



The David Bingham Duncan Memorial Lounge was dedicated February 4 in ceremonies in the Connell Student Center. Dr. Garland F. Taylor, above, gave the dedicatory reflection. Students are requested to play their part in the maintenance of the lounge.

Chapel

You Said It!

by
Peter Pervez

QUESTION — Do you plan to attend chapel this quarter, since it is not compulsory any more? Elaborate.

Gail Kline — Only if it's something worthwhile to hear, which is very seldom.

Linda Humphrey — Well, since I didn't attend chapel last quarter, until there is something really spectacular.

Ann Cooper — I'll go if there's somebody good talking and if I'm not too sleepy.

Veronika Nagode — Yes, if I find that the speaker is in-

teresting or would be talking about something that I'm interested in.

James Lewis — Yes, but I can't say that I will consecutively. As it is not being compulsory, it stimulates the interest of some students, because it is deviating from the way it was last quarter. However, there may be some students who would not be interested at all.

Karl Kronquist — It depends entirely upon the pro-

gramme set forth, whether, or not attendance is worthwhile.

Christine Hood — Yes, if they have a good programme. Like the Insight programmes were well worth attending, because they were concerning problems facing our generation, problems that will be up to us to find solutions to. If they have speakers whom I feel will broaden my views and will help me to be a better person.

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Even greater, I feel that a cadet has a deeper concern for democracy and the free world nations.

In conclusion I would like to add that R.O.T.C. builds character in a man. The R.O.T.C. cadet is one who is able to make friends with just about anyone. Others know that the cadet has been in the position to lead others; therefore, they are more likely to offer their friendship to him. These last two points can not be illustrated better than by Mercer's military staff headed by Colonel Jones.

I hope that more students will get to know the R.O.T.C. program better. The individual, instead of listening to these rag tag "experts", should be willing to try the program for themselves. I personally feel that R.O.T.C. has helped me and I feel that it can help others who are really interested in improving themselves. Besides, our present-day world can certainly use more leadership and character. The college R.O.T.C. program is one way of providing this needed leadership and character.

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We quote the following from Dr. Spright Dowell's *A History of Mercer University*.

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bound and enlarged edition in 1815 and again in 1816. In 1817, while attending the Triennial Convention in Philadelphia, he published a revised edition. The use was widespread, and other editions followed in 1820 and 1835. By 1829, thirty-three thousand copies had been distributed in Philadelphia alone. The 1835 edition was the fifth to be copyrighted. Thomas, Cowperthwaite, and Company published it in Philadelphia and Collins and Brother in New York. Two copies of this edition are deposited in the Mercer Library.

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