

**On Campus** with **Max Strubman**  
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**THE CURSE OF THE CAMPUS: NO. 1**

Hate me if you will, but I must speak. We college types are far too complacent. Sure, we've got plenty to be proud of. We've got atom smashers, we've got graduate schools, we've got new peaks in scholarship, new highs in academic honors. And yet, in the midst of these triumphs, we have failed dismally to make any progress in solving the oldest and most horrendous of all campus problems: we've still got roommates.

To be sure, all roommates are not bad. There is the well-documented case of Hilquit Glebe, a student at the Manhattan College of Agriculture, majoring in curds and whey, who admitted publicly that he actually liked his roommate—an odd admission when you consider that this roommate, Mervis Trunz by name, was frankly not too winsome a fellow. He practiced his tympani in his room, he kept an alligator, and he collected airplane tires.

But, on the other hand, Mervis bought two packs of Marlboro Cigarettes every day and gave one of them to Hilquit and—I ask you—who can stay mad at a man who gives you Marlboro Cigarettes? Who, upon tasting that flavorful blend of Marlboro tobaccos, upon drawing through that pure white Marlboro filter, upon exulting in this best of all possible cigarettes, Marlboro—who, I say, can harden his heart against his neighbor? Certainly not Hilquit. Certainly not I. Certainly not you, as you will find when you scurry to your nearest tobacconist and buy a supply. Marlboros come in soft pack or Flip-Top Box. Tobacconists come in small, medium, and large.



Today Molly is paying off her debt...

But I digress. Roommates, I say, are still with us and I fear they always will be, so we better learn how to get along with them. It can be done, you know. Take, for instance, the classic case of Dolly Pitcher and Molly Madison.

Dolly and Molly, roommates at a prominent Midwestern girls' school (Vassar) had a problem that seemed insoluble. Dolly could only study late at night, and Molly could not stay awake past nine o'clock. If Dolly kept the lights on, the room was too bright for Molly to sleep. If Molly turned the lights off, the room was too dark for Dolly to study. What to do?

Well sir, those two intelligent American kids found an answer. They got a miner's cap for Dolly! Thus, she had enough light to study by, and still the room was dark enough for Molly to sleep.

It must be admitted, however, that this solution, ingenious as it was, had some unexpected sequelae. Dolly got so enchanted with her miner's cap that she switched her major from 18th Century poetry to mining and metallurgy. Shortly after graduation she had what appeared to be a great stroke of luck: while out prospecting, she discovered what is without question the world's largest feldspar mine. This might have made Dolly very rich except that nobody, alas, has yet discovered a use for feldspar. Today Dolly, a broken woman, squeezes out a meagre living making echoes for tourists in Mammoth Cave.

Nor has Molly fared conspicuously better. Once Dolly got the miner's hat, Molly was able to catch up on her long-lost sleep. She woke after eight days, refreshed and vigorous—more vigorous, alas, than she realized. It was the afternoon of the annual Dean's tea. Molly stood in line with her classmates, waiting to shake the Dean's hand. At last her turn came, and Molly, full of strength and health, gave the Dean a firm handshake—so firm, indeed, that all five of the Dean's knuckles were permanently fused.

The Dean sued for a million dollars, and, of course, won. Today Molly, a broken woman, is paying off her debt by walking the Dean's cat every afternoon for ten cents an hour.

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**MERCER SPORTS**

With **JACK LAMB**



(Cluster photo by Bob Hurt) Student-faculty game was a thriller with students coming out on top. ABOVE—student comes out on top of faculty player Wilder.

**Moccasins Down Bears 57-52 At Homecoming**

Chattanooga's Moccasins downed a crippled Mercer team on Saturday in a game that saw three Mercer regulars nursing injuries received in the rough and tumble Wofford contest earlier in the week.

Butch Clifton, Bob Reeves and Tom Wilcox were the injured Bears—Reeves and Wilcox carrying 7 stitches apiece into the fray.

