

Won't You Give?

Mercer students are being asked to contribute towards a program of summer missions through the Baptist Student Union to carry the Christian message to many untouched areas of our country. We believe that many will wish to aid in this needy and rewarding ministry.

The state BSU organization sent five students to California last summer and hopes to send four or five more this summer to various needy areas under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

The local union has set \$150 as their goal and is, so far, far short of that amount. Special emphasis will be put on the program next week in vespers and plans are being made to canvass for contributions also.

We sincerely trust that many students here will want to join with many others throughout the state in an attempt to follow the command of the Great Teacher who said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ."

"Well Done" Is Tribute

To live an active, useful, worthy, and happy life: to give to one's home, community, church, and college his finest, most faithful, and fruitful devotion and dedication; to know that one enjoys the confidence, the esteem, the gratitude, and the affection of those with whom he has been associated through the years; and to pass directly and with dispatch as one might well wish from the path of active duty here to the place of perfect day yonder is a brief summary of the life history of Fred Hatrich, the capable, competent, and efficient business manager of Mercer University for the last six years of his mortal life which ended early Friday morning, May 4, 1951.

As one who worked alongside and with him from day to day and shared the privilege and responsibility of trying to maintain a sound economy and to provide and to promote healthy, wholesome living and working facilities for our large and growing Mercer family, I take pride in bearing my simple and sincere testimony that Fred Hatrich gave himself with unselfish, untiring, unflinching, and utter abandon to serving others and was one of the most capable, faithful, reliable, affable, and companionable men with whom I have been associated in a long and varied life experience of more than three score and ten years.

In our bereavement and loss and in deepest sympathy for his family and those who share their sorrow, may I not reverently voice the unanimous belief of faculty, students, trustees, and friends in the language of holy writ: "Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

SPRIGHT DOWELL,

President, Mercer University.

A Wise Choice

We believe the choice of Associate Professor Holding as the new business manager is a sound one, based on his previous experience in the business field.

Certainly no one knew until his death the great quantity of minute details that were carried on by Mr. Hatrich. Naturally his place will be hard to fill.

We believe Mr. Holden will do a good job and we pledge our co-operation in the very difficult, thankless task which is now his.

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RONALD GALLOWAY

Once Every Year

Every year, on the second Sunday in May, we take a little time out of our seemingly very busy lives to honor an institution which may well be considered to be the most priceless institution in the world.

Every year, on the second Sunday in May, we remember the person who brought each one of us into the world, and throughout our years on this earth, whether they be few or many, has watched over us as a shepherd over his flock. Throughout our lives, we have seen her serving as a counselor, doctor, psychiatrist, judge, teacher, cook, tailor, minister and helping hand in troubled times.

Mother—a word, which in itself seems to express a feeling of loving kindness, tenderness and understanding. Mother—the person who will cry with us when we are sad, and laugh with us when we are happy.

Mother—the wonderful person who, although she may be hurt deeply by our actions, words, or deeds, is always too glad to forget and forgive. Mother—who can al-

ways seem to see the bright side of things when the whole world seems to frown upon us and cast a dark shadow over our lives.

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day, the one day out of the three hundred, sixty-five in which we honor Mother. There may be those of us who are unable to see our Mothers this Sunday due to distance. There may be those of us who have no mother to see this weekend. There may be some of us who will be with our mothers this weekend.

In whichever category you may fall, at least take time out this Sunday to stop and reflect—think back on what Mother has meant to you in your past years in every way imaginable.

A wonderful day, this one day in the year. A wonderful person, Mother. Don't you agree?

COLLEGE COMMENT

Emory Faces Parking Problem

In order that Mercer students might better know what other colleges around the country are doing and thinking, we plan to publish occasionally a symposium of collegiate thought in this space. We believe Mercer students are interested in what other colleges are doing and should feel a closer kinship within the college community.

The parking problem at Emory, our neighbor in Atlanta, is becoming acute, according to the Emory Wheel. Hoping to find some solutions, the paper polled a few students on the subject.

One answer was, "If we did away with the police force, we would have more parking places. That would be a little help." Another said, "If students would be sure they park in the marked spaces and not take more than one, it would do a lot toward solving the problem." (Parkers in Sherwood lot, take notice.)

The Crown and Lance fraternity at Hofstra college, N. Y., has been suspended from pledging privileges for the spring.

Seems the trouble began when two Crown and Lance pledges were dropped off in Connecticut after having their heads and shoulders anointed with molasses, shredded wheat, ketchup, and flour. It was all part of the fraternity's Hell Night festivities.

