



Dr. Holman Will Speak At '65 Lamar Lectures

On Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 15 and 16, Dr. Hugh Holman will speak at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in Mercer's Willingham Chapel in the ninth annual Lamar Lecture Series.

His topics will be: "Ellen Glasgow: The Novelist of Manhood as a Social Critic," "William Faulkner: The Anguished Dream of Time," "Thomas Wolfe: The Epic of the National Self," and "The South in Search of the Self: Three Ways to the Past."

Dr. Holman, who is presently Dean of the Graduate School at the University of North Carolina, is a native of Cross Anchor, S. C. He received his undergraduate degree from Presbyterian College and his Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He began his teaching career at Presbyterian College, where he served in the English department and later as Academic Dean. Then in 1946 he moved to the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Holman served as chairman of the English department at the University from 1957-1962. In 1959 he was given the Kenan Professorship of English, the University's highest honor. Since 1963 he has served as Dean of the Graduate School.

of the Southeastern American Studies Association, president of the Virginia-North Carolina section of the College English Association, and as chairman of several committees in the Modern Lan-



Dean Holman's reputation as an outstanding authority on modern literature is based on a number of significant publications, including books on Thomas Wolfe and John P. Marquand; he also edited three volumes of ten works of Wolfe and has contributed essays in nine anthologies of criticism of Southern literature. Two of his works shortly to be published are *Bibliography of Writings About the American Novel, 1789-1914*, and *William Gilmore Simms as a Man of Letters*. He is the author of more than thirty articles on American literature which have appeared in learned journals. He has also read more than 25 scholarly papers on the subject before academic societies and associations in this country.

Dr. Holman delivered the Piedmont University Center Lectures at eight North Carolina colleges in April and May, 1965.

He is active in academic organizations, having served as president

of the Southern American Language Association of America and the South Atlantic Modern Language Association. He is a recipient of an honorary degree from Presbyterian College.

The Lamar Lecture Series is an annual event at Mercer and is supported by a legacy from the late Mrs. Lamar "to provide lectures of the very highest type of scholarship which will aid in the permanent preservation of the values of Southern culture, history, and literature."

Members of the Lamar Lecture Committee include Dr. Benjamin W. Griffith, Jr. and Dr. Spencer B. King, Jr. Co-Chairmen; Dr. Paul M. Cousins, Mrs. Helen B. Plymale, and Dr. Henry Y. Warnock, all of Mercer; Dean John O. Eidson and Ralph Stephens, Athens; and William C. Turpin and Herbert F. Birdsey, Macon.

'Ah, Wilderness' Set By Mercer Players

Mercer Players and Alpha Psi Omega are presenting Eugene O'Neill's *Ah, Wilderness* in Willingham Chapel this Thursday and Friday, Nov. 11 and 12. Curtain will go up promptly at 8:14 p.m.

In *Ah, Wilderness*, O'Neill has made his nearest approach to a popular drama of laughter. It is a nostalgic portrait of a small town family, an uncomplicated comedy of adolescence. Richard (Bill Dayton) is a 16-year-old boy plagued with the problems of shifting attitudes toward the world and society in a Victorian period.

His mother (Beverly Williams) and his aunt (Lucy Holloway) cannot seem to understand his liberal attitude toward life. However, his father (Bill Osteen) and uncle (Steve Below) take a more lenient view toward his actions, for they realize that Richard is experiencing only the common problems of maturing.



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Richard's girl friend Muriel (Kathy Snow) reforms him after his adventure with a "woman of ill repute" (Andy Kinbar), one that is short-lived due to the meddling of the bartender (Don Hawkins) and a traveling salesman (Roland Knight).

One of the most delightful characters in the play is Richard's younger sister, played by Susan Kinbar, aged twelve. His other sister (Dean Goad) and Richard's older brother (Arthur Browning), who is a football player at Yale, round out the Miller family. Wint (John Johnson), another Yale man, is responsible for "leading Richard astray". Muriel's domineering father (Curtiss Epps) and the Miller's bumbling maid, Heather Dailey are the other cast members.

Due to the period in which the play occurs, around 1906, the set is elaborate and very detailed. Prop crews have been working to find items such as love seats, dif-

fany lampshades, and costumes correct to the time. Much planning has gone into the detailed construction necessary to the home and bar scenes. The third is a beach scene, capturing a mood of softness and serenity. The set was designed by Mr. William Layne, the director.

Assisting Mr. Layne in directing *Ah, Wilderness*, is Careen Hart, who is also stage manager. Technical director responsible for set construction is Steve Below. Alfred Muller is assistant technical director and Peggy Malott is lighting chairman. Properties chairman is Evelyn Merk, with Curtiss Epps acting as sound chairman.

Singing Groups Are Featured

The Wesleyan Washboard Band and the Mercer "Bearettes" entertained at the convocation of Nov. 1-2.

The Wesleyan Washboard Band is a tradition at Wesleyan with students annually auditioning. This year's band is composed of Judy Floyd, Helen Neal, Bebe Ferrell, Sally Powell, Loy Johnson and Melody Wilson. The instruments that make up the band are guitars, drums, spoons, a washtub, and, of course, a washboard.

