



Spiro Resigns Mercer Post For Jacksonville Presidency

Dr. Robert H. Spiro, dean of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts, Thursday evening was named president of Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla. He will assume his new duties at the end of the academic year in June, according to an announcement by Guy W. Botts, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville University.

There was no immediate announcement of the successor of Dr. Spiro.

Dr. Rufus Carrollton Harris, president of Mercer, expressed regret that Dr. Spiro leaves Mercer after serving four years as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He congratulated the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville University upon their judgement in the selection of a President.

"Mercer is glad she can give to Jacksonville one of the most competent and dedicated young educators in this period who is willing to go into university administration," he said.

Jacksonville University is a private institution located on a new campus bordering the St. Johns River in suburban Jacksonville. Founded as a small evening college in 1934, it was expanded to a four-year status in 1956, and has grown to become a fully accredited university with an enrollment of 2,000.

Dr. Spiro made the following statement:

"It is with genuine regret that Mrs. Spiro and I contemplate leaving Mercer and Macon, where we have spent four happy years. We have seen significant growth and development in the College, particularly the strengthening of the faculty and educational program. We shall greatly miss our many friends and colleagues on the faculty and the administration, and in the city.

"At the same time, we anticipate the challenging new responsibilities of Jacksonville University, which is a dynamic and youthful institution in a large and progressive community."

Dr. Spiro, 43, received his A.B. degree at Wheaton College in 1941, and did graduate work in history at the University of North Carolina and Edinburgh University in Scotland. He received the Ph.D. degree from Edinburgh in 1950.

Spiro has done post-doctoral study at Union Theological Seminary, Bristol, Tenn., and at Missis-

sippi College, a Baptist college near Jackson, Miss. He was president of the Blue Ridge Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., from 1957 until his appointment as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Mercer University in 1960.

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SGA Candidates Must Qualify By Tuesday

Deadline for qualifications for Student Government Association offices is Tuesday, March 31. Elections this year will be held on April 14, according to Tommy Faircloth, SGA vice-president.

Students may register between 1 and 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Connell Student Center.

In addition to voting for SGA officers, the student body this year will vote on three amendments to the SGA Constitution. The three amendments all deal with changes in the Honor Council.

The amendments would change the length of service for the faculty advisers to the Honor Council, require the Council to keep a permanent file of the honor cards signed by students and give the Council jurisdiction as demanded elsewhere in the constitution.

The jurisdictional amendment would give the Council authority in cases involving a major offense against the Student Government Association—false testimony to the Council and "Willful and malicious destruction of the property of another."

The Council is empowered to try such offenses and impose fines or recommendation of expulsion, "according to the nature of the offense," under the present constitution. But nowhere in the constitution is the Council clearly given

jurisdiction over offenses against the Student Government Association.

Chief Justice Carl Rollins said the amendment concerning faculty advisers is being submitted to prevent any one faculty member from exercising too much control over the council. If passed, the amendment would allow the two advisers to service for no more than two years. They could not succeed themselves.

In other SGA action, the Student Senate passed a resolution establishing the first weekend in February every year to be Toby-Tot Weekend. Faircloth said this resolution would insure the scheduling of basketball games during the weekend.

Following are the proposed amendments to the constitution as they will appear on the April 14 ballot. They are published here in their entirety in accordance with provisions of the SGA constitution. Article V, Sec. 2 to be amended to read as follows:

"The Honor Council shall be composed of nine students and two faculty members, the position of the latter to be advisory only. The faculty advisers shall be appointed by the Honor Council at the first meeting of the winter quarter, and shall serve two year terms.

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Steve Marrison, Alfred Willingham, George Brown, Sylvia Hatton and Dr. Ben Griffin swap ballads during informal workshop held last Friday.

Mercer Hosts College Singers

By Bill Dayton

Folksingers from all over the southeast congregated at Mercer Friday and Saturday for the university's third annual Folksong Festival.

Most of the singers came from Georgia colleges, though many non-collegiate and out of state groups participated.

In addition to the folksingers, "The Whirlaways", a local square dance group, provided an exhibition of folk dances. Their caller, Jim Tyler, gave a short explanatory talk on the development of the square dance.

The first session, held on Friday evening, lasted longer than had been expected and included performances by almost all of the participating singers, in addition to the square dancers.

Prominent among the folk groups were the "Southern City String Band" from Atlanta, led by Dr. Blaine Tanler of Emory, the "Don Jets" (Robert, Carlton and

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Notice For Seniors, Graduate Students

Seniors: Departmental tests for seniors will be administered on Monday, April 13 from 1:30-5 p.m. in the Humanities Building—third floor.

All graduating seniors must register for these tests by Friday, April 3 at the Guidance Center in Penfield Hall.

Graduate Students: Graduate aptitude examinations will be administered on Tuesday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. All applicants for the M. Ed program are required to take these examinations.

Oak Ridge Chief to Speak Here Wednesday - Friday

Dr. William G. Pollard, executive director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, is the Spring lecturer this year. Dr. F. Robert Otto, dean of the chapel, announced this week.

Dr. Pollard will speak in chapel three days, April 1-3. There will be no chapel program on Tuesday, and upper classmen are required to attend all three chapel programs. Freshmen are invited to attend chapel Friday, with seats available for them in the balcony and transepts.

Dr. Pollard will deliver four lectures and one sermon during his visit to Mercer. He will speak Wednesday at 10 a.m. in chapel on "Christianity and Science In History," and again at 3:30 p.m. on "Contingency and Transcendence."

He will deliver the sermon in chapel Thursday, speaking of "What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son Is He?" At 8 p.m. Thursday he will speak on "God's Language." Dr. Pollard will conclude the series in chapel Friday with "Twentieth Century Dark Age".

Dr. Pollard heads the Oak Ridge Institute, a non-profit corporation of 39 Southern universities which conducts programs under contract for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission and other government agencies. He is also Priest-in-Charge of St. Alban's Episcopal Chapel, Clinton, Tenn.



Dr. William G. Pollard

He holds a Ph. D. in physics from Rice University and received the Rice Semicentennial Medal of Honor for distinction in physics in 1962. Dr. Pollard is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi and an honorary member of Sigma Pi Sigma. He has authored numerous books on science and religion.

Senior Pilgrimage To be Held April 7

Seniors will make their annual pilgrimage to Penfield, birthplace of Mercer University on Tuesday, April 7.

This year's program is a combination of the Founders Day Program and the Penfield Pilgrimage. Plans for the day include an address at the old Mercer Chapel, a brief service at the Penfield cemetery and a visit to the home of Billington Sanders, first president of Mercer.

Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president emeritus of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary and a church historian, will speak to the seniors and other invited guests at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Penfield.

Dr. Lewis Batts will read the litany in the service at the cemetery. Seniors will place wreaths on the graves of Jesse Mercer, Billington Sanders, George Connell and Spright Dowell.