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DEAN ARRANGES FOR COMMERCE SUBJECTS HERE DURING SUMMER

Students Working for B. S. C. Degree Will be Offered Courses

DR. GREENE COMES HERE

Wesleyan Dean Will Teach Three Courses in English This Summer

Commercial subjects will be taught at Summer school this year for the first time since that branch of the university was organized. Dean C. H. Wray will give courses in the teaching of commerce and other commercial subjects. Studies leading to the B. S. C. degree will be offered.

Dr. Walter Kirkland Greene, dean of Wesleyan college, will teach three courses in English at Summer school. It was announced by Dean Peyton Jacob, director of the school, Dr. Greene is professor elect of English at Duke university.

Was Popular Here

Last summer Dr. Greene was one of the most popular teachers at Mercer, it is said. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Harvard, an A.M. from Vanderbilt and an A.B. from Wofford college.

Dates for Summer school have been set for June 12 to August 21. There will be two terms, the first one ending on July 17. A large enrollment is expected this summer. Registration has increased every year since the Mercer Summer school was inaugurated.

Many members of the regular university faculty will teach, and in addition there will be a large number of guest professors. Courses in basketball coaching were given last summer by J. H. Jenkins, coach of the famous Vienna "Wonder Five," and proved such a success that they are to be continued this year.

Are Prominent Educators

Several prominent educators have been secured to teach education. K. T. Alfred, of Macon, who is secretary of the Georgia Education association, will give courses in education. Sallie McEugan, of the State Department of Education, of Georgia, will teach tests and measurements. She is a specialist in that subject.

Virginia Washington Smith, B.S., A.M., who is on the faculty of West Tennessee State Teachers' College, will teach childhood education. She has done experimental work along this line in New York City.

Erma Nala Voss, who is supervisor of music in the Wichita Falls, Texas, public schools, has been secured to give courses in public school music. She will teach music for elementary and secondary schools, including glee club direction. Miss Voss is president of the State Federation of Music clubs, of Texas.

Others Are Named

Other guest teachers include: George P. Whalley, professor of Physics at Bessie Tift college; J. L. Yoden, Superintendent of Moultrie public schools; J. I. Allman, superintendent of Dalton public schools; J. T. Welch, superintendent of schools, Wynne, Arkansas; Cora McFarland, instructor in Dallas, Texas, public schools; Milton R. Little, superintendent of Jefferson county public schools; and Ethel Adams, principal of the Moultrie High school.

Some twenty-five guest professors already have been secured, and Dean Jacob is negotiating with still others.

PLAYERS TO OFFER 13TH CHAIR TONIGHT

The Mercer Players, known throughout the South as "The South's Foremost Impersonators," will make their only Macon appearance to-night at 8:20 in the Wesleyan auditorium. The actors are presenting a three-act mystery play this season entitled "The Thirteenth Chair." The plot is based on a murder and its solution by means of a spiritual medium. The performance at Wesleyan is an annual event. It is expected that a large number of Mercer men will attend besides the Wesleyan student body and Macon people.

Five of the Players that have been on the cast for the past few years will make their final appearance to a Macon audience to-night.

MERCER CHANGES REQUIRED STUDIES

New Bachelor's Degree Will Be Offered Next Session, Dean States

JOURNALISM IS DROPPED

Several changes will be made in the curriculum of Mercer university beginning with next school year, according to an announcement made by Peyton Jacob, dean of the Arts and Science school.

Students who have completed two one-half units of mathematics beyond plane geometry in high school will not be required to take the usual course in mathematics that is now required for graduation at the institution. According to Dean Jacob this section will contain approximately one-third of the students entering Mercer from taking any mathematics for a degree.

Dr. F. J. Holder is now head of the mathematics department. Professor R. B. Plymale, teacher of mathematics, has resigned to accept the head of that department at Bessie Tift college, and it has not yet been decided whether a successor will be elected.

