

Ratting Program Planned During Orientation Week

Sophomore class officers will help entering freshmen get their bearings straight with a ratting program during the 1959 freshman orientation week. The officers will explain the Mercer ratting program by conferring with the new freshmen in small groups.

Sophomore President Charles Williams said that in this way they will have the opportunity to discuss the matter on an informal and friendly basis. Williams expressed the desire that freshmen be shown the advantage in active participation in the initiation program.

Ratting week is scheduled this year for the first full week of classes, beginning on September 22. During the preceding week orientation, registration, and rushing will be taken care of.

A new feature of this year's will be a Court of Appeals.

A freshman who feels incapable of participation in the ratting program may discuss his reasons with this court, which will have the power to excuse him from active participation. The court will probably be composed of the dean of men, the class officers, and class members.

"Rip-Roaring Rat" Award is to be given to the outstanding rat of the freshman class. Nancy Minter has been appointed head of a

committee to establish this award. Also, during the summer letters are to be sent to the incoming first-year students outlining and explaining the ratting program and urging their active participation.

In laying the foundations for next year's program, Williams has already appointed several committee chairmen who have been authorized to select their committeemen. Brenda Storey is talent contest chairman; Lynn Bradley, beauty contest chairman. Scot Watson and Larry Brown are serving as co-chairmen of the fun night committee, and Don Worley is head of the rat cap committee.

During the summer months the sophomore class officers will confer with students from other colleges. The sophomore class members will also be sent letters concerning their participation in the 1959 initiation program.

"A great deal of interest has already been shown in the ratting program," Williams said. "If this interest continues with a lot of hard work, it is bound to succeed."

13 Mercerians Will Serve As Summer Missionaries

Thirteen students from Mercer will serve as summer missionaries for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during their summer vacation.

The purpose of this program is not only to have more mission workers in the field but also to train workers who have volunteered for mission work so they will be more effective when they become full-time workers.

Mercer students who will work as summer missionaries are:
 Olivia Burrell, senior from Columbus, majoring in music, who will work in Columbus, Ohio.
 Juanita Fanner, senior majoring in religious education, from Sandersville. She will work with Indians and Spanish speaking groups in Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Bob Cahoon, sociology major from Decatur is assigned as a general worker in Illinois.

Jack Branam will also serve in Illinois. He is a junior from Atlanta, majoring in sociology and religious education.

Peggy Comer, senior English major from Americus will work with Spanish speaking groups in Alpine, Texas.

Lester Ariel will work in city missions in Baltimore. He is a junior from Sparta, majoring in English.

Ann Head of Greensboro will be a general worker in Ohio. She is a junior and is majoring in sociology.

Jean Blankenship, a senior and English major from Columbus will serve as a general worker in Fresno, California.

Gayle Twitty, senior from Gainesville, majoring in elementary education will go to Carbondale, Ill., as a general worker.

Wesley Edwards, senior from Union Point will work with Spanish speaking people in Albuquerque. He is an English major.

Philip Heard of Roanoke, Ala., a sophomore majoring in English, will serve as a general worker in Wichita, Kansas.

Jeanine Hart of Bainbridge will work with French Indians in Louisiana. She is a sophomore majoring in English.

Gloria Martin, a junior from Albany, has been appointed to work with deaf people. As yet, she does not know where she will serve. She is a junior majoring in psychology.

Dicks Receives \$600 Fellowship

Miss Annie Lois Dicks, associate professor of mathematics at Mercer, has received a \$600 fellowship to attend the University of South Carolina's summer institute for college teachers.

Her selection as one of 70 teachers from some 400 applicants was announced by Dr. W. L. Williams, institute director. Miss Dicks holds the Master of Arts degree from The University of South Carolina.

The institute which will run from June 15 through August 10, is made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Alpha Psi Initiates

Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatics fraternity, initiated six new members Tuesday. Max Croft, cast director of the Zeta Pi Chapter, Alpha Psi Omega, presided over the initiation rites.

During the year seven Mercer students had been extended bids; those initiated were Linda Archibald, Charlotte Benefield, Taylor Butler, Sally Manning, Janice Webb, and Jack Willoughby.

SOUNDS

by Prof. J.



Talking with John Lewis, leader of the famed Modern Jazz Quartet, was quite a different experience from that of interviewing someone like Mahalia Jackson.

Lewis' blank smile seemed to come an impenetrable wall between himself and others "on the other side."

