlanta Journal)

EVERY NATION abandons or modifies its traditional freedoms in time of war, as a matter of self-defense. In the ideological combat now going on between democracy and communism, there are many Americans who feel that the time has already come to present a united front. They would stifle divergence of opinion in the schools and upon the public platform. It is all very well to let soft-headed people and scholarly hair-splitters yap about the American system's defects in normal times—so the argument runs—but not when we are running head-on into the monolithic solidarity of Soviet Russia.

### Cannot Save Democracy

In our rational moments, most of us know that we cannot save democracy by abandoning it. But unquestionably the temptation to close ranks, and take a baseball bat to dissenters, is waxing stronger as the cold war takes on added heat. You can see the pressure best in Congress, with its current furor over admitting a few additional refugees to this country, and its charges that the Administration is shot-through with Communists of deepest dye. Our great free universities, dedicated to the pursuit of truth, are being reproached as intellectual hothouses given over to the production of "Pinks" and "Reds."

Dr. James Bryant Conant, atomic scientist and president of Harvard, made a sensible approach to the question in a speech this month. "What separates the Soviet Union and its satellites from the United States," he pointed out, "is not primarily the authoritarian nature of the police state, nor is it the difference of their economic system; rather it rests in the fact that one and only one philosophy is tolerated... From my point of

## M.I.C.A. To Sponsor Fashion Show March 9

M.I.C.A. will sponsor a fashion show Thursday, March 9, at 4 p.m. on the left breezeway of M.E.P. Hall.

The latest in Spring fashions for the college lads and lassies at Mercer this Spring will be shown. There will be models from each sorority, fraternity, and various groups on the campus. The styles come from leading downtown stores.

Both co-eds and men are invited to preview the Easter season by attending the fashion show.

## Exam Announced For Technologist

The U.S. Civil Service has announced a Technologist examination for filling positions in Washington, D. C., and vicinity at salaries ranging from \$3,825 to \$10,000 a year.

To qualify in this examination, applicants must (a) have completed a 4-year college course leading to a bachelor's degree in technology, chemistry, engineering, physics, or other physical science, or (b) have had 4 years of successful technical experience, or (c) have had a combination of such education and experience. In addition, they must have had professional experience of a scientific or technical nature, including some experience in a branch of technology.

Interested persons may obtain information and application forms from most first- and second-class post offices, from Civil Service regional offices, or from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C. Applications should be sent to the Commission's Washington office and must be received not later than March 14, 1950.

view, I would say that the day that the educators in the United States can agree on one unifying philosophy is the day that freedom becomes seriously imperilled by our educational system."

### Is Nation in Danger?

Does Dr. Conant believe that this nation is in danger of "responding fatally to the Soviet Pressure" by stamping out diversity of opinion in its schools?

"I for one have no fear that any such thing will happen," he concluded. "I have great confidence in the fundamental beliefs of the American people, in their adherence to the idea of the integrity of the individual, in their recognition of the role that difference of opinion has played in the history of this country. Dissent and repeated dissent have been in the air on this continent for centuries. The universities are historically centers of dissent and must continue to be so. To the extent they do so, they will remain true to the basic tenets of American society, they will favor the growth of this republic of free men."

Coming at this time, Dr. Conant's statement should be of great help to other educators who do not have his prestige or his financial independence.



**OUTSTANDING PHIKEIA:** Left to right, Carl Beard, Macon, president of Phi Delta Theta, awards a trophy to Keith Benning, Atlanta, outstanding pledge of the year. The award was given at the Founder's Day banquet at the Idle Hour Country Club Friday night. Key awards were presented to six outstanding seniors: Joe Brown, Sandersville; Buice Wallace, Buford; Jim Mount, Moultrie; Carl Beard, Macon; Pinky Newsome, Columbus; and Jim Hiers, Atlanta. (Photo by Culver.)

## Social Highlights

By Ellen Willis

The Chi Omegas will wind up their series of open houses next Wednesday when they entertain the Sigma Nu's from 10 to 10:30 p.m. at the house. They held open house last night for the Phi Delta Theta's. For Friday night an informal party is being planned by the Chi O's.