Language Requirement Firm

The rule regarding foreign language requirements for entrance to Mercer will be firmly enforced. It has been the rule that high school graduates must have at least two years of some foreign language before they could enter Mercer, but students with that deficiency were allowed to enter the university and make up the two years at Mercer. This will no longer be allowed, and students must have the two years or they will not be permitted to enter. Students offering four years of high school foreign language will not be required to take any language at Mercer in work towards the B. A. in Education degree that will be offered from now on.

This is the first time that Mercer has offered this degree. It differs from the standard Bachelor of Arts degree in that it will substitute a course in educational statistics for mathematics. It will also require two majors instead of one major and one minor. The two majors will be in the subject that the candidate intends to teach and in education. (Continued on Page 6)

MINISTERS HEAR REV. LEEK SPEAK

Rev. Charles F. Leek, publicity secretary of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary addressed the members of the Ministerial Association at their regular meeting Tuesday. Rev. Leek spoke in interest of the Southern Baptist Seminary and made his lecture more effective by stereoptical illustrations. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alexander offered several vocal numbers.

PRICE, AUBURN OFFICER, MAY BE BUSINESS HEAD HERE, CHANGES INDICATE

GILBERT ELECTED PRESIDENTS' HEAD

Campus Leaders Condemn Recent Editorial Appearing in The Christian Index

Aqueduct Gilbert, of Brunswick, was elected president of the Presidents' Club at a meeting Monday night. He has been chosen as its head since the third ballot.

Those who voted on the first ballot were Gilbert, John Ellis and William Carter. Those on the second ballot were Gilbert, Cary and Barnum Hawkes. As no one received a majority, another ballot was required, having Gilbert and Cary as the leaders. Gilbert is president of the News-Courier Club.

Hawkes Vice-President

Barnum Hawkes, of Macon, president of the Y. M. C. A., was elected vice-president of the club. Eugene Elliot, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., president of the Ministerial Association, was chosen secretary and treasurer. These officers are to serve for the spring term. The retiring officials of the club are: President, Frank Jordan; vice-president, and Gerald, full of secretary and treasurer.

Discussion on the editorial entitled "Why Go to College?" in the Christian Index of March 22 was held after the election of new leaders. It was denied that the students in the car on the night of the mishap were intoxicated, but that the driver was trying to knock cigarette ashes from his pants when the wreck occurred. It was further asserted that Leo Harris, who was seriously injured, was one of the group leaders in the First Baptist B. Y. P. U., and that he was well thought of by the club.

Resolution Adopted

A resolution was adopted that "the Presidents' Club of Mercer university go on record as heartily condemning the editorial as being unfair to the Mercer student body as a whole, and that a letter telling of the attitude of the Club be written to Louie Newton, editor of the Index."

A suggestion was given to the club by June Ellis, retiring president and editor of the Cluster, that expressions from the students concerning changes in the university be sent to the college paper as signed letters. The purpose of this is to obtain student opinion on matters pertaining to the school and its welfare.

Debate Open Politics

At the next meeting of the Presidents' Club, April 2, a debate on whether open politics for campus offices and Master Mercereians should be inaugurated will be held. In favor of open politics will be Tom Cobb and John Gilbert, while Barnum Hawkes and Frank Jordan will support the negative side of the question.

All members of the club are urged to be present at the next meeting, and those who were president of various organizations during the last term are advised that they will be expected to attend, as their membership in the club has not expired.

Trustees Fail to Re-Elect Ragsdale and Garrett to New Administration

That S. J. Price, administrative officer at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., will be the next business manager of Mercer is the belief of the majority of persons connected with the affairs of the university here, it was learned this week. Though no official announcement has been made regarding the successor to S. W. Garrett, it is thought by trustees and others closely acquainted with Dr. Spright Dowell's plans, that the new president will bring his assistant from Auburn.

