

Socially Speaking

By Beverly Irvin

"The world is a tread mill that turns all the time, and leave us no choice but to sink or to climb."

GOOD TIMES WERE HAD by Pat Woodward and Nita Young, who went to a military dance at Tech that featured Tex Beneke and his band . . . by folks at the Phi Mu Valentine Dance . . . by Ray Crabtree, Jack McCullum, Hal Wodyard, Wayne Brooks, and others who went to see Mercer play Furman at Greenville . . . by Phi Delt as they serenaded their sponsor, Peggy Carlisle . . .

SOMETHING NEW . . . MICA's have redecorated their parlor and purchased a radio-phonograph combination . . .

ROMANCE . . . Joe Willman is pinned to Carol Key . . . Barbara Alford is wearing Bob Bonner's Sigma Nu ring . . . Nancy Harden is going steady with Charles Batastini . . .

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . . new Phi Mu officers . . . to Focus week visitors, who had enough courage to speak as they felt in this big Baptist university . . . to Carol Smith, who is the MIMA Sweetheart . . . to Shirley Holt, Phi Nu pledge . . .

THANKS TO . . . Ray Brewster for his "behind-the-scenes" work on Religious Focus Week . . . To ATO for painting the Boys Club as their Help Week project . . .

Kappa Alpha Initiates Five

Eight boys were initiated into Kappa Alpha Sunday, February 7th. The new brothers are as follows: Joe Willman, Walter Butler, Sammy Childs, Russell Hanson, Billy Holland, David Kilgore, Sidney Johnson, and Sidney Wood.

Phi Mu Pledges Elect Officers

New pledge officers of Phi Mu are as follows: president, Betty Dempsey; secretary, Patsy Hall; treasurer, Julie Brown.

These officers take office immediately. Elections were held at regular pledge meeting last week.



Faculty-Student Reception for Religious Focus Week Visitors, held Monday Afternoon in the Faculty-Trustee Room.

Tri-Beta Honors Dr. Carver With Birthday Party

The Beta Beta Beta, newly installed national honorary biological fraternity, and the Alembic Society surprised Prof. G. L. Carver with a belated birthday party last Tuesday evening in the big lecture room of the Biology Building. He was presented with a pen and pencil-holder with an onyx base.

The sheet cake was inscribed with the names of the various institutions with which Prof. Carver has been associated, such as University of Michigan, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, Puget Sound Biological Station, and of course, Mercer University. In his extemporaneous response Prof. Carver stressed his love for Mercer University and what Mercer University will mean to her students when they leave this institution.

Career Information Given by Student Guidance Center

The third article in the series of occupational briefs on the college level is a summary of information useful to those students who are interested in the Biological Sciences. Following is a brief description of the duties, training, areas of work and required aptitudes:

BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST:

Duties: Studies origin, development, anatomy, functions, distribution and other basic principles of plants and animal life. Deals with such areas as growth, birth, health, food production, disease prevention and heredity. Works in laboratory, greenhouse, or field, according to nature of research.

Required Training: College degree in one of the biological sciences. Many positions require some graduate work.

Job Entry: Laboratory assistant or technician, assistant biologist.

Job Classifications: Anatomist, Animal—Dairy and Poultry Scientist, Bacteriologist, Botanist, Cytologist, Entomologist, Geneticist, Horticulturist, Ichthyologist (fish), Pathologist, Physiologist, Nutritionist, Parasitologist, Pharmacologist, Zoologist.

Critical Aptitudes: Ability to read scales, graphs and charts accurately, to read with understanding, to reason logically, and use good judgment in practical situations as well as ability to identify important component parts in drawings and sketches. Knowledge of correct English and ability to get ideas across in writing and talking is also important.

For more information on the biological sciences, visit your Occupational Information Library in the Co-Op Building.

Next week, information about the Law Field will be presented.

Marines Extend Active Service

Washington, D. C. . . . All newly enrolled Marine officer candidates will be required to serve an extended period of active duty after being commissioned, according to General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Current and future officer requirements of the Marine Corps, as they are presently indicated, make desirable longer periods of active service for all newly commissioned reserve officers, General Shepherd said this week.

The Marine Corps has completed plans to make certain that a college man who enrolls in the Platoon Leaders Class after July 1, 1954 will be required to serve three years of active commissioned service, instead of the present two-year tour.

