First week of activities shows promise for busy year

LaGrange College opened its doors to 359 freshmen for the fall quarter, this being the largest enrollment to date, and with a percentage of women more balanced than in previous years.

To accommodate this onslaught of humanity, the college launched a gigantic building program which has fostered the erection of a new men’s dormitory, which is located behind Turner Hall, a new dining hall, and a new library that is still under construction.

The McCabe Smith garden underwent a definite change as it received a new brick face.

The old student dining hall was converted into a student center, post office, and book store. The old book store is now a part of the art department.

The fact that there are about as many men as there are women in the freshman class is a source of amusement to all. The registrar’s office reports that there are 135 freshmen, 75 boys and 60 girls. Of this number, 80% are from Georgia, 25% from LaGrange, and 23 from Atlanta. Florida is well represented this year with 19 students.

The formal dedication of the new buildings is set for October 11. On this date, several hundred dignitaries from the city, county, and state will come to LaGrange for a celebration and the dedication of the buildings.

In addition to the dedication of the dormitory and the library, the college gymnasium will be formally opened.

New students, both freshmen and transfer, found that they had a full week ahead of them. The week started with testing, followed by seemingly endless meetings with all people concerned with the operation of the college.

On campus the freshmen officially became "rats" and will be subjected to the whines of the sophomores until an undisclosed date in the future.

By MICKEY JOHNSON

Two LaGrange students attend Circle K meet

Two LaGrange College students, Millard Martin and Mickey Johnson, attended the 7th convention of Circle K International held in San Diego, California, August 25-30.

Millard and Mickey, who are both residents of Atlanta, left Atlanta on the 22nd of August in order to arrive in San Diego for the start of the convention.

The purpose of the convention was to elect officers for the coming year, amend the constitution of Circle K, and adopt a policy theme and resolutions for the coming year. Circle K’s theme for 1963-64 is "Education For Freedom," and it was passed by an unanimous vote of the delegations.

On the lighter side, LC delegates Martin and Johnson saw much of the country on their way out on the bus, were taken on a tour of the aircraft carrier "Bennington," and had a chance to see a little bit of Tijuana, Mexico.

Millard is the president of the local Circle K club.

8 are graduated summa cum laude

Eight students completed requirements for the bachelor of arts degree during the summer quarter just ended.

The graduates, their hometowns and major fields of study are:

- Albert Louis Askew of Pine Mountain, general science
- Edward Garland Cowan Jr., of Tuscumbia, psychology
- Larry Herbst of Calhoun, business administration
- James Daniel Lee of Tucker, psychology
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- Larry Herbst of Calhoun, business administration
- Charles Owen of Columbus, history
- Jerry Newman of Hapeville, sociology
- Franklyn Lumpkin Jr. of Columbus and Glenn, history
- Jerry Coleman of Greenville, social science and history
- Jerry Newton of Hapeville, sociology
- Robert E. L. of Atlanta, sociology
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On the inside . . . .
FIRST THINGS FIRST

Classes and social activities are in full swing once again on the LC campus. With the many new faces and the strange surroundings becoming more familiar, the new students are losing the traces of homesickness that appeared shortly after the parents departed.

With the bustle of sorority-fraternity parties and the agency of ratting activities beginning to subside, the students are faced with the stark realization that classes are not to be taken lightly. Studies must come first at LaGrange.

Long, hard years have gone into the preparation of one of the finest college faculties in the South. Irreplaceable financial support is behind each student whether it be his parents, a trust, or an academic scholarship. Yes, with the efforts put into the community that composes a liberal-arts college, it is imperative that studies come first in our campus life.

Appealing opportunities for fun will always exclude time for studying. It will be up to the individual to establish his own schedule for studying but it should also be flexible enough to include some of the extra-curricular activities which help develop one's social education and reinforce one's community responsibility.

Studying produces good grades, gives one pride in his work, and helps to establish a firm backing for the vocational position the student will seek upon graduation from our college.

Certainly studying is important. Do not let the quarter begin without resolving to study assignments daily; piled up work cannot be completed in the last few days before the final exams.

At LaGrange College studies must be foremost in the minds of all students.

KEEP IT CLEAN

The problem of keeping the campus clean is an age-old one, and newspapers are forever belaboring the fact that "students just don't have any respect for campus facilities." We will admit that this problem can be run into the ground, but it is one to consider.

This fall, LaGrange College is the proud father of two new buildings, one that, if they are kept right, should last for quite a spell. It is up to us, as students, to see that they are in good condition all the time.

Now, nobody is saying "take off your shoes and put on a sterile mask before you enter the new dorm," but one should think twice before he kicks the door open. Likewise, I'm sure the dining hall would benefit before the rat hats give them the ruggedness of a LaGrange College Little League Baseball Team.

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LOU GYS

"On Campus"

I would like to welcome back all the old students and also give a special welcome to the new ones. This has been a hectic week for both old and new students, with rush and ratting continuously confronting us. As we take time out of our rigid schedule, all of us can readily see that all personalities will combine, giving LaGrange College one of its best student bodies.

Rat hats are once again the fashion at LaGrange College and their new owners seem to be enjoying them. The rat hat seems to bring out that hidden inner beauty of women, don't you think so, boys? As far as the boys go, I think the rat hats give them the ruggedness of a LaGrange College Little League Baseball Team.

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Variety featured at rush parties

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Scene from rush parties (from left) — George Timmons, Kathy Green, Margaret Layton, and Charlie Knight, officers of Sigma Nu and Alpha Phi, pose at rush party. At the Kappa Phi party Betty Hatchell, Dee Atkinson, Jennifer Glass, and Jane Johnson represent sorority's officers. Lou Gys, Betty Jones, Mary Ann Harwell, and Jim Baggett are photographed at the Alpha Kappa Theta rush party as officers of the brother and sister Greeks.
Some of them stood out more than the others, though. My first night there, we had visitors who had come to see me. We were talking about my German "sister," who wasn't there. Someone said, "She's such a sweet girl." I replied, (or thought I did) "Yes, and she's such a pretty girl, too." The room became still, and then everyone burst out laughing. What I had said was, "Yes, she is a pretty little streetwalker, isn't she?"

Gradually I began to feel more at home. Traveling over Germany—Bavaria, Berlin, East Germany, the Rhineland gave me a feeling for the whole country. Each section is different: the southern Germans are fun loving and the northerners are generally more serious. It was really eye-opening for me to talk with people from different sections who had been driven from their homes by the war and who had to settle in an entirely new area.

Now that I'm back, I think a lot about the differences. The people in my section of Germany were rather reserved. I missed having the warmth which we expect even from strangers. I did find, though, that if one has a German friend, the friendship goes very deep. Germans who had been to America said to me, "You Americans are all so friendly. But after an American has talked to you for five minutes, he thinks he knows all there is to know about you. That's as far as it goes." There were other criticisms, compliments. ("Americans don't know how to hate." But then, as an after-thought, "Perhaps it's time they were learning").

A lot happens in a year. There's a lot to think about, to remember. Questions people ask are a good opportunity to share it with them. It's good to be home.