MERCER TO MEET BULLDOGS TODAY

Fourteen Bears Invade Athens for First College Title of Season

CLEMSON TO BE PLAYED

Mercer's 1928 baseball team will receive its first test of the season this afternoon in Athens, meeting the University of Georgia Bulldogs in the first of a two-game series. Another contest is slated for Saturday afternoon.

Before leaving for the scene of the contest, Coach E. P. Mosley announced that a game has been arranged with Joey Cody's Clemson Tigers for April 6. This contest will open the home baseball season. Georgia will play a return game here, April 7.

Carries 14 Players

Coach Mosley carried fourteen players with him to Athens. Those who made the trip include: Jack Walker and "Sis" Salter, first basemen; Walter Betts, second baseman; Darby Cannon, short stop; "Butch" Hammack, third baseman; "Phoney" Smith, Lynnwood Mallard, and Turley Watlick, outfielders; Doyle Barnes and Bill Alderman, catchers; Butch Loser, Clarence Stovall, and Edison Goble, pitchers.

The starting pitcher for today's game was not announced by the Mercer coach before leaving for Athens.

The Mercer squad will return Sunday morning and Monday will begin the week with a hard workout in preparation for the Clemson and Georgia games.

G. S. C. W. TO HEAR GLEEMEN APRIL 7

Trip to Cuba Planned by Glee Club at End of Spring Term

The next performance of the Mercer Glee and Instrumental Club will be given at G. S. C. W. in Milledgeville, Saturday afternoon, April 7, according to an announcement by Logan Bloodworth, student business manager of the club.

Show at Auditorium

On the night following the afternoon performance at the girls' school, the Glee Club will appear at the Milledgeville city auditorium.

If present plans materialize, according to present plans, the club will make a trip to Cuba immediately following the close of the spring term examinations. On this tour, practically all the larger cities of Florida will be visited.

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Mr. Price, accompanied by a Mr. Pierce, visited the campus recently and made a close study of conditions here. Though it was surmised that they started at the time that their work was for the purpose of acquainting themselves with local conditions since one of them might remain as Dr. Dowell's aid. A trustee of the university intimated this week that he believed it would be Mr. Price who would return here as business manager.

Same Procedure

Mr. Price is now an accountant in the technological school at Auburn and is classed as one of the administrative forces in the institution. It was pointed out that when Dr. Rufus Weaver assumed the presidency of Mercer, he brought with him certain assistants with whom he had been associated and it is expected that Dr. Dowell will follow this same procedure by naming Mr. Price business manager.

The resignation of executive power to Dr. Spright Dowell, president-elect of Mercer university, and action in accordance with the recommendations made by the recent survey committee, brought about radical changes in the administration and policy of the university by the board of trustees which met on the college campus last Friday.

Dr. Ragsdale Cut

The business department of the university will be entirely reorganized, it was stated last night by trustees, both with regard to personnel in office and the duties of the officers.

Dr. T. J. Ragsdale, who has served on the faculty of the university since 1897 and as treasurer since 1918, was not re-elected by the trustees. Neither was S. W. Garrett, business manager for the past year, who is expected to be that position. The board also elected Dr. Ragsdale and Mr. Garrett, but their names will not be announced until they accept, according to Dr. Dowell.

Professor Peyton Jacob, who has been serving as dean of the school of liberal arts since 1925, was made dean of the school of education. A new dean of the arts school will be employed at a later date, it was announced.

Miss Virginia Garner, of the liberal arts faculty at Mercer and Wesleyan, was not re-elected, the party in the fact that Wesleyan would be considerably removed from the city next year, and in the determination to live within the budget. Professor C. E. Rodgers, of the theological school, was not re-elected.

The resignation of Professor R. B. Plymale, of the mathematics department, was accepted by the board. Professor Plymale leaves Mercer to become head of the mathematics department at Bessie Tift college.

Dr. A. H. Newman, professor of church history at Mercer, was not re-elected to that position. The fact that he was not chosen to teach church history does not mean that he will not be retained on the faculty of the university, it was stated. The necessity for reducing expenses will prevent the

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