The two pledges went to the Fairfield, Conn., police station, washed up and called home. Next day the Associated Press came out with a story saying the youths were "clad completely in a form-fitting suit of tar and feather." The Hofstra dean of students

promptly slapped the pledging ban on the fraternity.

Commented the Hofstra Chronicle: "This whole thing is being inflated to monumental proportions. No one was hurt, and what is more important no one was in danger of being hurt. True enough, the college has gotten some poor publicity out of the deal, thanks to the Associated Press.

On April 6 the University of California loyalty oath, passed by the Board of Regents, was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court. The court ordered the University to reinstate the 18 professors who had been fired for refusing to sign the non-Communist declaration.

A few days later, the Daily Californian, the University's student newspaper, said in an editorial: "The University and the country owe an immeasurable debt to the 18 professors whose struggle for a principle culminated Friday in judicial nullification of the regent's special 'loyalty oath' requirement."

"(The court ruling) shows that sanity can win over the hysterical orthodoxy which parades under the American flag and forgets the things the flag stands for. The faculty non-signers have demonstrated their Americanism the hard way; but it is a way to be proud of."

IN THE MAIL

For More Baseball

(Editor's Note: The Cluster welcomes letters dealing with any subject of vital concern to the students-body. We invite constructive criticism for we want to find how we may better serve our readers. Letters should be signed, though names will be withheld from publication on request. Address communications to The Cluster and put them in the Co-Op postoffice.)

Dear Editor,

So far in this paper you have had pictures of the basketball and tennis team. Why not a picture or two of the baseball team? The fact that they haven't won too many games so far isn't any reason for keeping them in the back-ground. Don't you think a little support from the paper and student body would cheer them up

some and help them to win?

As I've read before in this paper, when a team really sticks to the game and sticks together in spite of losses it means that they have a pretty good bunch of boys. And I don't believe I'm alone in this opinion.

Let's give 'em some support. How about it?

Sincerely,
M. J. H.

JUDSON MOSS

"Blackballing" Here?

"Blackballing" is not, as far as we can ascertain, a word in the dictionary but the popular term seems to have much meaning and significance on Mercer campus.

It would seem that if a student had met the necessary qualifications for admittance to campus honorary organizations that he might be accepted, but such does not hold here.

Instead, personal and organizational prejudices seem to bar many worthy students from membership to the organizations considered to be top-ranking on campus. Not only is injustice done those not admitted but the honor is lessened for those who are admitted.

To listen to various campus leaders one would think that a state of complete harmony existed here because each strongly disavows any kind of animosity towards any other particular group. The fact remains however, that "blackballing" is not a dead art here but seems, instead, to be practiced more frequently than ever.

One organization on campus has attempted a solution to the problem and we think it merits attention by leaders of other campus organizations. Whereas one "blackball" previously could keep out a prospective member, they now require that an individual receive three such "scratches" to make him ineligible.

Campus organizations we believe should be considered as the means of rendering service to one's fellow students and not as a stepping stone to a "higher" organization on campus as seems to be the conception of aspiring "wheels" hereabouts.

Only by concerted effort can we hope to make a better Mercer and this will require that petty prejudices of individuals and organizations give way to the higher ideal of service within the college community.

Microfilm Aids Research

By Reg Murphy

When Mercer University purchased a Recordak microfilm reader last August, a big step was taken toward preserving valuable records for future student generations.

To try to explain how such a microfilm reader works, it is operated on a principle similar to a slide projector except that the film is very much smaller. In fact, a hundred years of church history can be held in the palm of your hand.

The film is run through a projector above the reading surface. The page is reproduced on the surface, enabling the reader to imagine that he is seeing the actual record.

Mercer plans to gradually build a library of rare records, eliminating bulky works which take up much space. These records will include all the issues of the Christian Index from 1829 to 1900, and newspapers of the Civil War period, for historical research.

Mr. Harold McManus, professor of church history, is the only person thus far to use the microfilm reader, because the only film purchased has been applicable to his field. However, others doing special research will be able to use the machine as soon as film is available.

McManus has centered his field in the development of the negro church in the south, and its relation to white Baptists. One of his most interesting finds is that northern whites financed negro growth here, and the southern whites were so destitute that they were unable to assist.

This new machine will occupy an alcove in the magazine racks of the library. Actually, there should be a special room, but there now is no vacant space. There is a possibility that the library will be expanded to include space for such a room.

A microfilm recording of various newspapers now in the library files would be another advantage. These papers now occupy a great space in the basement, and their removal would give the space problem a big boost.

Although microfilming periodicals is as expensive as binding them, research would be made much easier. Dusty old literature is not the most conducive argument for studios concentration.

Once again Mercer has attempted to better its institution with the addition of better equipment, and this one seems to be for the sake of posterity.