



Socially Speaking

By Beverly Irvin

Buses, cars, trains and perhaps a few wheel barrows (for the dorm Macon students) rolled up to the Mercer dorms carrying Mercerians and their Christmas loot. Registration is over and they have settled down for a long winter quarter of hard work . . . or have they? It takes more than a few well-meaning New Year's resolutions for students to put a damper on the social life at Mercer.

It might be a bad sign for anyone to see pink elephants, but it is particularly bad when S. A. E.'s see a pink lion. Only a female could have picked out such a beautiful color for the lion's winter attire.

Parties may make the grades go down as well as make the world go round, but it is still a good way to start off the New Year. Chi Omega had a party at Pinebrook to announce their officers Friday night and Sigma Nu partied at Joycliff on Saturday night.

Visitors have been seen roaming through the hallowed halls of Mercer during the past week. Sonny Thurman, Bob Hammonds, Glenn Joyner, and Dixie Wade were visiting with the Sigma Nu's. Donnie Young has been back with us for a while. Red Waters and Homer Lassiter honored us with their presence. Jerry Miller visited with the Phi Deltas. Barbara Baxley was back for a while and also Lucile Fortuna Carter. Visiting alums will have to take the back seat if a certain Miss Marilyn Monroe of Hollywood, California, accepts Bill Hollingsworth's invitation to come for Old South Ball.

Joe Hendrix received a vote of confidence from Betty McGahee during final exams. They became "officially engaged". When asked the date of the wedding, they merely say, "by 'n by". Betty Holland and Dan Dubberly decided to make it known that they have serious intentions by becoming engaged during the holidays. Elaine Davis is wearing an engagement ring given her by Max Kent. Diane Owens has a ring as bright as her smile. (Well almost.) She and Moncrief Jordan became engaged during the holidays. Barbara Fisher and David Register started going steady before finals. Dick and Louise Bolen have a new boy in the family. The name: Richard Phillip. Dick and Louise met at MU, and Dick is a senior this year.

Dick Mitchel and Mary Frances Swatts became pinned during the holidays. Jerry Holmes and Janet Pace are pinned.

The modern day Cinderella, namely Noel Doster is in keeping with the fast pace of modern life. She got her shoes returned to her on the night of the "ball". Wonder if the first Cinderella ruined a pair of nylons when the clock struck 12:00.

For a solemn ending I would like to console Sid Johnson whose dog, Stonewall, died recently.

Student Teachers Begin Internship

Twenty-five Mercer students will take part in the practice teaching program in schools in Macon, Bibb County, and Griffin during the university's winter quarter.

Twelve of the group have already left to reside in Griffin for the coming three months.

Last week the twenty-five students participated in a pre-teaching orientation program under the direction of Dr. Hubert E. Hamilton, Mrs. Edna S. Tolbert, and Miss Mabel Brantley, members of the Mercer education department faculty.

Other phases of the orientation week included discussions led by Wesleyan College former practice teachers, talks by active teachers in Perry and Bibb County schools, and a speech by Dr. Mark Smith, superintendent of Bibb County Schools.

Students Teaching

Students teaching in Macon and Bibb County are: Jean Bolen, of Savannah, Bibb Vocational School; Peggy Carlisle of Macon, Cindy Sartin of Augusta, Miller Junior High; Tom Hutcheson of Talbotton, Elizabeth Proctor of Macon, Charles Sheppard of Edison, Lanier Senior High; Donald La Blanc of Macon, Jesse Lassater of Griffin, Richard Reid of Macon, Lanier Junior High; Mrs. Betty Burgess of Macon, Evelyn Handley of Macon, John Hulsey of Gainesville, Burke School; Elaine Davis of Macon, Hall School; Betty Holland of Macon; Bruce School; Jeannette Isaf of Macon, Heard School; Jo Ann Peeler of Milledgeville, Weir School; Barbara Senft of Decatur, Tinsley School.

Those in Griffin are Pat Jordan of Rockmart, Ernestine Copas of

Albany, Betty McGahee of Augusta, Griffin High School; Virginia Yaden of Atlanta, Spalding Junior High; Bobbie Edge of Jasper, Winona Maddox of Greenville, Fla., Orrs School; Ann Nichols of Garnegie, Mary Jane Sanders of Dothan, Ala., Third Ward School.

'When I Think Of You'

By Jeannette Isaf

The moon fades to blue;
The stars lose their hue.
Friends seem unkindly
When I think of you.

Once I was happy;
Then you seemed so, too.
Now there is sadness
When I think of you.

You neglected me
For somebody new.
Now life is empty
When I think of you.

SNu's Have Party

Sigma Nu's and dates held weiner roast at Joycliffe Saturday night. The group consisted of about 72 people.