Even the Bear's defeat by the Moccasins in Homecoming failed to spoil the Toby-Tot Weekend. The Mocs took an early lead and held it. Butch Clifton with 12 markers led the Bears. He had his leg taped up because of a pulled muscle and was wearing a catcher's mask to protect his broken nose. Jim Hearn, the only other Bear to reach double figures had 11.

Both teams began cold. Hearn popped up 2 points but Chattanooga caught up and went ahead from then on.

In the final 20 minutes, the Bears froze up. Hitting only 23%

of their shots. The Bears finally closed the gap to 4 points, 49-45, with 5:19 remaining but could come no closer as Chattanooga froze the ball for most of the remaining time.

The Bears with a 10-7 season record will host Georgia Southern on February 12.

Mercer (52) Hearn 5-1-11, Pearson 1-0-2, Baxter 3-1-7, Clifton 6-0-12, Reeves 3-3-9, Chapman 0-1-1, Wilcox 4-0-8, Harris 1-0-2, Totals 23-6-52.

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**MIMA Initiates**

Mercer Independent Men's Association initiated five associates into full membership as brothers on Wednesday, January 23. Informal initiation was Wednesday afternoon and the formal initiation took place that night following the regular meeting. New brothers are Lloyd Brewer, Ernest Ferrell, Edward Simmons, Billy Taylor, and John Weaver.

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**Arnold To Head MICA**

Carolyn Arnold of Avon Park, Florida is the new president of MICA. She has also served on the staff of the Mercer Cluster, and in the BSU as a CSF member. In YWA she has been circle devotional chairman and publicity chairman. She is also a member of REA. In WAA she was publicity chairman and has served as sports chairman of the Independents.

**Chi O Lists Awards**

Chi Omega initiated fourteen pledges on January 26. Several awards were given for distinctive work with the group. Amelia Sue Armstrong was named Model Pledge. The Scrapbook Award went to Carole Frances Tapley and the Pledge Games Award to Diana Kay Wheeler. Other girls initiated were Barbara Jean Bradley, Carol Ann Etheridge, Betty Ann Glenn, Frances Hollis Graves, Loretta Beatrice McGee, Mary Middlebrooks, Elizabeth Ann Potter, Nancy Sue Preston, Susan Roberts Smith, Carol Lynn Smith, and Madelyn Paula Wheeler.

**The Social Set**



by Kaye Wells

Beginning with the voting for Toby and Tot on Friday morning and ending with a dance at the Riverside Armory on Saturday night, Mercer climaxed a weekend of festivities which made a Homecoming worth-while to remember.

The election of Toby and Tot came from nominations which social organizations had made; congratulations to the Phi Delta candidate, Carole Davis who was chosen Tot, and to the Chi O nominee Butch Clifton who was elected Toby. The names of these winners and also the Junior Class for the best display were announced at the student-faculty basketball game Friday night that was a show of enthusiasm and spirit on the part of both teams. Laughter was a main feature of the game with such laugh-making instigators as Dr. Doris Raymond whose versatility is amazing.

Friday night and Saturday morning proved to be the time when all floats received most of their work. The effort and time which was spent in preparing the floats resulted in a display of professional-looking floats which made the judges' decision even more difficult. There was much conjecture and discussion on who had won the float award, but no one really knew until Saturday night. At that time Tommy Clark announced Phi Delta as the second place winner, and the first place trophy went to Sigma Alpha Epsilon again for the second consecutive year. MICA and SN received honorable mention.

In a close and exciting game between Mercer and Chattanooga there were several occasions when it seemed that the Bears were going to knock down the Moccasins' lead and pull ahead. Even though we came out on the short side of the score, the Mercer spirit was tremendous and the crowd reaction was so spontaneous that Porters Gym actually sounded like it was a real ball game going there.

Hank Ballard and the Midnighters added the final touch to Toby and Tot weekend with a lot of the student body present at the Riverside Armory to enjoy him and his band. It was the first dance of the quarter that all the students attended together, and it turned out to be fun for all and a weekend to be remembered.

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