

# Socially Speaking

By Beverly Ervin

THE M.I.C.A. HOUSEPARTY had to endure Janice Pugh's fate. It all began with Janice breaking a mirror before she left and her bad luck soon began—She sat down on a bed . . . The bed fell in. She went swimming . . . Oh, what the waves didn't do to her bathing suit. But her ill-luck didn't keep the group from having a joyous time.

THERE ARE PHILOSOPHERS in our midst. After cornering a few people I found out that most everyone has a philosophy or pet saying about something. Some are original and others are adopted. Two Sherwood residents have this to say about ladies and love. "Love is a misunderstanding between fools." "A lady is one who makes it easier for a man to be a gentleman." They also believe that character is what you are and reputation is what you get caught doing—And M.E.P. girl says that her conscience is a still small voice that tells her when someone is looking.

CONDOLANCES to cupid for not being able to get anyone pinned, married, or engaged this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Smith, Cal Martin, and Steve Wolfe on being initiated Tuesday night into Kappa Sigma . . . to Bobby Green for being named the outstanding Kappa Sigma Pledge of the year . . . to the new officers of Phi Delta and Kappa Sigma.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT the Phi Deltas had a good time on their fish fry even though it was stag.

## CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS

### Alpha Psi Omega Kappa Sigma

Alpha Psi Omega Dramatics fraternity recently elected officers for the coming school year.

Those newly elected officers of the Zeta Pi Cast of Alpha Psi Omega are: Edward Trent, president; Mack Flowers, vice president; Norma Butler, secretary-treasurer.

The Kappa Sigma fraternity added three new members to their brotherhood fold at initiation ceremonies this past Tuesday night.

Those initiated were junior Tony Smith of Washington, D. C., junior Caldo Martin of Collins, Ga., and freshman Steve Wolfe of Macon.

At the same meeting, freshman Bobby Green was elected as the outstanding Kappa Sig pledge for 1952-53 the academic year. Green, who hails from Douglas, was initiated at the end of the fall quarter.

### Chi Omega

Saturday, May 23, Chi Omega will hold a dance from 8:00 to 12:00. Gene Cramer and his band will play for the dance and there will be a breakfast afterwards. It is an open dance.

### Alpha Psi Omega

Alpha Psi Omega on Monday night, May 18, initiated into its membership ten students who had been named on May 1st as candidates.

Invitation ceremonies took place after the Friday night presentation of the Vagabond King.

Those initiated were Noah Lindsay, Dixie Watson, Evelyn Powell, Aurelia Campbell, Elizabeth Proctor, Ruth Nelson, Mary Stanford, Elizabeth Morgan, William Wingfield, and Helen Faulkner.

### Alpha Tau Omega

Last weekend, May 15-18, eleven A.T.O.'s went to Atlanta to attend an A.T.O. conclave. Friday night there was a dance at the Biltmore Hotel. Saturday there were meetings and a banquet. Among those who attended the week-end festivities were: Jack Hiers, Eddie Trent, Jimmy Brown, John Jewett, Bob Braswell, Bennie Mitchum, Bill Eden, Latimer Farr, Bill Wilson, Jim Thompson, and Robin Ledford.

### Mercer Players

New officers have recently been elected for the 1953-54 school year, of the Mercer players:

William Wingfield, president; Ruth Nelson, vice president; Darlene Herritage, secretary; Ray Neal, treasurer.

The technical staff was also named for next year at this meeting.

### Macon Misses

The Macon Misses gave an informal party for the high school seniors who plan to attend Mercer on Wednesday, May 20, in the Town Girl's Parlor.

A skit was presented on "The Calendar of Events". Anne Coggin was in charge of the program.

Evelyn Powell is president of the Macon Misses. Carole Adams is vice president, and Miss Louise Sands is faculty advisor.

### S.A.E.

Wednesday, May 13 the S.A.E.'s held open house for all the sororities in their lodge. Refreshments were served and the entertainment was provided by group singing.

## Chapel Choir Names Officers

In two of their final activities for the year, the Mercer Chapel Choir has named new officers and held their annual picnic.

On Monday, May 11, the choir held their annual picnic at Lakeside Park. The picnic is held each year after the spring operetta, and everyone who had worked or had a part in this year's operetta, "The Vagabond King", was invited to attend. In the afternoon the picnicers enjoyed the various activities, and that evening, they enjoyed a supper served by a committee from the choir. At the supper, Hayden Bryant, president of the choir, spoke a few words of welcome to the picnicers, and George Deadwyler asked the blessing. Barbara Touard was chairman of the committee in charge of the event.

The new managerial staff announced by Dr. Arthur Rich, director of the choir, is as follows: Lewis McLendon of Hazlehurst, manager who replaces Mervyn Reagan in that office; assistant technical manager, Dick Bridges, McIntyre; assistant personnel manager, Joe Arnold, Brunswick; stage manager, Bill Wingfield, Avon Park, Fla.; assistant stage manager, Bill Cooper, Bakstrop, La.

The choir's new secretary is Aurelia Campbell, of Hartwell, who replaces Barbara Touard as secretary. Other new officers are: corresponding secretary, Katherine Barnes, Atlanta; historian, Betty Jane Whitehead, Macon; music committee, Wade Hiltabidel, Mill Run, Pa.; and Richard Forrester, Macon; robe committee, Mack Flowers, of Sylvester, Javan Garner of Dublin, Barbara Shaw of Atlanta, and Ruth Nelson of Macon. Joe Arnold is the assistant accompanist for the choir. Ray Neal of Moultrie and Betty McGabree of Augusta were elected president and treasurer of the choir, taking the place of Hayden Bryant and Lois Brazier.

