

Mercer Begins Construction Of \$1.5 Million Science Unit

Mercer has at last broken ground for its new science building and signed a \$1,510,000 (M) contract with Torch Construction Co. of Macon for construction of the building.

William T. Haywood, vice president for business and finance, said this amount is the base construction cost of the building, and that the final cost will be approximately \$1.7-million.

He added that the construction, which was begun during Mercer's Christmas holidays, is scheduled for completion early in 1968.

The awarding of the construction contract came only a few days after a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mercer University to consider matters incident to the construction and financing of the proposed building.

The trustees at the meeting Dec. 15-16, 1966, unanimously agreed to proceed promptly with construction of the building and partially finance construction with funds obtained through a commercial loan.

This action came after the Georgia Baptist Convention, meeting in November, voted down a proposal that Baptist institutions be allowed to seek federal loans at low, long-term interest rates. Mercer

was seeking Convention approval to borrow \$500,000 of public funds.

The remainder of the financing will come from gifts and funds appropriated to Mercer through the Capital Gifts Program of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Mercer trustees last April announced the acceptance of gifts totaling \$400,000 from Lawrence Willet of Atlanta and his cousin, Mrs. Horton Watkins of St. Louis, Mo., for construction of the science facilities. Other friends of Mercer have contributed \$100,000.

The proposed building will be named the Hugh M. Willet Science Building in memory of Mr. Willet's father, who was a member of the Board of Trustees of Mercer University for more than 20 years and chairman of the Board for several years.

The four-story structure will be built on the west side of the campus facing College St. and will house the departments of chemistry, biology and physics. It will be a brick structure with stone trim, and will contain approximately 70,000 square feet of floor space on the four levels, including a lecture auditorium on the lower floor.

The Macon firm of Hall, Ferguson and Berg is architect for the science building.

COUNSELORS MEET ON CAMPUS TODAY

The Out-of-State Counselor's meeting being held on campus Friday will have thirty special hosts, in addition to the Admissions Department. Director of Admissions, John T. Mitchell announced recently that thirty students will be special host to approximately 35 high school counselors from Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia.

The Admissions Department is sponsoring all expenses of the counselors who might not otherwise be acquainted with the campus. In addition to a campus tour, the meeting will include talks by several professors on the academic life at Mercer. The luncheon this afternoon will give the counselors full opportunity to learn about campus life, through frank discussion with the 30 students, a random cross-section of the student body.

Similar counselor's meetings have been held at Emory University and Georgia Tech, but this is the first such meeting at Mercer. If it proves to be successful, Mr. Mitchell intends to make it an annual practice.



While students crammed for final exams and prepared for the holiday, Mercer broke ground for the new Science Building and signed a \$1,510,000 (M) with Torch Construction Co., Macon, for the construction of the building. Participating in the brief groundbreaking ceremony were (l. to r.) Harry Torch; T. P. Haines, chairman of the Department of Biology; Neil J. Hill, superintendent of buildings and grounds; William T. Haywood, vice president for business and finance; Frank Hall, architect; Frank W. James, chairman of the Department of Chemistry; and Isadore Torch.

24 MERCERIANS NOMINATED As "WHO'S WHO CANDIDATES"

Twenty-four Mercer University students have been elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for the 1966-67 edition.

The announcement was made by Walter F. George School of Law; and Ted R. Walker, a senior in the Southern School of Pharmacy.

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Twenty-one students in the College of Liberal Arts named to the list include Stiles Allen, Jacob Beil, Joan Bougher, E. Jay Brewster, R. Everett Coker, Harry N. Davis, Linda Davis, Diana Denton, Jean Harrison, Julia Hickson, Catherine Jarrett, S. Davis Laney, Marilyn Maag, Beatrice Middleton, Steve E. Moody, Tina Simmons, Pamela Smith, Mary Teel, Faye Tyson, Sandra Underwood, and Charles L. Wilkinson, III.

