

The Mercer Cluster

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Courtesy Key Note of Rushing

Rushing has started for the sororities and fraternities at Mercer with the usual handshaking and smiling of all members of the different social groups.

The rushees have been taken to the show, the ball games, and out to meals every day. The friendliness shown toward the rushees is worthy of high praise. Meeting these new members of our Mercer family is the highest aspect attained by any group. The purpose behind these sudden sights of kindness is to make the boys and girls who are in a strange place feel at home. However many are overlooked and slighted in these greetings.

If the fraternities and sororities are to meet the different students they should show no discrimination between the new students. Everyone should be met and asked to dinner or to the show at one time or another. If the group thinks that a certain boy or girl will not fit in their group then they should not rush them, but first they should meet the new students.

These social groups are so busy entertaining the new rushees that they sometimes forget that there are other groups on the campus. Each group tell the rushees about its organization and in some cases they even throw off on other fraternities. This is one of the poorest forms of rushing because to make your organization strong you must build it up, not tear down another group. Everyone must remember during this period of anxiety and worry that each fraternity is a member of the Inter-fraternity Council which stands for loyalty and brotherhood toward your group and toward every other group on the campus including every sorority and fraternity.

Common courtesy is the key note to a successful rush season. All fraternities and sororities show this decency to the rushees, but do they show it toward each other. Every group is a member of our family at Mercer, treat them as your sisters and brothers.

Not only should common courtesy be shown between the different social groups, but it should be shown between the rushees and the members. Too often rushees fail to receive bids because they are so sure of themselves that they do not act at all decent to the members of the groups. Whenever individuals or groups invite you out or ask you to a party, don't refuse. It is a good idea to accept these invitations because it helps you to learn more people and it shows the groups that you appreciate them asking you. You are rushing a fraternity or sorority just as much as they are rushing you. Don't make any mistakes, be on your toes at all times.

Let's make this rush season at Mercer one of enjoyment, friendliness, and common courtesy. The choice of the rushees shall be toward the one who puts these principles into effect.

J.E.C.

Meals Found To Be a Problem

During this quarter many students have come into their 1:45 classes about fifteen minutes late because of the long line in the Dining Hall.

Sometimes the boys have to wait in line about a half an hour before they can be served. When you waste thirty minutes at each meal it finally adds up and you find yourself wasting half your day.

Student Government is working on this grave problem, trying to figure out some way to remedy this situation. However, if the students that eat in Sherwood Hall will cooperate with those trying to help matters, the situation can be brought under control and you will not waste half your time standing in line every day.

This new idea of Student Government will take time and many hours of planning, but with your patience and cooperation everything can be worked out for your comfort.

J.E.C.

Pledging To Take Place

Sunday the Sororities will hold their pledging.

Every girl being rushed will receive her bid that afternoon. Much thought should be given by the rushees as to which sorority they think they will be most happy in.

Don't rush into anything blindly. Make your choice and stick to it. Don't let anyone else change your mind. It will be your sorority for life.

Choose it wisely.

J.E.C.

Politics Very Good

In the recent election for editor, the manner of campaign was excellent. There was no mud slinging. The only form of politicking was a poster for each candidate.

Rushing Is Present Everywhere



A Look Into the Future . . .

By Jack Perry

We should preface nearly all of our remarks these taut days with the words, 'If our planet continues . . . We must assume, and fervently hope, that the military (those animal-men, those amazing half-humans with decayed hearts, defunct brains, and super-exaggerated muscles) will not blow up our little world. So, for these remarks, we make that presupposition.

Can we see beyond this present war, this appalling world-conflict between capitalism and communism? Do we dare, in these decadent days, to hope? Let us try.

I can see beyond the conflict and into the new age. I can see the vast number of compromises, the reconciliations and syntheses; I can glimpse the struggle between dying superstitions and growing ideals, between old prejudices and new doctrines. I can envision new forms of government, new economic orders, new religions, new esthetics, new moralities. I can dream a new civilization blooming blue-white from the bloodstained soil of the old order. Humanitarian poppycock? Vain hopes? It is either a new age, or destruction.

