

'New' Sherwood Result Of Faith and Foresight

Well, it's been done—that which people said would be nothing more than a waste of money. Yes, old Sherwood Hall has been renovated. Many were those who felt that spending anything on the old place would literally be like throwing money out the window.

But Dr. Connell and the other officers of the University had faith that to renovate Sherwood would be money well spent. And indeed it has. We now have a first-class dorm. And, yet, the great landmark of bygone generations still stands, a reminder of Mercer's history and heritage.

To Dr. Connell and his associates we say "congratulations" for having foresight enough to undertake this project and "thank you" for improving the living conditions of the Mercer men.

To those living in this "new" dorm we say tread well those hallowed halls. Many a now-great has walked those same halls side-by-side with many more not-so-greats. Walk worthy of those who have preceded you.

To those who return to Sherwood, we say take care of it. You will recall the condition of Sherwood before the renovation. That was the result of years of carelessness and thoughtlessness on the part of those

living there. Try to do your part to keep it from happening again.

To those coming to Sherwood for the first time we say do your part to keep Sherwood as nice as you have found it. There is no need to go into the things that have gone on in Sherwood in preceding years. The returning students know. The newcomers don't need to be given any ideas.

There is an old saying that "actions speak louder than words." Let's make our actions showing our appreciation for the "new" Sherwood speak louder than our words saying how nice the dorm is.

Let's Show Off 'New' Sherwood

The Cluster would like to take this opportunity to propose to the Powers That Be that a general "open house"—one to which everyone, including Macon residents and out of town friends of the University, are invited—be held soon at Sherwood Hall.

The "new" Sherwood is something to be proud of. Long had the "old" Sherwood stood, a dilapidated mess inside. Sherwood has been and will always be a symbol of the heritage and solidity of Mercer. We should be proud of her, particularly in her new dress. Let's show her off. What say you, Powers That Be?

Students will notice many varied and possibly helpful advertisements in this edition of the CLUSTER. Each one has some service or product that a Mercer student will need or use. It will be appreciated by the staff of this paper and the Administration of the school if students read the advertisements and faithfully patronize the businessmen who are generous enough to advertise.

As everyone knows, commercial papers cannot exist without their advertisements. The same thing is true, to a limited extent, about the CLUSTER.

The Student Activities Committee allocates a limited sum for printing the paper each year. But that is not enough. The SAC anticipates that so much will come from advertising.

Businessmen in Macon have been very generous to the Business Staff for this first edition. And by advertising, they expect to get results from it, or they will not place an "AD" with the paper again.

So if you need a certain item, and see it advertised in the paper, or even see where you can get such items, be sure to go to the favored businessman, not to his rival, who did not even bother to do any business with the school. It would be helpful to tell him that you "Saw his Ad" in the CLUSTER.

By doing this, students will insure that they will have a bigger and spicier newspaper—one of which they can be proud.

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"DATE TONIGHT, ED?"

To Frosh Girls: Great Big 'Hello'

Hello, freshman girls, here you are at Mercer, new residents of MEP, a place that has been a home to many Mercer girls for many years.

Mary Erin Porter Hall is like a small world in itself. Like living in a township, one finds ample opportunity for fun and comradeship, but one must also remember that law and order are necessary.

Our "law and order" is kept by the Woman's Student Government Association. We have, as a government has, a president and council who try to work for the well-being and happiness of the residents. Good cooperation between the girls, the housemother and the council keep dormitory life free from friction.

Because MEP is our home, we believe that it deserves the respect that we would give our real homes. Therefore it is our duty as residents of MEP to make it cheerful and livable and treat with care the facilities that are made available to us.

To the girls who have been to Mercer before, coming back to MEP is, in a way, like coming back home. We would say to all the freshman girls, "Welcome to our home and yours."



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Notes on A New Year

As we plunge head-long into the second day of classes, suppose we stop and take a good, over-all look at what we can expect in the next year. Perhaps the frosh are expecting anything but the end of the age and even possibly that. More than likely they are considering the impending agonies of the sophomore-instituted Rat Court.

The Sophs are looking forward to a good year, no longer being the "lowest of the low" on campus. The juniors are now in the sophisticated upper division of the University and can look forward (?) to diving into the midst of a major program. And, of course, the seniors have their eyes constantly turned to that fateful day next June.

But all of us can look forward to certain things that we will share in common. We will all share the miseries of mid-terms and finals. We will share the spirit that pervades during basketball season. And we will share the inspiration to think for ourselves that we will find during Religious Focus Week.

This past Saturday the Jews of the world marked the beginning of a new year—the year 5716 according to their system of time-keeping. This year Mercer begins her 123rd year. The latter may seem small in comparison with the former, but the preceding 122 years have been great years, years that have formed the great heritage that Mercer now offers to us as students.

This, her 123rd year, should be her greatest. She has much to offer us; we, in turn, have much to offer her. We will receive the most when we give the most of ourselves to her. The student who comes to college merely to receive misses half of college life.

We should look forward to a year of being led to think for ourselves. A person who merely imitates another's thinking has not achieved anything. The real purpose of a college education is to encourage a student to do his own thinking.

That is the greatest thing we

have to look forward to—a year of thinking things through for ourselves. Our religious beliefs, our purposes and ideals in life, our aims in life—all these will have more meaning when really thought through.

Boys in Co-op Find Living(?) To Be Tough

By Bud Campbell

For the first time in Mercer history the boys outnumber the beds. A few students are having to stay down in the visiting team's room in the Co-op building. They had no idea that they would be placed in the team-room. Rather they expected to be assigned to Sherwood.

The majority of these students are upperclassmen who are transfer students, although there are a couple who are returning students. There have been planning all along to come back to Mercer but failed to make room deposit. Most of the others had not sent their applications in until it was almost too late to even be accepted. These have been told that they might have to find a location off the campus. At least one has resolved to stay anywhere just for a chance at a dorm room next quarter.

These are a few of the pet peeves of the boys that are living down there: "Maybeline" and "Ain't It A Shame" grace their ear drums any time of the day, the watchman wakes them up with his light, and they hardly have room to breathe.

They describe living there as "In The Jail House Now" and as being in the dog house. Their favorite dislike is the dirtiness of the place. They have all resolved to keep their new living quarters clean if and when they get them.

There is a spirit of fun among them, however, and they are determined to stick with things until the Dean of Men can solve their particular problem. They said that they were going to make the best of everything and stay regardless...

BSU Holds Party

Last night the B.S.U. held its annual party in the gym. The theme for the party was pioneer days and everyone was dressed accordingly. Signs reminiscent of pioneer days, such as "Remember The Alamo", "Go West, Young Man", and "California or Bust" decorated the gym. Games were played and refreshments were served.