



Plans Announced For Science Facility

Mercer officials announced today their intention to begin construction next year on the proposed new science facility. The announcement by President Rufus Carrollton Harris three days after the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at Augusta requested the authorities of Mercer to borrow from federal sources the \$500,000 needed for the structure. One million dollars had previously been arranged for financing the proposed structure.

While deploring the vote of the convention which disapproved a loan from the federal government at a five per cent interest rate to be repaid over a long period of years, and directed that such a loan be authorized from non-federal sources, at more than twice such a rate, President Harris stated that the university must have faith that the students of Mercer will be willing to help them bear the increase.

The science facility constitutes a critical need involving the life of Mercer University and we must have faith that adequate financing to remove the extra cost from the backs of the students can be arranged," Dr. Harris said. "Construction must proceed on schedule," he declared.

Plans call for construction to begin in the spring of 1966 on the \$1 1/2 million facility, with completion scheduled by the opening of college in September 1967.

Mercer University had requested approval of the Georgia Baptist Convention to borrow \$500,000 from the federal government under provisions of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 to be repaid at an interest rate of approximately three per cent.

The Convention's Executive Committee had given unanimous approval to the request for a federal loan by Mercer University and passed it on to the annual session of the Georgia Baptist Convention at Augusta this week, which turned it down on the grounds that federal loans violate the principle of church-state separation, despite the fact that the Convention had always previously authorized such loans.

The Convention instead on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1965, authorized Mercer University to borrow only

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Bottom Row: L-R, Carol Ann Holcomb, Willis Holcomb, Linda Sue Sisco, Betty Jo Freeman, Anne Bracewell. Second Row: L-R, George Kitchens, Bob Hershner, Liz Potter, Mary Sue Thompson, Betty Glenn. Top Row: L-R, DeLores Williams, Donna Barrett, Roger Nunn, Billy Hayes, Ed Stone, Lyn Wheeler.

Mercer Who's Who Chosen

Seventeen Mercer Seniors have been named to represent Mercer in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The selection was based on the scholarship of the students and their leadership in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Nominations were made and the nominees were screened by a committee headed by Helen Glenn, Dean of Women.

Members of this committee are Dr. May F. McMillan, associate professor of psychology; Dr. Henry Warnock, associate professor of history; Franklin W. James, professor of chemistry; and Joseph M. Hendricks, Dean of Men.

The students who received this honor are: Donna Barrett, Anne Bracewell, Betty Jo Freeman, Betty Glenn, Billy Hayes, Bob Hershner, Willis Holbrook, Carol Ann Holcomb, George G. Kitchens, Roger E. Nunn, Elizabeth Potter, Linda Sue Sisco, Edward C. Stone, Fred Thompson, Mary Sue Thompson, Lyn Wheeler and DeLores Williams.

Donna Barrett is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta in which she has held the offices of Publicity Chairman and House Chairman. She has been Secretary of Eta Theta, a business fraternity; President of Phi Beta Lambda; a member of Mercer players, the German Club, Psychology Club, and Sigma Tau Gamma.

Anne Bracewell is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and has held the offices of Corresponding Secretary, Membership Chairman, and Second Vice-President. She has been a member of the Ciceronian Society; Chairman of the Christian Fellowship Service; Corresponding Secretary for Kappa Delta Epsilon; a member of Beta Beta Beta, the French Club, and Sigma Tau Gamma; Social Chairman of WSGA; Publicity Chairman for YWCA; and a member of Cardinal Key.

Betty Jo Freeman has been a member of WYA, BSU, the Cluster staff, Sigma Mu, KDE, the Psychology Club; Sigma Tau Gamma, and the Cardinal Key; Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Debate Club; Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President of Tau Kappa Alpha; Program Chairman for the French Club.

Betty Glenn is a member of the Chi Omega sorority and has held the office of Treasurer. She has been Treasurer for Eta Sigma Iota; Historian for Cardinal Key, Chairman for CRT; General President of YWA; on the executive council of BSU; and a member of SNEA, the Wesley Foundation, Kappa Delta Epsilon, WAA.

Billy Hayes is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and held the office of Treasurer. He had been Corresponding Secretary, Athletic Chair, and President of the Ministerial Association. Billy has also been a member of BSU, the Honor Council, and the Psychology Club.

Bob Hershner has held the office of President of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He has been a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the Cluster, and Blue Key; the Vice President of his Junior classes; President of the Interfraternity Council; Co-Chairman for the Homecoming Committee; and Vice President of the student government.

Willisia Holbrook is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and has held the office of Treasurer. She has been on the BSU Freshman Council; the Vice President of YWA; Second Vice President of WSGA; Vice President for the Ciceronian Society; Vice President of Cardinal Key; Recording Secretary for Kappa Delta Epsilon; and a member of WAA, SNEA, and Sigma Tau Gamma. She also received the Montague Award as a freshman.

