WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

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NEWS BRIEFS...

Dr. Paul Ricour, French philosopher, will be speaking twice a day on Monday and Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Attendance is required at all four lectures. There will be no chapel on Wednesday.

The regular SCA Week is SCA Week, and on Oct. 11 the SCA will be in charge of the chapel program. Mr. Toombs Kay, head of the Religion Department and chief advisor of the SCA Cabinet, will speak.

Several dates involving the Curtain Raisers are coming up soon. Alpha Psi will hold its banquet on Saturday, Oct. 21, and the date for their first full-length play of the season, The Curtain Raisers will also present an amusing one-set.

By JULIA MASSEY

NEW TEACHER DISPLAYS WORK

By MARY LILIAN CAGLE

On September 24, a reception opened an exhibition of photography, silver holloware, ceramics, jewelry, and textiles handcrafted by Curtis Stephens. The reception was held in the art gallery. Around 300 interested students, faculty members, and members of the community attended.

Mr. Stephens, a new assistant professor at the college, received his B.S. in Education and Master's of Fine Arts from the University of Georgia. He is a member of the Georgia Designer Craftsmen and the American Crafts Council.

Mr. Stephens will be an instructor in the Visual Arts Department, and his work will be on display at the Hilltop Gallery through October 31.
What’s College For?

Here it is the 3rd of October already. Rat Week is over, and we are finding out that our professors mean serious business. At the first of another school year let us ask what is the purpose of college, and why are we here?

College includes a lot of things: sports, fraternities and sororities, all kinds of clubs, Rat Week, and last, but not least, study. But college is more than these; college is for maturing — not only for expanding one’s mental vocabulary but for increasing one’s knowledge of human nature through social contacts, for learning one’s relationship to the rest of the world, and for learning one’s purpose.

There is a saying that travel broadens a person. Travel teaches through actual experience; college teaches through the experience of others. Our courses present knowledge received from the experience of others and women, such as Plato, Hermann Melville, Lavosier, Robert Browning, and the others. We are student editors, authors of our textbooks and our professors. Here in college we are shown how to apply that knowledge to present and future situations. If we do not learn to use facts, terms and theories, they are useless.

During college there will be change in a student’s ideas and way of thinking — this change is inevitable. New ideas will be entertained and each student must do one of three things: accept the new idea; reject it; or refuse to think about it. This is a job that no one can do for the student; he must think for himself. The diploma that a student receives at the end of his college education is, or should be, the tangible sign of an inner change in the student, and not just a status symbol.

It is a great task to study the wisdom of the ages in four years but it will make the student more capable to handle himself and to deal with future situations.

The Ten Top

...and Moses went into the mountain.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. You shall remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
4. You shall honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall keep just charge it to the old man and he’ll never know the difference.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Ten Commandments were given to a great leader on another hill long ago. Each day we lose sight of one or more of them. Perhaps we are civilised enough not to snuff the life out of another’s body, but we will figuratively through gossip and slander. And isn’t chatting on an exam stealing from yourself, your parents, your teacher, and your students? It is a sin.

If we could live up to these dictates, newspapers would no longer have to carry critical editorials, there would not be on record courageously and self-sacrificing individuals who hate themselves, and a spirit of Heaven would permeate throughout the world.

The Ten Commandments are not old-fashioned. Idealists? Perhaps. Worth a try! Yes.
RUSH PARTIES CLIMAX BUSY FIRST WEEK FOR FRESHMEN AND TRANSFERS

By ANNA SMITH
Society Editor

The freshmen and new students had quite a busy first week. They took tests, attended meetings, and met many new people.

Thursday through Saturday nights the sororities and fraternities on campus welcomed these new students at their rush parties.

On the day of their party, each sorority and fraternity set up a display in the morning, traditionally decorated in the afternoon, and entertained their guests at night.

Early Thursday morning Alpha Phi Beta began its Rush by placing red roses on the door of each rusher, along with a welcoming note. Alpha Phi's display was an airline office with posters from various countries.

