

Cluster Society

Socially Speaking

By Beverly Irvin

As I record here the last page of Mercer's social calendar for this year, I am reminded of the pages gone by. I come to the sharp realization that although my name has appeared over this column each time the Cluster has come out, I have actually had no more to do with writing this column than any one of you. This column has been written by each Mercerian, as he or she has added to Mercer's social life. My job has been merely to record what you have written. Comes now the time to see who has written the last page.



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Anne Coggin and Bodip Sparks are punned. . . Betty Holland is sporting Dan Dubberly's SAE pin . . . Mary Price and Jim Callan are going steady . . .

The SAE Lion saw more girls Wednesday night than he has in a mighty long time. He heard the clucking of high heels as the girls trekked up the walk-way to the lodge to attend the SAE open house . . .

Lakeside seemed to have held Mercer Day Saturday. Besides MICA and Chi O holding a picnic there, many others were out on their own Dr. and Mrs. Rich were seen picnicing with their family.

Many times, as I have written of the parties, dances, honors, etc., I have wondered if there was not one side of Mercer's social life that was just as important as all these things I have written of. I wonder if I haven't left out entirely some persons social life, since their's does not include any of these things. Their social life may include: a stroll across the campus with someone they think a lot of, a few hours with a good book, or a long talk with a friend about life.



NEWLY ELECTED PHI DELTA OFFICERS

MIMA's Hold Spring Outing

MIMA held its spring outing at Lakeside last Friday night with approximately 30 MIMA's and guests attending.

They participated in the activities of their choice: swimming, boating, bowling, and miniature golf. One of the guests seemed to enjoy herself so much that she bowled and danced at the same time.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, dinner was eaten at the pavilion.

Alembic Club To Classify Trees

The annual Alembic Club picnic was held at Lakeside Tuesday, May 18. President William Burgamy announced that the club's new project will be the classification of all the trees on the Mercer campus. Prof. Gall Carver spoke on genetics at the meeting Tuesday, May 25.

Two Initiated By Pershing Rifles

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Bobby B. Simmons, Captain of Mercer University's Pershing Rifles Company, announced the initiation on Monday of Sam P. Wilburn, Atlanta and Walter D. Tanner, Waycross.

Captain J. Frank Wilson and Captain John W. Espey were initiated as Honorary Members in Mercer's Pershing Rifles Company on the same date.

Thirteen To Attend ATO Congress

Approximately thirteen Mercer ATO's plan to attend the national Alpha Tau Omega Congress in Atlanta September 1-4.

This is the first year that an ATO Congress has been held in Georgia since 1916. Congress meets every two years, and representatives from chapters all over the nation attend.

Official delegate from the Alpha Zeta chapter is John Rabun, and alternate delegate is Allen Williams.

Local A D Pi's Get State Trophy

Mercer AD Pi's received the Catherine Sullivan Mitchell Trophy for the most outstanding chapter in the province at Alpha Delta Pi State Day, held at the Idle Hour Country Club Saturday, May 15. The trophy is named in honor of "Tap" Sullivan, who was AD Pi at Mercer and Georgia before her death.

Speaker at the luncheon was Dr. Lewis Batts, professor of Christianity, who spoke on "Singing in the Rain". Mercer AD Pi's attending were Ann Coggin, Gerry Troutman, Connie Adams, Barbara Senft, Alice Tate, Carolyn Ricks, Pat Hickman, Ruth Moseley, and Mary Lee.

Tanner To Head KA's Next Year

Walter "Bubba" Tanner was elected No. 1 of Kappa Alpha Order in an election held Wednesday night, May 19. Also elected were Gene Temple, No. III, and Sidney Johnson, No. IV.

The KA's ended their social year with a party at Ben Dixon's lodge Saturday, May 22. Brothers and dates enjoyed dancing and light refreshments, singing led by Phil Taylor, and a Western skit presented by Sidney Johnson, Bubba Tanner, John I. Beck, Charles Hanley, and Wally Odum. Miss Corinne Byrd, chapter mother, chaperoned the party.

Chi O Honors Seniors at Picnic

Chi Omega honored its seniors Saturday at a picnic held at Lakeside Park. Dates and girls enjoyed boating, swimming, dancing and eating.

Jo Wommack entertained the group by reading the last will and testament of the seniors. Peggy Carlisle and Beverly Irvin gave the prophecy of the seniors.

Jewell Bentley was given a sterling silver pin cushion for being chosen as the outstanding graduating senior in Chi Omega.

SAE's Entertain At Open House

The SAE's held open house for Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Phi Mu, and MICA at their lodge Wednesday night, May 19.

Refreshments of punch and iced cakes were served before the skit, "Rush Season Proper", was the title of the skit put on by Dan Munn, Jim Fulghum, and Chuck Haffenden.

After the skit Hayden Bryant led singing of the songs of the girls' organizations and, of course, SAE.

Honor Societies Fete Connells

Cardinal Key and Blue Key honor societies held a banquet in honor of President and Mrs. Connell on May 10 at the YWCA.

Lucille Carter paid tribute to Mrs. Connell and Jamie Buckingham expressed appreciation to President Connell for his invaluable services. President Connell responded with words expressing his gratitude for the support of the two honor groups and their services to Mercer.

Ray Neal and Peggy Carlisle sang several duets to complete the program.



A GROUP OF MILLER HIGH GIRLS and Mercer girls from Macon at the recent circus party presented by the Macon Misses. The party was held in the Town Girls' Parlor on the bottom floor of the Administration Building.

Modern Shopping Centers Show Co-operation, Not Commercialism

"Commercialism has taken away our culture!" "Commercialism has taken away the important things in life!" "Commercialism has been blamed for most of the faults in American life." Such a case against the businessman and our spirit of free enterprise has been built up as incompatible with co-operative planning. And such a case is refuted by Dorothy Thompson who says, "Commercialism takes — and wears — a new look," in the June issue LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

That a cooperative spirit can produce quality, not competition, is illustrated by the many shopping centers that have grown up all over the country. "Northland", the supershopping center outside Detroit is one of the most ambitious of these projects. It is situated on 161 acres of land, away from the road, and is entirely reserved for pedestrians, who park their cars in 70 acres of well-planned parking lots. It is truly a shoppers' paradise with shops for every pocketbook arranged for the shoppers' convenience — cheaper stores being together. In this lovely center there are facilities for having one's clothes cleaned or laundered, mailing letters and packages, having one's hair styled, and dining at any one of five restaurants. Competition is confined to quality, display and price. No shop tries to outdo its neighbors with huge glaring signs or paper stickers on its windows advertising special items. Shopping is not the sole purpose of the center, for it boasts auditoriums for lectures and concerts, a series of clubrooms, and a picture gallery.

Such a spirit does not cut throats, but looks forward, upward, and aspires. What has been ill-done can be un-done. Given time, freedom and peace, says Dorothy Thompson, America promises to be a beautiful country.

Four New Faculty Members Named

Four new members of the faculty of Mercer in 1954-55 have been announced. The places being filled are in the Department of Mathematics, the Department of English, the Biology Department, and the Department of Christianity.

Dr. Ralph Boles will begin his work here at Mercer next fall in the Mathematics Department. Dr. Boles is now at Alabama State Teachers College.

Dr. Charles Kopp, now at the University of Maryland, will join the English Department here.

Dr. David W. Johnston, brother of Dr. Edwin D. Johnston, will be added in the Biology Department. Dr. Johnston is now completing his doctorate work at the University of California.

Replacing Ray Brewster as the Director of Religious Activities is Judson Moss, brother of Bill Moss, a Mercer senior. Brewster will be on leave of absence.

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