

COMMERCE SCHOOL DISPLAYS GROWTH

Interview is Given Reporter by Dictaphone.

By Malcolm Johnson

When sent to interview Prof. C. B. Wray on the work of the School of Commerce a Cluster reporter found his subject too busy to give him the desired information.

Pointing to a dictaphone over in the corner—part of the new equipment just received in the Commerce department—Prof. Wray said:

"I tell you what I'll do—I'll talk to you through this dictaphone. I'll dictate the desired information into the phone, then you can come back tonight, put on the record which I shall leave on the desk, and take down the interview by listening to my voice over the dictaphone. I'll speak slowly enough for you take it all down."

This suited the Cluster reporter, so that night about 9 o'clock he returned to Prof. Wray's office.

No one was in the office.

Going over to the dictaphone, he placed the record on the cylinder and started the machine. There was a whirring sound as the cylinder record began to revolve, then came the sound of Prof. Wray's voice, slowly and distinctly:

"With the acquiring of new equipment, including eleven typewriters and a dictaphone, students at Mercer University are showing more interest in the commerce courses than ever before.

"This is shown, perhaps, by the fact that there is a 20 per cent increase in freshmen taking commerce this year over the number that took the courses offered last year. Perhaps the new courses offered—typewriting and shorthand—are largely responsible for this.

"I believe every educated man should have some knowledge of accounting; that is, every man who must earn his own living or must care for what he has.

"There is a distinction between bookkeeping as taught in the business college and accounting as taught in college. The business college stresses the 'how' of making entries on books while the college course stresses the 'why' of making such entries.

"In conclusion, I would say that the study of accounting presented in the right way has three things to commend it: First, it has a high degree of educational value; second, it stands high as a vocational subject; third, it is invaluable as a specialized knowledge aside from the vocational.

"Very few subjects in any curricu-

lum can claim as many commendable features."

There was a grinding sound as the speech ended. Probably the first interview obtained through the dictaphone at Mercer University was over.

Mercer has set a precedence in that Prof. Wray is probably the only certified public accountant who, as a regular college professor, is devoting his full time to the teaching of accounting and to business methods.

Soda Dispensers Reveal the Whims Of Mercer Buyers

Want Something "Filling," Yet Economical.

By Malcolm Johnson

How the tastes of Mercer students run when it comes to investing perfectly good money in a soda fountain or lunch stand was settled once for all last week, after investigation and inquiry at numerous soda fountains near the campus and in town.

First of all, a soft drink must be economical in order to be popular with Mercer students. Second, it must be something substantial, something filling—something to eat. Without these requisites a drink doesn't rate high in the minds of the thrifty students. While soda dispensers did not agree on any particular drink or form of lunch, they were unanimous in their decision that it must be economical in order to elicit the phantom nickels from the proverbial jeans of all Mercer fellows.

These pursuers of knowledge (and other things) do not care for the name or the looks of a thing—no dilly-dallies, fancy, catchy names can tempt them. Be it the dependable "dawg," the favorite "ham and—" or the old-fashioned chocolate, Mercer men demand, first and last, that their cave-man appetites be appeased.

Now with Wesleyan it is different. According to all reports from College Hill Pharmacy, Persons, and a few other Wesleyan hang-outs, the students of the "oldest and best" want

something that sounds good. Anything smacking of the romantic or the delicate or artistic will tempt the Wesleyan girl, according to the avowals of soda-jerkers.

"Lover's Delights," "Romance Sundaes," "Heart's Desire," "Wesleyan Temptation," "Fluffy-Ruffles," "Matrimonial Sundaes," parfaits, and the old, old sundae with just "oodles and oodles" of whipped cream n'everything," are devoured by Wesleyan maids with avidity.

Which goes to show it is all a matter of differences of taste—your Orange and Black representative does not give a whoop how good the soft drink sounds, or how hiflutin' is the name, or how many "Temptations" the dispenser shows him—unless it has the old stamina, the old where-with—there's nothing doing.

Egg malted milks cost from 20c to 25c. One soda-jerker stated that, to his honest recollection, he had never sold an egg malted milk to a Mercer student. This dispenser has been working at the same place for two years.

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At 8:15 o'clock about thirty girls from Wesleyan came to the church and were delightfully entertained by the boys who awaited them. The girls were lined up, giving each fellow the privilege of introducing himself. When the line of introduction had

been passed over by every boy, each one picked for himself the girl of his taste.

After a delightful musical program rendered by members of the Glee Club of Wesleyan and Mercer, an ice cream course was served.

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