A while back, he took a collection of members of the MJQ with him to Europe and added them to Stuttgart Symphony to record some of the MJQ's most popular numbers in an RCA Victor titled "European Windows."

The record met with diverse critical comments, to say the least and most of it was not too favorable. When I asked Lewis' reaction to this reception, he said what too often I have found jazzmen say: "I just get paid for a job to do it." He may as well have said "sour grapes."

He told me the quartet had never before been South. They were performing in Atlanta. One of the best-known members of the group, vibist Milt Jackson had once had an extremely pleasant experience in the South and I was anxious to ask him if he thought conditions had changed any since his last visit here.

If Lewis was hard to approach, Jackson was absolutely impossible. He was in his own shell, and people clogged around him that he didn't even see. He would automatically scribble off some semblance of his name on some program without diverting his eyes from their straight-ahead stare.

The drummer, Connie, seemed rather friendly, but though some of my companions had a chance to speak with him, he could never get through the crowd. One of the four, bassist Heath seemed nearest to the human. He kidded around with people talking to him in a friendly manner, seeming thoroughly enjoying himself.

At one point he answered a question concerning a blue of cigarettes he pulled out of his pocket, saying that they were French brand, the strongest in the world and (with an evil grin) "They're rough and they're tough and they'll burn your teeth." Their music was something to be heard though. The quartet plays very quiet chamber-like style, demanding complete attention from their audience. They got it every night. The only time there was a sound in the auditorium was between numbers, when extended applause greeted each ending as if it were the last.

The music itself was mesmerizing. The almost hypnotic quality of the fugue-like interplay between piano, vibes and bass (a prominent instrument in their group) was drummed carefully and articulated every move, seemed to transport the audience into another world. Maybe that was the same reason the musicians were in what they tried to talk to them afterwards.

Greek Club Officers

Officers for 1959-60 for the Greek Club, are Minor president; Philip Heard, vice president; John Currie, secretary; Jim Stallings, treasurer; Jim Stallings, program chairman. Faculty advisor, Dr. James Clegg, assistant professor of classics.

THINKKLISH

English: AGILE WOODSMAN



Thinklish: LIMBERJACK

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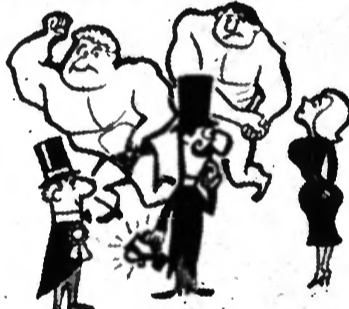
English: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MAMMAL



Thinklish: KINGAROO

ROBERT DILLY, MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

English: MUSCLE-MAN CONTEST



Thinklish: FLEXIBITION

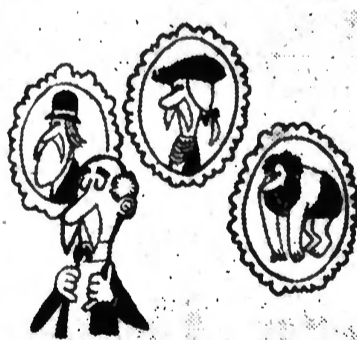
JOSEPH ARLINE, KENT STATE U.

English: DELEGATES TO A JAZZ CONVENTION



Thinklish translation: When the secretary of this meeting makes notes, he uses a saxophone. The chairman is the only guy who can rap his gavel with a syn-copated beat. The delegates (in Thinklish it's *heprentatives!*) come from all schools of jazz: hot, cool, and room temperature. But they're in perfect harmony on one thing: the honest taste of a Lucky Strike. Get Luckies yourself. (You'll trumpet their praises.)

English: MALE FOREBEARS



Thinklish: MANCESTORS

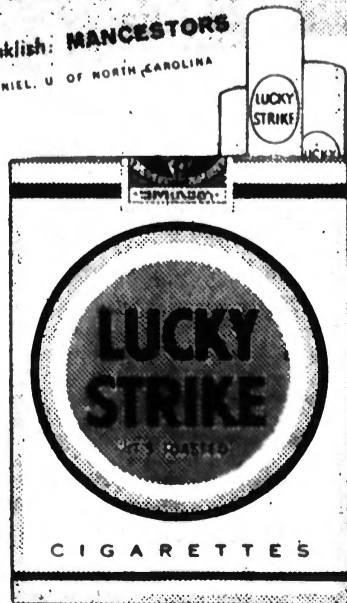
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