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PARTICIPATION

When government is "of the people," those people must interest themselves in it one hundred per cent or there is no government—at least, not to the letter indicated.

Mercer university is not governed wholly by its student body—faculty heads are at the helm, and justly so—but the students can make or unmake its institutions. They certainly manage its campus activities. And we are probably not far from wrong when we say that the faculty heads legislate about as the students wish when the latter's desires are fairly reasonable. But this is not intended to seek MORE power for the student community; it merely wishes to call their attention to a neglect of our present powers.

The student body does not "participate." Thirty per cent—and that is a liberal estimate—may concern themselves with such matters of business as come up from time to time, but the entire campus rarely feels itself called upon to decide any one issue collectively. In the case of popular elections, only a comparative few are genuinely interested in the outcome. The remainder vote with the mass.

When all our students feel it a personal duty to decide individually the campus issues that present themselves; when all students KNOW what is going on about them, and try to help matters along when a need is noted; and when Mercer students, a hundred per cent of the enrollment, really join themselves together for the discussion of a matter vital to the college community—that will be Greater Mercer.

HELPING THE STAFF

The editors of this paper are anxious to give the student body, to the best of our ability, a good news service each week. Staff members can not manufacture news, however, and can only present such occurrences as actually happen.

It is comparatively easy to learn the details of the "big" stories of the campus, such as athletic games, Glee Club performances, election of class officers, etc., but it is much more difficult to carry a number of "small" stories. Little items that tell of the activity of a small group, little occurrences not so generally discussed, make good reading matter for the campus. It is in this that we urge all students to cooperate with the staff as much as possible. When you know a little item which you think may be of interest of a fairly large number of students, tell us about it. Better still, write it up yourself and hand it to any member of The Cluster staff. We will be glad to publish it, and you will be doing your bit for the student body at large.

THE SPARKS

The second issue of The Bessie Tift Sparks, publication of the journalism class of the Forsyth college, has reached our desk. The organ is interesting throughout and a credit to the young ladies who publish it, especially in view of the fact that this is a comparatively new venture for the girls "up the road."

Bessie Tift is an affiliated institution of the Mercer system, and its student body has partial interest in The Cluster. The appearance of their paper was accordingly hailed with double pleasure. That their progress in journalistic work has been rapid is easily evidenced in the type of publication mailed out this week.

EXCEPTIONAL

HENLEY FUGATE

MERCERIANS

One of the "unpaid workers" of the Mercer campus, Fugate, throughout his entire stay here, has been as ardently assiduous in whatever capacity his efforts have been directed as though he received substantial receipts. His work on The Cauldron this season is but an instance of his willingness to expend his energies for the college body without prospects of material remuneration.

Henley is not one who continually dissipates the major portion of his strength in the boosting of his personal wares. "Just business," but not too seriously so, his movements about the campus are quiet and unobtrusive. This may be one reason he accomplishes so handily his large quota of work—he spends so little time talking about it. He hasn't had the lion's share of headlines and publicity, but observant students know he justly merits praise and commendation of the student body.

In his quiet way, Henley has received a number of honors in his four year period at Tattall Square. Besides being an above-the-average student in a majority of campus departments, he is a leader in several of these. He has been connected managerially with athletic teams, and in this capacity has been a hard worker. He is a charter member of the Dukes Club, and is a Phi Delta Theta. He is always in the front pew when any of Mercer's teams are contesting a foe, and lends his best support to every campus activity that intends to further the interests of the University. He will graduate in June with the A. B. degree, and the attendant vacancy will be difficult to fill.

THE UNSATISFIED SOUL

By John Milton Samples

Here's to the soul unsatisfied
That seeks the dawn of a better day
That would blot out the selfish pride
That bars the spirits upward way.

Look up and let the silent stars
In soft effulgent beams
Lead on to where no discord mars
The music of your dreams.

Ask not to see the road ahead,
Just one step at a time.
We'll lift us up when hope seems dead
To heights serene, sublime.

Have faith in self; men are Godmade.
Did not He call earth good?
Then face the future unafraid
In racial brotherhood.

We may be what we will to be
If reason lead the way,
And reap in fields of destiny
The seeds we sow today.

With Our Exchanges

By Malcolm Johnson

Harold F. Hassen, former University of Minnesota coach and football star, will coach the backfield men of the 1924 Golden Tornado, says a recent issue of the Technique. Hassen will also have charge of the basketball team and the track squad.

Emory University will take part in the observance of "Music Week" in Atlanta May 4-10, the program to be featured by the appearance of the leading musical organizations of the city in concerts, of which Emory will have a part.

Students at Agnes Scott college are conducting a poetry contest, sponsored by Agnes Scott alumna, for the purpose of encouraging creative work among the students.

After a liberal editorial vacation, the Piedmont Owl, published by the students of Piedmont College, again makes its appearance on the exchange desk of The Cluster.

How They Do It

A new reporter on a daily paper was assigned to gather police news

with the customary warning as to the importance of accuracy, and the danger of libel suits if his statements were not verified. He was told that unless facts were fully proved it was always safer to make use of such terms as "alleged" and others of similar nature.

It happened to be vacation season and the newspaper office was short-handed. In an emergency, the new reporter was called upon to write up a society function, and this is the way he did it:

"A woman, giving the name of J. A. Jones, who is reported to be one of the society leaders of the city and claims to reside at 1749 Capital Hill avenue, is said to have given what purported to be a reception yesterday afternoon.

"It is understood that a considerable number of so-called guests, reported to be ladies notorious in society circles, were present, and some of them are quoted as saying they enjoyed the occasion. It is charged that Brower furnished the alleged refreshments and Stringham the proposed music.

"The hostess is said to have worn a necklace of alleged pearls which she declares were given her by her reputed husband."—Topeka Capital.

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

By Sal Hepatica

Miss Sal Hepatica was indisposed last week as The Cluster still owed her two weeks' salary. It was only after the promise of a raise that she finally agreed to continue her articles in this paper. Arrangements were made with Dr. Weaver, who saw the necessity of her services, by which Miss Hepatica could receive a larger remuneration and Dr. Weaver gladly assented to this.

Dear Sal:
I am in love with a girl. She is sixteen. The trouble is that I am as bashful as can be and have to slip off from my roommate to keep him from knowing I am going to see a girl. She likes me. She said she did not, but I don't believe it, for I have learned to play the violin all for her sake, and am going to start taking lessons on the harmonica next week. The only objection I have to my girl is that she is slightly cross-eyed, etc. Otherwise she is all right. Kindly advise. Undecidedly,
Joe Hollingsworth.

Dear Joe:
Music hath charms—provided it is music. "Music is love in search of a word," you know, so if you lack in words you should be plentiful in actions. And actions speak louder than words, so the old adage goes. As for physical discrepancies of your girl, I would advise that you consult "Kid" Cecil or Sid Ellison. Tell your roommate where to get off.
Sincerely,
Sal Hepatica.

RIALTO

May 5, 6, 7

"LILIES OF THE FIELD"

with

Corinne Griffith and Conway Tearle

May 8, 9, 10

Richard Dix in "ICEBOUND"

CAPITOL

May 5, 6

"A LADY OF QUALITY"

May 7, 8

"MAYTIME"

May 9, 10

"MAN FROM WYOMING"

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