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Cluster Commends Yates And The Cauldron Staff

"The Cauldrons are here!" This cry, which has been heard throughout the week, never fails to stir even the most dignified of the Mercer tribe. Everyone is anxious to see the yearbook and they enjoy sharing this experience with their school-mates. Two years ago this was not possible. The Cauldrons were not delivered until after the school year and they were then mailed to the students. Many schools still follow this practice but the editors of the Mercer Cauldron have chosen for the last two years to publish the annuals earlier in the year and make them available to the students before the end of the quarter. From all outward indications this is a much preferred method.

The Cauldrons were very early this year and the students can thank Cauldron Editor Nancy Yates for this year's above-

the-average annual. Miss Yates and her staff put in many diligent hours meeting the deadlines that are necessary for early publication and the results of their labor is shown in this year's impressive Cauldron.

Not only have the yearbooks been late in past years, they have also been inferior products in many instances. Students have had a hard time trying to find the name for the face and the person for the class but there seems to be none of that this year.

The 1956 Cauldron is one of the best yearbooks in the history of this school and is one the students should cherish in the years to come.

Our congratulations to Nancy Yates and her staff for publishing a superior and early annual. B. S.

Few Students Attend Mercer Held Functions

Mercer students have many golden opportunities in which they may enjoy the fine arts on the Mercer campus. It seems a shame that so few students actually take the time to attend some of these enjoyable events presented at Mercer.

Since Macon is the most centralized city in Georgia it receives many opportunities to act as host to such events. Mercer also extends its facilities and this year has served as host for several state events.

The best attended event that was held here was the Junior College Basketball Tournament. The students turned out in a large number to cheer their favorites to victory. How many of these students or other students have attended the other meets that have been held in Willingham Chapel?

Two weeks ago the Georgia High School Principals Association State Literary Meet held the musical section in Willingham Chapel and the Faculty Trustee room. The winners of the ten districts of Georgia representing class "A", "B", and "C" schools competed in the meet. The events included piano solos, voice solos, quartets, and trios.

Besides the two or three Mercer stud-

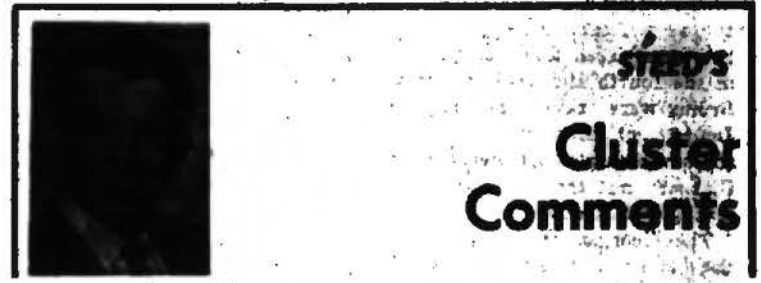
ents who helped in the meet, very few students were seen. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear some of the best music in the state. One of the judges commented that one group of boy's solos was so hard to judge he almost had to flip a quarter to decide the winner.

Earlier in the year the Georgia Baptist Music Department held its state music festival at Mercer. This festival presented many of the best church choirs in the state along with many quartets and trios and piano solos.

Outside of the music department, Mercer was privileged to have for the second year the Dublin Players. These actors travel in the United States for six months of the year and considered the best in their field.

Mercer has its own drama department which has already given two plays of top quality this year and will soon be coming out with their third production of the year.

In order to have a more varied program at Mercer it is essential that the students should attend and support the functions held on the Mercer campus although they may not be included in Mercer's program. J. K.



Back at the old grind again. It seems like a long time between Clusters. We published the last one Wednesday to make the election news and then skipped a week for Mercer's mental belt line, the Mid-terms.

I take this job with no misgivings but with a great deal of apprehension. It will be very hard to put out a paper that can be compared with the Cluster of last year. Jim Meloney probably knows more about the administrative and technical end of the newspaper business than any previous Cluster editor since the beginning of the paper in the 1920s. I know it will be hard to do a job comparable to his but I have great confidence in the Cluster staff and I can promise you that we will give our very best.

It is our intention to continue publishing a weekly six-page Cluster. We have scheduled almost 80 issues for this year and next year. There will be no drastic changes in the style or content of the paper but we hope to maintain its already high standard.

This paper is a student newspaper and with the exception of advertising is financed by student activities funds. We hope the students will feel free to offer any suggestions, complaints, or criticisms and we promise you that they will all be seriously considered.

Listen, if you can type why don't you join the Cluster staff? The job has many interesting possibilities and a definite future. Only last year one of our better typists was hired right out of school and is now typing menus for the Duck Inn.

We also have openings for sports writers, news-writers and janitors. Drunks need not apply.

HERE 'N THERE
WITH
KRISTINA MOORE

Lakeside ...
Poor Man's
Riviera

The Spring migration to Lakeside has begun at last. Send up three cheers and a rocket! (All Mercer lemmings are required to report immediately.) Last week several of us decided to participate in the migratory festivities by seeing how well-cooked we could get from 11 till 2. We found out too. They say baking soda works wonders. All swimming holes should give out instruction sheets concerning "What to do till the Fireman Comes".

You may not feel quite at home when you first see what they've done out there. It's all brick and concrete now. Not that I miss picking splinters out of my toenails, of course, but it is a rather startling change.

Other than these minor alterations, Lakeside is still the same place. Same back-flip experts, same peroxide, same turned-up collars and same Fats Domino.

If you're from the oo-be-oo-be-oo school or the la-la school or the OOoo-OOoo school and haven't been out to Lakeside yet, you haven't lived man. It's cool, hoss, cool. You'll get your thrills and cold chills as you swoon to the tunes of Macon's own Little Richard, Laverne Baker (the Bop-ting-a-ling girl) and Ruth Brown (the Merry, Mr. Percy girl). (This is radio station W-BEE where you turn it on and stand back.)

And naturally you'll get the same old sunburn you got last year. You'll swear up and down that you're not getting any. The rest of the crowd will be ready to go long before, but no, not you. You'll persuade them to stay on at least an hour longer. Even on the way back you'll be saying how little sun you got.

Two hours later you'll be eating crow and looking like you crawled from the cannibals at half-time. The thought will rush into your fevered brain, "What if I die suddenly?" "No one would be able to identify the body!" But that's the way it is so you might as well get accustomed to the idea. A week later you'll be sufficiently recovered to go out and do the same thing all over again.

Fun, ain't it?

Since it has been implied that this column is really neither Here nor There, and certainly not all There, a change of title seems to be in order. There and Here was suggested - and rejected. So was Off and Away. If you have any suggestions, turn them in immediately. Not all of them will be appreciated, of course, but you just might be the lucky winner of a brand-new, hardly-used, fur-covered, oval-shaped, pool table.



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