Carol Ann Holcomb is a member of the Mercer Independent Coed Association and has held the office of Sports Chairman. She has been a member of the Executive Council, a participant in Summer Missions, SNEA, Beta Beta Beta, Kappa Delta Epsilon, WAA; a member of the BSU Freshman Council; Program Chairman for the YWA; Fire Marshall for WSGA; Historian for BSU; and President for the Cardinal Key. Carol Ann also received the All-Star Award for WAA.

George Kitchens belongs to Kappa Sigma and has held the office of Treasurer. He has been a member of Alpha Psi Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, the Choir, Beta Beta Beta, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Sigma Mu.

Roger Nunn is the President of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He has been Vice President of Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Beta Beta, Blue Key, and the Vice President of his senior class. He also received the Adolphus Award as a freshman for the outstanding fraternity pledge.

Elizabeth Potter is President of Chi Omega sorority. She has been Secretary-Treasurer of her Freshman class, Secretary-Treasurer of her Sophomore class, and Secretary-Treasurer of her Junior class. Liz has also been an ROTC sponsor; Secretary of the Student Government Association; and a member of the French Club, WAA, and the Cardinal Key.

Linda Sue Sisco is a member of Alpha Delta Pi and has held the office of Recording Secretary. She has been Treasurer for SNEA; Treasurer for the Wesley Foundation; Corresponding Secretary for the American Guild of Organists; President of SNEA; and a member of the Choir, WSGA Council, the Ciceronian Society, Eta Sigma Iota, and the Cardinal Key.

Edward Stone is a member of the Mercer Independent Men's Association and has held the office of President, Athletic Chairman, Song Leader, and Sergeant at Arms. He has been the Chairman for the Vesper Committee of BSU, and a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Fred Thompson is past Treasurer of the Mercer Independent Men's Association. He received a military honor as a senior; he belongs to Beta Beta Beta, Scabhard and Blade Honor Society, Fred also received a U. S. Army medal.

Mary Sue Thompson is President of Phi Mu. She has been Secretary of SNEA; Clerk of the Honor Council; Secretary of her senior class; and a member of the Debate Club, the Panhellenic Council, and the Cardinal Key.

Lyn Wheeler is a member of Chi Omega sorority and is Campus Sing Director. She has been a member of the choir, WAA, SNEA, and the "Oklahoma" cast. She has also been the Secretary-Treasurer for the Ciceronian Society and President of the Wesley Foundation.

DeLores Williams has held the offices of Secretary, Vice President, and State Enlistment Chairman of BSU. She has also been on the BSU Council. DeLores has been a member of the Summer Missions, REA, Choir, SNEA, and Cardinal Key.

MERCER RALLY BACKS U. S. VIETNAM POLICY

On Saturday Nov. 20, several hundred Mercer students assembled in the library parking lot to participate in a Kappa Alpha sponsored demonstration backing the stand of the United States in Viet Nam.

After a speech by James C. Powers, past national commander of the American Legion, students signed a petition circulated by the Wesleyan chapter of the Young Americans For Freedom.

Powers said that persons protesting American policy in Vietnam and elsewhere are "guilty of treason" and destroying the very freedom they are talking about. He not only felt that their actions have a demoralizing effect on our soldiers but that they also have had a part in the death of Americanism in Southeast Asia.

Students displayed their support through placards and patriotic music. The placards included such phrases as "Only in America" and "We won't Shirk Our Duty". A band played "America" and the Star-spangled Banner. Conducting the rally was the majority of the petition. Due to the free of student interest it was circulated on December 3 and sent to Viet Nam.

The following is the text of that statement of the American Student Position on Nam and Communism:

Young Americans—students—solemnly and in all sincerity declare:

Since it is contrary to our traditions that an unattractive and radical leftist be permitted, without dispute, to speak through our communications media as if representing students as a whole, we feel it our duty as a responsible



Demonstrators at Rally

majority to express what we consider the firm convictions of the majority of students on the following vital issues confronting our nation today:

1. We believe that it is the sovereign right of any people to determine by free and honorable means the form of government under which they wish to live.
2. We believe that the people of Viet Nam, having so chosen, and having requested the aid of the United States of America to resist a tyrannical aggressor, should be given all possible aid by United States forces to bring this conflict to a victorious conclusion for the forces of Freedom.
3. We believe that our forces overseas in Viet Nam and wherever similar Communist aggressions have occurred and may occur should be given our fullest support psychologically, morally and militarily.
4. We believe that common sense and practicality dictate that violent communist aggression is best faced and overcome now on foreign soil and that the American soldier in Viet Nam and elsewhere abroad is in reality defending his own nation, state, home, and family.

THE TORCH OF FREEDOM IS OURS. LET US TAKE IT UP AND HOLD IT HIGH.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
DEC 9	Dr. Otto
DEC 10	Dr. Otto
DEC 11	Dr. Otto
DEC 12	9:00 2nd period
DEC 13	9:00 4th period
DEC 14	9:00 5th period
DEC 15	9:00 3rd period
DEC 16	9:00 6th period