## Kappa Alpha

Friday, May 21, the K.A.'s will go dressed as cowboys to Stone Creek to carry out a rush party theme. The theme is a saloon and all the K.A.'s will be dressed as bartenders or cowboys.

## Alpha Phi Omega

Delta Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega selected the following officers for the 1953-54 school year.

Those elected were Moncrief Jordan, president; Dan Cline, vice president; Tommy Knotts, recording secretary; John Preston, alumni secretary; David Fite, treasurer; Wade Hiltabidel, historian.

## FIFTEEN CAMPUS

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Donnie Young, Fort Valley, member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and "M" Club, president of senior class.

Faculty members receiving the honors were as follows: Dr. Harold McManus, AB from Wake Forest College, Master of Theology from Southern Baptist Seminary, Master of Sacred Theology from Yale University, slated to receive his Ph.D. from Yale next month. A friend to every student.

Coach Dan Nymicz, AB from University of North Carolina, Master of Arts from U. of N.C., coach of Dixie Conference champion basketball and track teams for 1953.

Colonel Wiley B. Tonnar, A.S. in Education from University of Idaho, M.S. in Education from University of Southern California.



New Kappa Sigma Officers announced at the Black and White Ball. Seabie Hixon, Grand Scribe; Donnie Young, Grand Master; Homer Lassiter, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Lynn Fowler, Grand Procurator.

## Modern Black and White Theme of The Kappa Sigma Spring Formal

Everything was either black or white Saturday at the Macon YWCA, site of the Kappa Sigma spring formal, which was themed as a modern black and white this year.

Dance committeemen Lynn Fowler, H. S. Sauls, Prior Rooney, and John Dunn set the scene with modern, abstract designs, all black and white. Bernard Heard and orchestra furnished the music.

Wesleyanite Lucia Hutchinson, sporting her Miss Georgia and Miss Macon titles, was honored with a bouquet of roses from the Kappa Sigs. Miss Hutchinson is a former sponsor of the Kappa

Sigma's.

Sponsor Mary Nell Johnson and pledge sweetheart Tula Robinson treated the Sigs to a refreshing intermission party. Mary Nell's birthday was recognized with a gift, presented to her at the Pinebrook breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Haines, Mrs. Lucille Johnson, and Dr. and Mrs. Ford chaperoned the annual dance.

## Phi Delta Theta

Thursday May 14, the brothers and pledges of Phi Delta Theta entertained themselves with a fish fry at Jonesco. It was a strictly stag affair. Jimmy Smith was in charge of refreshments. Maurice Hilliard and Billy Lewis furnished the entertainment.

The new officers of Phi Delta are: president, Jimmy Smith; reporter, Gus Bootle; warden, Jack London; secretary, Richard Pate; treasurer, Bennie Waugh; chorister and historian, Ray Neal; librarian, Maurice Hilliard; alumni secretary, Dean Johnson; chaplain, Richard Johnstone.

## ATO Leads In Grade Averages

By Gene Hamilton

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, for the third straight year, has maintained the highest scholarship average of all eight fraternities on the Mercer campus, according to figures released by the registrar's office.

The average for the spring, fall and winter quarters is used to determine the yearly average, instead of the fall, winter, and spring quarters of one term.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity led with a 1.618 average out of a possible 3.000. The all men's average was 1.386 and the all fraternity average was 1.317. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity came second with an average of 1.493 and Kappa Alpha Order came third with an average of 1.343. Lambda Chi Alpha came fourth with 1.334; Sigma Nu, fifth, with 1.305; Phi Kappa Phi, sixth, with 1.263 and Phi Delta Theta, seventh, with 1.247. Kappa Sigma was eighth with 1.134.

## PDT Officers

Phi Delta Theta elected new officers for the coming year Wednesday night. Those elected were: Richard Pate, secretary; Gus Bootle, reporter; Jimmy Smith, president; Jack London, warden; Bennie Waugh, treasurer; Dean Johnson, alumni secretary; Ray Neal, chorister; Richard Johnstone, chaplain.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Cluster

Quite a bit has appeared in **The Cluster** recently about how **The Cluster** is "handicapped", is a "tool" of the various organizations, or of the administration, and of the various criticisms that have been leveled toward the campus paper and those who are responsible for its appearance.

I would like very much to have a small say in this matter. First, I have been on the campus for five quarters now, and while there have been a few editions of **The Cluster** that were not too good, such editions have been few and far between. As a whole the school paper has been very good, considering the available funds and the amount of active interest shown. **The Faithful Few** would be a good cut line for the staff listing.

In regard to the lack of interest, insofar as I know the only way

that can be remedied is still one of the great mysteries of any school. Why don't students show more interest? I suspect a lot of people would like to know the reason I believe, however, that if our journalism department could be expanded and **The Cluster** brought directly under its auspices, as is the case with other universities, some of the trouble could be remedied. All of us would like for our school organ to achieve national recognition, but the only way that can happen is for professional training to be given the students. Perhaps that can soon be.

But to sum it all up, if those who don't like the school paper would quit harmful and careless criticism, and work on the paper then I feel sure that we would have an even better paper than we have now.

Fletcher Pendergrass



Recently elected Phi Delta Theta Officers: First Row, L to R, Richard Pate, secretary; Gus Bootle, reporter; Jimmy Smith, president; Jack London, Warden; and Bennie Waugh, treasurer. Second Row, Dean Johnson, Alum secretary; Ray Neal, chorister and historian; Richard Johnstone, chaplain.

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