



FROM THE VOICE OF THE PAST:

## 1890 Students Praise Cigarette Prohibition

(Editor's note. In the November 1893 issue of the Mephistophelean, a Mercer student publication, the editors praised the recent action of the state legislature for having out-lawed the sale of cigarettes. Part of that editorial is reprinted below.)

The bill recently passed by the Georgia legislature prohibiting the sale of cigarettes within this state caused the gloom which has pervaded the atmosphere around Mercer's campus for several days past.

How cruel were our law-makers to impose such a punishment upon the cigarette smokers. They have said that the sale of the "coffin nail" must cease, which means that McElmurray's call to Henry McCall for a "Toby" will be unanswered, and that though Brown Sewall will rake around in the ashes for hours at a time, none of Dick Curd's stumps will be found there or anywhere else.

All physicians agree that cigarette smoking is injurious to one's health. We constantly read in the papers of persons dying from the direct cause of smoking cigarettes. For the reason that they are about ten times cheaper than cigars, many more cigarettes are smoked than cigars.

Some persons smoke daily as many as three "packs," which ruins their lungs, drives them blind, poisons their systems, makes their skin yellow and their breath (Holy horrors!) too offensive to be described.

And then again, there are many who can not afford cigars, and therefore would not smoke at all, were it not that cigarettes are so cheap they think they must indulge themselves in a smoke occasionally.

There are hundreds of little brats in our larger cities who make their living by picking up cigar and cigarette stumps, and selling them to be made into cigarettes again. Tobacco at best is only a weed, and man is the only animal who uses it. Not even the four-legged hog cares for it. Cattle, which eat nearly every other weed, do not stoop for tobacco. The monkey, whose chief delight it is to ape man in everything else he does, draws the line when it comes to smoking.

Cigars, though bad enough, are not as injurious as cigarettes, and a person who cannot afford cigars, had better let the filthy weed entirely alone.

The people of Georgia are to be congratulated upon having such wise legislators, as exhibited in the passage of the cigarette bill.

## Teacher Test To Be Given

The national teacher examinations, prepared and administered annually by Educational Testing Service, will be given at various centers throughout the United States on February 11, 1961. By special arrangement with the guidance center this test may be taken at Mercer.

At the one day testing session, a candidate may take the common examinations, including tests in professional information, general culture, English expression and non-verbal reasoning and one or two of thirteen optional examinations designed to demonstrate mastery of subject matter to be taught. Georgia does not require this test, but some states do. A prospective teacher should check to see if the test is required in the state in which he plans to teach.

Information concerning this test can be obtained from P. E. Maffeo in the guidance center. There is a fee of \$9 for the common exam and \$2 each for optional examinations, totaling to no more than \$13. Applications and fees will be accepted during November and December and early in January before Jan. 13, 1961.

## Social Set

By DERYL DAUGHERTY

ATO: Sinclair Shingler is pinned to Mary Dindley of Wesleyan.

KA pledged Ralph Norman and Ted de Treville in "wild-cat" rush.

Lambda Chi held a Halloween party at the Jeff Davis room of the Hotel Lanier. New pledges are Jimmy Hitchcock and Eddie Farr.

The Phi Deltas will honor their new pledges with a cookout at the lodge. They also gained a new pledge, Pierce Chapman, during the late season rush.

Sigma Nu's Tony Keaton is pinned to Rona Turner of F.S.U. and Larry Brown is pinned to Pat Cawthon, a nurse at the Swainsborough hospital. The Snake's pledge-brother party will be November 12.

SAE goblins haunted the Macon Plaza last Friday. The occasion was their annual Halloween party. The entire chapter will attend the wedding of alumnus Bob Hearn and Jeanie Green in Decatur Saturday.

ADPi's Jackie Knight is the MIMA pledge sweetheart. The Pirates held a Halloween party Monday night.

Chi O is having a party at Ingle-side Community Clubhouse tonight.

They will hold open house for the faculty Sunday.

MICA is going on a hayride to Loch Lomond Saturday.

University of Georgia homecoming last weekend attracted a bevy of Mercer girls. They were Mollie Jones, Gracelyn Hawks, Bonnie Johnson, Gennie Maddox and Faye Garner of Phi Mu; Gail Kelly, Frances Dugger, Nell Hitchcock, Ruby Meadows and Eleanor Haynes of Chi O.

MIMA announces 10 new associates for fall quarter.

They are: Charles Brownlee, Atlanta; Juan Delgado, San Juan, P. R.; Ralph Eberhart, Atlanta; Andy Hammond, Elberton; Glenn Hodge, Atlanta; Joe Hubbard, Macon; John Laney, Columbus; Jerry Poole, Austell; Kenneth Reeves, Dearing, and Bennie Thurston, Jackson.

Associate officers are Hodge, president; Hammond, vice-president, and Thurston, secretary-treasurer.

One of the new associates, Brownlee, earlier this quarter was elected president of the freshman class at Mercer University.

## SGA Committee Told By Thompson

The 1960 Homecoming committee was recently announced by SGA President Olin Thompson. At the same time he released other committees that would be serving this year.

The Homecoming committee is composed of Nick Banks, Dan Bradley, Tommy Clark, Charlie Ethridge, Edge Farley, Gail Norris, Lindsay Simpson and Olin Thompson.

At the same time Thompson appointed a chapel committee to help vice-president Ken Owen with the SGA chapel programs. On this committee are Charles Brownlee, Gerald Harris and Tommy Storey.

As his executive committee Thompson selected L. E. Brown, Tommy Clark, Jane Oliver, Ken Owen, Dot Thompson and Charles Williams.

The current year's honor committee has also been released. Serving in this body will be David Archer, Nancy Chapman, Sophie Clark, Annette Harden, Gerald Harris, Tom Kendrick-Holmes, Nancy Morgan, Bob Preston, Rex Ruff and Ross Young.

## Foreign Student

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students from abroad to the Mercer campus.

Thompson said after meeting with the dean that there seems a "good possibility of having some foreign students next year."

Original plans for the initial foreign student called for one from Russia or the "iron-curtain" countries but the U-2 incident and other factors crippled the force of this idea.

## BSU Sets New Policy On Members

Mercer's Baptist Student Union has recently revised its membership policy to include students other than unit organization members.

The executive council, policy-making body of the group, voted to change the ruling from a general coverage of all Baptist students to a more specific group. Under the old policy, a student was considered a member of BSU if he were a member of a BSU unit organization (Religious Education Association, Ministerial Association, YWA, BSU Choir, Christian Service Fellowship) or a local Baptist church.

Under the new system, any student expressing a desire to become a member of BSU may join, with unit organization members automatically included as before. The difference is that now no one is assumed to be a member of BSU merely because he is affiliated with a local church.

Any student desiring to join BSU who is not a member of one of the above mentioned unit organizations may do so by contacting the office of religious activities or a member of the BSU executive council.

### CORRECTION

The Cluster regrets the typographical error in the last issue which reported KA's being defeated 16 to 4. The correct score was 16-14.

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