Officer Candidate Course candidates enrolled subsequent to February 1, 1954 are subject to this new policy change now. This new obligated active duty service does not apply to OCC and PLC candidates who are currently enrolled or whose applications are awaiting approval; nor does it apply to reserve officers now on active duty.

Intermission Party for IFC

Bill Crisp, Inter-Fraternity Council Representative of the Kappa Alpha Order is giving an intermission party at the Inter-Fraternity dance Friday evening.

Guests of Crisp will be IFC representatives, Fraternity presidents and their dates. Those attending will be Robert Sparks, Alex Weaver, Billy Willis, Bob Edwards, Bobby Hill, Charley Pippen, Avon Buice, Carl Buice, Eddie Trent, Billy Wilson, Homer Lassiter, Jerry Massie, Jimmy Smith, Ray Neal, Phil Taylor.



Curtain call after "Outward Bound", dramatic departments last production, includes those tapped for Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

STRAIGHT QUESTIONS—FRANK ANSWERS

"Today's Crisis in Sex", One Of More Practical Forums

By Hilda Bell

We students at Mercer have had an opportunity this week that most students on other campuses never have.

The Topic of Today's Crisis in Sex, which was held in the afternoon sessions by Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, a graduate from Meredith College, Dr. Hal M. Davidson, a medical doctor from Atlanta, and Mr. Durvall, Director of Baptist student work at GMC and GSCW, we have been allowed to discuss matters very important and relevant to social adjustment. We have sought the answers to problems and questions that we as young people need to know for we have very little practical knowledge about them. That we had very little knowledge about these matters was shown very clearly by some of the fanatical, and not practical or reasonable, thinking on the part of some of the student participation. However, the speakers proved very able by giving the student a concrete answer to replace the one they had previously held.

Whether the students accepted these answers or not was up to him, but it gave him another side of the picture to look at, and believe me, in most cases there was a drastic change of scenery! Let us keep in mind that this was the sole purpose of these discussions, not to answer perplexing question the student might have, but to give authoritative knowledge and let the student's thoughts be stimulated by it to arrive at his own conclusions. In case you might be one of those who could not or did not take advantage of these discussions, I shall point out the highlights of it in hopes that your views might find confirmation or alteration.

1. Parking—Although this is done with innocent thoughts in mind most of the time it sometimes gets to be a problem of restraint. Problems come up concerning petting. It leaves a road open to take personal liberties beyond the bounds of propriety.

2. Petting—Sometimes a girl will do things to impress the boy. However, more often respect is lost from the one you are seeking to impress.

3. Divorce—Although it was brought out by a student that one who had been divorced and married again would be committing adultery, the answer of repentance and forgiveness was again given.

Also it was not believed that one should be tied down because at one time in their life they made a mistake. It was definitely decided that divorce was sometimes necessary, but the students seemed to feel that divorce was too often something too easy to get.

5. Seeking a Mate—This problem was discussed as a way to avoid divorce. First you should get to know your prospective mate under as many conditions and in as many situations as possible, for then you can see what they are really like. You see their faults as well as their virtues.

5. Single life—Many unmarried people have proven to be invaluable to their community, state, and nation. Successfully unmarried people channel their lives in other activities too. It is better to be happily unmarried, than unhappily married.

5. Birth Control—In the first place let us understand that there is nothing un-Christian about birth control. It is much wiser and much more Christian to plan and prepare for the care of children.

In conclusion I would describe the Seminar as the front door through which answers to so many of the problems came. Indeed we should be thankful that we do not have to rely on a backdoor that brings misconceptions, fallacious arguments and what is even more unfortunate, confusion, distress, and sorrow.

Valentine Dance Given by Phi Mu

Phi Mu held their annual formal dance on February 13. Valentine's Day was the theme of the dance and the YWCA was gaily decorated with hearts and flowers. For the lead out the Sisters and Pledges carried white muffs adorned with red hearts.

The new officers for the coming year were announced as follows: Jane Haywood, president; Anne Solomons, vice-president; Dot Poole, pledge director; Hilda Bell, secretary; Barbara Fisher, Treasurer.

Following the dance the party moved to Pinebrook Inn for a breakfast. Chaperones for the evening's events were Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Haines, Miss Frances Floyd, and Mr. Aubrey Floyd.



One of the scenes from the dramatic production of "Outward Bound".



Dr. Winston Pearce conducts one of the many "Bull-Sessions" in fraternity suites. Dr. Pearce is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.