Also named to the list were James E. Peugh and Joel C. Wil-

Calendar of Events

- FRIDAY, January 13
 - 3:00 p.m. RIFLE TEAM MATCH, Mercer vs. Furman University, Greenville, S. C.
- SATURDAY, January 14
 - 9:00 a.m. RIFLE TEAM MATCH, Mercer vs. Georgia Tech and East Tennessee State University. (Georgia Tech, Atlanta)
 - 8:00 p.m. BASKETBALL. Mercer host to Wilmington College. (Porter Gymnasium)
- SUNDAY, January 15
 - 3:30 p.m. HISTORICAL PIANO SERIES. Miss Ruth Anne Rich, Artist-in-residence, pianist, (Chapel)
- MONDAY, January 16
 - 10:00 a.m. Conv. Miss Ruth Anne Rich
 - 8:00 p.m. Newman Club Party, Green Shutter
- TUESDAY, January 17
 - 10:00 a.m. Conv. Miss Ruth Anne Rich
- WEDNESDAY, January 18
 - 10:00 a.m. IFC, Student Center Election, Cluster Editor
- THURSDAY, January 19
 - 10:00 a.m. Chapel. Dr. Edwin Johnston
- FRIDAY, January 20
 - 10:00 a.m. Chapel. Dr. Edwin Johnston
 - 7:30 p.m. Movie, 315 CSC. Americanization of Emily
- SATURDAY, January 21
 - 10:00 a.m. Conv. Honor System. Dr. Clare Furst
- SUNDAY, January 22
 - 10:00 a.m. Conv. Honor System. Dr. Clare Furst
- MONDAY, January 23
 - 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Executive Sect. Baptist World Alliance.
- TUESDAY, January 24
 - 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Executive Sect. Baptist World Alliance.
- WEDNESDAY, January 25
 - 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Executive Sect. Baptist World Alliance.
- THURSDAY, January 26
 - 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Executive Sect. Baptist World Alliance.
- FRIDAY, January 27
 - 10:00 a.m. DANCE at Warner Robbins Officers Club

"Welcome Weekend" Woos Winter With Winter's Jazz

Students returning to Mercer from the Christmas holidays were greeted by a series of events and activities coordinated into the University's first annual (hopefully) "Welcome Back Weekend", the joint project of the Student Government Association and the office of the Student Union.

Getting things off to a swinging start on Friday night was the Paul Winter Jazz Ensemble presented in concert in Willingham Chapel. The Ensemble, which has performed at the White House and the United Nations, is composed of saxophone, classical guitar, flute, bass and drums. They have played 160 concerts in 61 cities, conducting seminars in every major university. In 1962 it toured Latin America for the State Department.

Winter's music might be called "contemporary chamber music" because of the highly organized ensemble nature of its arrangements, yet it still has the rhythmic excitement and improvisation of the best jazz. Friday night's concert included selections featuring each of its members and instruments in solo or in combination, including one number performed by stroking




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3 Announce in Campaign for Cluster Editorship

Due to the resignation of former Cluster editor Thomas Lang, a special SGA election will be held next Wednesday. The new editor will remain in office until annual SGA elections in the Spring.

The Publications Committee met with the candidates last Friday to review election qualifications. The qualifications of each candidate — Bobby Phillips and Sue Walker, are as follows:



NANCY BARRETT

Being a junior and having worked on "The Cluster" in various positions for over two years now, I

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Cast Selected for "Great God Brown"

According to William Layne, director of Mercer's dramatic productions, the cast has been chosen and rehearsals begun for Eugene O'Neill's *Great God Brown*, the Mercer Speech and Drama Department's current production, to be presented on February 9 and 10.

The title role of William Brown is being played by Jim McCallum, a senior who had the male lead in last spring quarter's musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*. Mrs. Brown is portrayed by Beverly Williams, another senior. Beverly had the title role in *Medea* last year. Co-starring are Tommy Michael and Vicky Graves, as Dion Anthony and Cybel. Vicky received Mercer's trophy as Best Actress for 1966, and Tommy is a freshman, and will be appearing for the first time on the Mercer stage.

The supporting cast includes Jimmy Newsome and Sandy Harrison, as Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, and Robert Markwith and Diana Denton, as Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Sr. The Brown's three sons are played by Hugh Dukes, Bill DeCamara and Don VanBuskirk. Several of the supporting cast will be taking double roles.

Great God Brown is definitely one of O'Neill's best plays, and will appeal to any student who enjoys symbolism. Each main character has two entirely different personalities, one which he presents to the world, and one which remains hidden except to his most intimate acquaintances. To facilitate audience perception, one of the personalities is represented by a mask, which is worn when the character faces the outside world, and which he removes when alone.

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