

Brief Histories Of Social Groups

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tian Ideas."

Alpha Beta of Kappa Sigma was founded here in 1874, one of Kappa Sig's earlier chapters. The national organization founded in 1869 at the University of Virginia. The object of the fraternity's founding was "to enjoy and increase the pleasures which are only to be obtained by the intercourse of congenial spirits." Annually, Alpha Beta presents a trophy to the year's outstanding sorority at Mercer, chosen by activities on a point system.

Phi Delta Theta was the second fraternity established at Mercer, with Gamma chapter being founded in 1872. Phi Delt is the oldest national fraternity, established in 1848 on the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Annual social functions include the Shipwreck Ball.

In 1851, Adelphean Society was founded on the campus of Wesleyan College in Macon. This, the nation's first secret society for women, later became known as Alpha Delta Pi. The Mercer chapter, Beta Sigma, was established in 1937 from a local sorority, Alpha Kappa, making it the first national sorority on the campus. The motto is "We live for each other."

Psi chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the oldest fraternity on the Mercer campus, having been established in 1870. The national fraternity was founded in 1856 at the University of Alabama. The Greek letters, "Phi Alpha" form the fraternity's motto.

Sigma Nu was founded as The Legion of Honor at Virginia Military Institute in 1869. Eta chapter was the 11th to be organized. It was founded on the Mercer campus in 1884. It remained active until 1923, when it became Alpha Lambda Tau. In 1947, Alpha Lambda Tau left Mercer and the chapter here became a local fraternity, Gamma. Six months later, in 1948, it petitioned national Sigma Nu, and Eta chapter was re-chartered in 1948.

Mercer Independent Co-eds Association first came to Mercer when the campus unaffiliated girls organized a sports team in 1942. In 1943, the group became known as a non-sorority organization, with sports as its major interest. The present name, MICA was taken in 1946. The group received a suite in 1955.

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