And this new age, as every age of man, must have its moral framework, its central myth. (That is why our age is lost; we have lost our myth, and cannot agree upon a new one.) I am not a religionist, but I am convinced that the new age must have at its core the religious spirit. The untrue truths of Science, the super-cult, have proven false as a basis for any *Weltanschauung*; the new age must surpass our narrowness, and see that all truth lies not in the

test-tube. It is in the religious spirit (more properly, in my sense, the philosophic-poetic-religious spirit) that the new and broader truths will be found—those truths hid high among the stars and deep within the human soul.

The new religious myth must have a deeper insight than any of the past; the views of life as a proving-ground for a future life (historical Christianity), or as an accidental, worthless phenomenon (materialistic Science), have proven inadequate. There must be a central theme of life-affirmation; there must be a new insight into evil; there must be a rediscovery of the need for symbols; there must be a recognition of man as a complex animal; all these must pour their blood into the corpus of the new myth.

Life cannot be lived without an integrating factor, a body of ideals that will give meaning to the whole of existence. If this is absent (as, alas! in our day) life becomes a money-producer, a concrete-tree, a dirt-blossom. We depend upon symbols to give meaning to life; we depend upon the myth to make life vital.

It is the religious spirit, in its symbolism, and its synthesizing power, which must be the foundation of this new *Weltanschauung*. With its influence perhaps man can learn to see life in its totality, its mystery, its power. Perhaps he can see in its true light the work of his fellow-man, and of himself. Perhaps the futility of force will come to light, and peace will come. With a background of a new religious spirit, perhaps the new age will be a wiser age than ours. It must be. It is this, or death.

Letter to Student Body

Cluster Makes Apologies

Many apologies are due you as readers of the Cluster.

Last week's issue had the wrong names under the articles on the editorial page. The article entitled "Word of Advice From the Adviser" was written by Don Reeves, while the article entitled "Word of Advice" was written by Jack Perry.

Among the many names that were off the list of those who helped on the paper, Ruford Brown deserves a big hand for the wonderful job he did.

Many thanks and appreciation for electing me as editor of the Cluster. I will try to give you the news accurately and every group and organization will be represented.

Thanks again.

With Best Wishes,
EMORY CLAY, JR.

Committee Plans Improvements

At the dining hall committee meeting last Wednesday the cleanliness of the trays and utensils was brought up for discussion.

It appears that the trouble with the dining hall procedure is not apparent. Mrs. Reeves and the dining hall staff have taken the best of care in the cleaning procedure and the malfactor has not yet appeared. Therefore a study will be made of other cafeterias in Macon in order that the procedure in Sherwood Dining Hall may be improved.

In the past some students have seen fit, probably a forethought, to complain to Mrs. Reeves directly. Student government, however, has a dining hall committee to which complaints should be made in order that prompt action may be taken through the correct channels. Students are requested therefore to register the slightest complaint or suggestion to this committee, because one of the purposes of student government is make more convenient any situation in connection with the students.

Nominations for Cluster Positions

At the student government retreat at Lake Rabun, one of the policies formed was that the student council would nominate two qualified students to run for Editor of the Cluster. It was decided by the president of student government with the approval of student government, that in the absence of a constitutional provision (either in the present or proposed constitution) the student council be empowered to make these nominations. Of course, this procedure is not in line with pure democratic principles, however, the president in taking this action felt that it was the best policy in view of the fact that the students had expressed their confidence in the judgement of the student council by electing them to office. The function of the student council is to advise the president, on just such contingencies as this. Of course the student council is not normally a nominating committee but the president felt it expedient that an editor be elected as quickly as possible. Instead of leaving the election to campus parties or running more than two candidates (which might necessitate a run off election) this procedure was deemed the most expedient.

Student government judged it desirable that the vacancy in the editorship should be filled as quickly as possible because of the vital part the Cluster plays in the dissemination of information in the first weeks of school.

Business Manager To Be Nominated

The election of Emory Clay to the Editorship of the Cluster has left a vacancy in the office of business manager. Snyder has announced that a business manager shall be appointed by the student council at a meeting in the law school building this afternoon at 3 P.M. Clay will be present to advise the council. All those who wish to present themselves for nomination may do so.

Dr. and Mrs. Dowell Entertain Freshmen

Dr. and Mrs. Spright Dowell, with the administration and student government, will be hosts Friday, October 6, at a reception from 3 to 4:30 at their home on Adams street for all freshmen.

All boys are asked to escort a girl to the reception.