Julian Franklin, Clint Doss, and Tom Campbell furnished the entertainment by giving a few short skits. Everyone participated in group singing.

Wommack New ChiO President

Jo Wommack was announced president of the Psi Gamma chapter of Chi Omega at the party to announce officers Friday night. Jo is a junior and resides in Macon.

Jane Carol Adams, also a junior, Waynesboro, will serve as vice-president. Sophomore Nanette Bell was elected treasurer and Mary Lou Wood as secretary. Nanette is from Eatonton and Mary Lou, also a sophomore, is from Atlanta.

Maxine Hunt, Thomson, will serve as pledge trainer, Noel Doster, Gainesville, is rush chairman, and Eva Claire Shaw from Eatonton is personnel chairman.



DR. H. LEWIS BATTS, is in the midst of one of his well-known lectures during a class session. Showing rapt attention are Phillip Aaron and Shirley Wheeler. Dr. Batts is also noted for his Uncle Remus stories.

KNOW YOUR PROFESSOR

Dr. Batts, RE Prof, Shows Varied Interests

By Jane Carol Adams

"I like working with young people, and that is why I teach", said Dr. Lewis Batts as we sat in his office surrounded by books.

If I looked to my left and saw volumes on the life of Paul the Apostle, that was not surprising. If I looked to my right and saw shelves of Southern Literature, that was not surprising either, for the professor of religious education is by no means this alone.

Dr. Batts graduated from Mercer at the age of nineteen and became a teacher in the public schools. It was after this time that he wrote

Dr. William H. Kilpatrick and asked, "How long would it take me to get a Ph. D. in English at Columbia?" Not until approximately four years later did he become vitally interested in religious education and decide to make it his life's work.

Fortunately for the students who have known and loved Dr. Batts he did make this decision and became a member of the Mercer faculty after several years as state secretary of religious activities.

It was while he was on the faculty at Brewton Parker that Frank Leavell came to him and said, "I want you to come to Atlanta and be my assistant". This was the first of a career that has been a benefit to many, many young people and certainly might be termed a success.

Dr. Batts has become known for his ability as a public speaker. He has made many talks to such groups as parent-teacher associations and civic clubs. There are few students at Mercer who were not introduced to him as a freshman as he gave his interpretation of the now classic Uncle Remus stories. This is evidence of interest that he takes in the students and is part of the foundation of the love which grows within a student for him as college years go by.

Believing that the same God who wrote the Bible also wrote a book of nature, he is a lover of the out-of-doors. Birds have interested Dr. Batts since he was a young father and taught his children to share his knowledge and love for the things in nature. His son is about to receive a Doctorate in ornithology.

Students will find Dr. Batts a willing counselor, an able teacher, and a true friend who may enrich and enlighten one's life. Don't miss an opportunity to get to know your professor.

This is the first of a series of four articles on various Mercer professors.

Pi Kappa Phi Picks Laney New President

George Laney was elected president of Pi Kappa Phi at the last meeting of the Mercer chapter, Alpha Alpha. George is a junior at Mercer and a resident of Macon.

Elected vice president and treasurer was Marshall Stephenson, also a junior and a Maconite. Hugh Hodges will serve as secretary. Hugh is a junior from Ludowici, Ga.

'Requiem'

By Mak Owen Flowers

Oh moon! take pity on yon lonely grave.
You stars that shine so coldly from above,
Sing in thy great celestial voices brave
The requiem of a soul who died sans love.

The dust of him is there below the earth,
The soul of him is doomed to wander here
Among thee, stars; beyond thee, moon. The dearth
He sings is for himself, and his the tear,

The only tear, that's shed for him, for he
Both lived and died but for himself alone.
For one who has not love in life must be
Unloved in death as well, and sleep unknown.

So play, you stars and moon, your dark pavan,
And shed a shining tear, majestic gloom,
For dust and soul of he who love ne'er won,
And lies in yonder lonely, lonely tomb.

(Ed. note: The poems directly above and to the left are those by Mercer students to be published in the forthcoming ANNUAL ANTHOLOGY OF COLLEGE POETRY. The two student-poets were notified late last quarter of the acceptance of their works by the National Poetry Association. The authors entered the competition as a result of an article announcing it in THE CLUSTER.)

SNu's Win World Prize

Mercer's Eta chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was awarded first place in the Sigma Nu international scholarship recognition. The 41 members of Eta chapter constitute one of the 119 chapters of Sigma Nu.

The award was given for the scholastic record of 1953-54. During this time Sonny Thurman was president and was followed by Dudley Horton.

In the same period Sigma Nu won first place in the Mercer scholarship competition, having a .16 point average above the all-men's average for Mercer. Dixie Wade had the highest average in the fraternity.

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