The girls travel to various areas of the state to play. A few years ago the Wesleyan group went to Chicago for the National Folk Singing Contest. This week the band will play here in Macon for the State Police Convention.



Dianne Wilder, Pearlie Mathews and Samaria Mitcham entertain with pop vocal selections both as a group and as soloists at convocation.

The Mercer "Bearettes" were discovered by T. D. Wilcox when he heard them singing in the Student Center while they practiced for a church program. He encouraged them to sing more often and asked them to perform at convocation.

The group is composed of Dianne Wilder, Pearlie Mathews, a freshman, and Samaria Mitcham, a freshman who accompanies the group on the piano.

Calendar of Events

- NOV. 11
 - Chapel—Dr. Otto
 - BSU Greater Council: 314 SC, 3:30
 - Bridge lessons, 4:00
 - SNEA Faculty-trustee rm. 7:00
 - French Club 314 SC, 7:00
 - "Ah, Wilderness", 8:14
- NOV. 12
 - Chapel—Dr. Otto
 - Bridge lessons, 4:00
 - "Ah, Wilderness", 8:14
- NOV. 13
 - Faculty-Student Bridge Tournament, 10:00
- NOV. 15
 - Convocation: Dr. Hugh Holman Lamar Lectures, 8:00; Chapel SGA meeting, 314 SC, 9:30
- NOV. 16
 - Convocation: Dr. Hugh Holman Lamar Lectures, 8:00; Chapel
- NOV. 17
 - Ministerial Association, 314 SC

Dr. Harris Honored for Hall of Fame Service

Dr. Rufus Carrollton Harris, was one of five members of the College of Electors to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans honored Oct. 28 for 25 years of service in selecting great Americans for immortalization in the national shrine at New York University.

Honored at a dinner in New York City were Dr. Harris, Dr. Ben M. Cherrington of Denver, Colo.; Marriner S. Eccles of Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. Homer P. Rainey of Boulder, Colo.; and Archibald Rutledge, poet-laureate of South Carolina.

Results of the 1965 Hall of Fame election were announced at the dinner.

The College of Electors to the Hall of Fame is composed of 124 distinguished men and women representing 50 states. Every five years the college selects one to seven figures in American history from hundreds nominated by the public for permanent enshrinement in a 630 foot open-air colonnade at the University Heights campus of New York University.

American citizens who have contributed significantly to the history, culture or development of the nation are eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame after the 25th anniversary of their deaths.

Dr. Harris was professor and dean of law at both Mercer University and Tulane University before beginning a 23-year term of office as president of Tulane.

Gibbs Scholarships Available Now

Two national scholarships for college senior girls are offered for 1966-1967 by the Katharine Gibbs School. These awards were established in 1935 as a memorial to Mrs. Katharine M. Gibbs, founder and first president of the School.

Each scholarship consists of full tuition (\$1,200) for the secretarial training course, plus an additional cash award of \$500, totaling \$1,700. The winners may select any one of the four Gibbs schools for their training — Boston, New York, Montclair, or Providence.

Winners are chosen by the Scholarship Committee on the basis of college academic record, personal and character qualifications, financial need, and potentialities for success in business.

Each college or university may recommend two candidates, and each candidate must have this official endorsement. Students who may be interested in competing for one of these Katharine Gibbs awards may obtain full information from the college bureau.

New Council Inaugurated To Boost Religious Life

The first meeting of the Interfaith Council under the direction of The Rev. Douglas Johnson, Minister of Students, was held Wednesday afternoon in the Religious Activities Center of the Student Center.

Representatives from different religions on campus included Patsy Giesler, Methodist; Art Lappner, Episcopalian; Dr. Ebeby substituting for Danny Campbell, Presbyterian; Dick Hyer, Catholic; Bob Lanier, Lutheran; and Larry Carswell, Baptist. Dr. Otto, chairman of the Committee on Campus Religious Life, was also present.

It was felt that some of the other religions, lacking leadership, should be encouraged to take part in the religious aspects of campus life. The Interfaith Council hopes to fill this lack by developing vital religious life on campus. Also the council will advise Mr. Johnson on some of the religious issues.

Two projects were discussed at the meeting. One was to hold a Thanksgiving Communion Service on Thursday, November 23, at 10:00, in the Student Center room 14. This service will be different

from Chapel in that the students will be responsible for the entire service except the administering of the communion, which will be done by Rev. Johnson. All faiths are invited to join in the spirit of thanksgiving at this service.

The second project is for the Interfaith Council to take over Vespers. This change is not definite and awaits the decision of the B.S.U. Greater Council. The council is hoping that the change will encourage students of all faiths to come to Vespers.

The administration has purchased the Findlay house, adjacent to the Alumni House, as a religious activities building. The council is hoping that the students will be able to help fix and paint the house so that it will really be the students' building. In the building they are planning to have a coffee house. Here the students may find coffee, sweets and conversation. It is hoped that the coffee house will be staffed completely by students.