At 8 p.m. the rushes were escorted in a motorcade to the American Legion Post house where they were greeted by Alpha Phi and Sigma Nu. Decorations suggesting a New Orleans sidewalk cafe carried out the "French Quarter Beat" theme.

After the entertainment, Laura Williams, Alpha Phi president, explained the purpose of Alpha Phi and presented the 1961-62 Dream Boy of the sorority, Larry Horsman. The group then enjoyed music and dancing.

While the girls were being entertained by Alpha Phi, the boys enjoyed a "Roaring Twenties" day, with Gamma Phi Alpha. The Gamma Phi display was a speak-easy, complete with an authentic car parked in front and Kappa Phi Delta flapper girls.

At 8 p.m. the boys arrived at the Moose Club. The clubroom was decorated in the style of the 20's. Hunter Milam and his "Rockin' Rebels" provided the music and Kappa Phi flapper girls provided the entertainment.

The party was concluded with the singing of Gamma Phi songs.

Friday, September 22, began quite early for the girls of Kappa Phi Delta. The Kappa Phi's gathered around their display of the "Good Ship Kappa Phi" and sang spirited songs to announce their Rush Day.

At 8 p.m. the rushes were entertained in a motorcade to the Elks' Club, where they were welcomed aboard the "Good Ship Kappa Phi." On deck the rushes enjoyed a night of entertainment and dancing with the sailors of Gamma Phi Alpha. Bermuda shorts were the order for the night for the rushes. The Kappa Phi sisters were white shorts, blue sorority blouses, and sailor hats to carry out the theme of the party.

At the conclusion of the party the Kappa Phi's and Gamma Phi's saluted the rushes at full attention with the singing of "Anchors Aweigh," using words written especially for the occasion.

On Friday night the boys were entertained by Pi Delta Kappa. The Pi Delta's decided to use "Collegegate Copers" as their theme for Rush Day.

The party was held at the Moose Club and the music was provided by the "Artists."

Entertainment by the Alpha Kappa Theta's and Pi Delta's; the boys chose partners and had a "Limbo" contest.

The Studebaker Association provided a brief history of the fraternity and introduced the officers.

As the freshman girls and transfer students were entertained by Alpha Kappa Theta on Saturday nights, the Pi Delta Lambs-Formal dress the rushes arrived at the Elks' Club which had been transformed into the "key room." The girls were entertained by the Alpha Kappa Theta's and the Pi Delta Lamb's. Artistic Tom Powers went from table to table sketching the rushes.

Suzanne Cooper, president, gave some of the traditions of the sorority and introduced the officers. The party was ended with the singing of the sorority songs.

Sigma Nu Pi entertained the boys in the Simpan Room, using the theme "I Like It Like That." The room was decorated as a taVERN, and the boys danced with the Alpha Phi's to the music provided by the "Bourbonettes." The party was Saturday night was a busy but exciting week for all the new students at Lambda Chi. Morgan, president, gave the entertainment a successful close on the following Monday night with a kick-off party to begin the week of various activities. All new students will be the guests of honor and will be entertained and formally welcomed by the SCA.

"Gidget Goes Hawaiian" will be shown at the local theatre Monday night, October 9. All new students will meet in front of Pitts Dormitory where they will march to the theatre for a special admission. Old students may accompany the group but will be charged at the regular rate. Mr. Erich Carlton, SCA vice-president, sends the Movie Committee.

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NEW BUILDINGS BEGIN

By BEN FLADDER

Within the next year or so LaGrange College will have three new buildings: a dining room, a men's dormitory, and a library.

The dining room and dormitory will be constructed simultaneously and will be considered as one project. The library will be constructed at a later period.

The new dormitory will house 102 men. It will have a suite for a resident counselor. Also included will be two private baths, lounge, patio, and large parking lot. The structure will be three stories tall. The front will be facing Broad Street, set back ninety feet. There will be a circular drive to the entrance as well as to the back.

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