The affair, also to be given at the house, will include sisters, pledges, and their dates. Mr. and Mrs. Rowston will be chaperones. Miriam McCook is in charge of the party.

Last Thursday found the Alpha Beta Chapter of KAPPA SIGMA entertaining their alumni at a "smoker in the fraternity suite. The purpose of the affair was to organize an active Macon alumni chapter. CHARLES HENDERSON was appointed chairman of the steering committee, and the group made application for a national charter.

Our congratulations go to the Lambda Chi Alpha's who went national last weekend in a big way. Installation services were held, and a number of national wheels were on hand for the event. Special guests were brothers from surrounding chapters who took an active part in the installation and model initiation. A banquet was held Saturday and a formal dance followed. Founded as a colony more than two years ago, Zeta Omega chapter is now the third chapter in Georgia.

Several local PI KAP's took off to Athens last weekend for the annual district conclave of the Georgia Chapters. District President WALTER F. DOYLE, of Macon, was in charge of the program. Representatives from Emory, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, and Mercer were present, and plans were formulated for the next conclave to be held at Tech next year.

Congratulations to Keith Benning who was chosen outstanding Pikeia of Phi Delta Theta. Keith received a trophy from President Carl Beard who made the announcement at the Founder's Day celebration last Friday night. In addition to the Founder's Day activities held here a number of brothers are planning to attend a Founder's Day banquet in Griffin to be given soon. William Beck, of the Griffin Alumni Club in Griffin, issued a special invitation to the Georgia Gamma Chapter here at Mercer.

Many people have been asking the dates of the spring dances. So far only two dates have been set. The Kappa Sigma dance will be April 22, and one week later, April 29, the Chi Omegas will hold their formal. We'll let you know about the others as soon as the dates have been set.

Don't forget the Alpha Delta Pi dance Saturday night at the Shrine Mosque. And remember, no flowers unless your date is an A.D. Pi.

## Students Offered Service Chances

Philadelphia, Pa.—Service opportunities in work camps, seminars, institutes, internships in industry and cooperatives, and in mental and correctional institutions again are being offered to college students by the American Friends Service Committee, it has been announced by Clarence E. Pickett, executive secretary of the Quaker organization.

Three of these projects, Internship in Industry, Institutional Service Units, and Service Units in Mexico, are planned on a year-round basis.

In Philadelphia, ten interns-in-industry are now gaining first-hand experience in industrial relations field by holding jobs in factories.

### Helps Delinquents

In New Jersey, at the Clinton Farms State Reformatory for Women and at the County Mental Hospital, 14 institutional service unit members are helping to meet the needs of the delinquents and the mentally ill.

In four Mexican villages, 50 unit members are working to aid Mexico's health and education pro-zing recreation programs for children, or working on road construction, hospital repair, and village water and sewage systems.

Work camps and community service units will be held in the United States, Europe, and Jamaica this summer.

Campers will help build community facilities or conduct recreational programs in various parts of the United States. The camps will be held in the slum area of North Richmond, California; fishing villages of Southwest Harbor, Maine; and on an Indian reservation in a Southwestern state.

### Will Send Americans

The Service Committee will send 60 Americans to participate in work camps in 13 countries in Europe and in America. The volunteers will work in refugee camps and will harvest fields, clear land, rebuild homes, schools, community centers and playgrounds.

Other young men and women will study problems of international cooperation and peace in seven-week International Service Seminars and in ten-day Institutes of International Relations. Institutes and seminars will be located in New England, the Middle West, and the Far West. The Service Committee will also sponsor seminars abroad.

The seminars in Europe and Asia will be attended by people who are already studying in these areas. The committee does not have funds to send people abroad for the seminars.

Anyone interested in doing such work is asked to see the Cluster editor for further information.

"Ah, but a man's reach should not exceed his grasp. Or what's a heaven for?"

—Browning.

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