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## SIXTY-ONE STUDENTS APPLY FOR DEGREES

### PASS IN REVIEW

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This, the last issue of the Cluster for this school year brings to a close our career as a collegiate columnist. In a few days we will receive our degree, but before we receive that degree we must first listen to long orations as is customary at all Commencement exercises. Where this custom came from we are unable to say, but the good that is accomplished by Commencement speeches can easily be ascertained. All that has to be done is to ask some member of a previous graduating class the effect such speeches have had on his success or failure.

You will find that the graduates are unable to point out such benefits, furthermore you will find that the majority of them have forgotten the subject of the address. So why not do away with long and useless speeches at all Commencement exercises?

—MC—

Tuesday night we had the pleasure of seeing the first play to be put on by the Mercer Dramatic club in the newly renovated chapel building. Dr. Stout cannot receive too much praise for the work that he has accomplished for the advancement of dramatics at Mercer.

Under his able direction the Mercer chapel rostrum has been remodeled into a very modern stage suitable for the production of collegiate dramatic offerings. Also due to his efforts the Mercer Players have taken on new life and this year presented the "Torch-Bearers." This play showed the results of much work both by the members of the cast and their director, Dr. Stout. The fact that Will Rogers has chosen this play to be used as the basis for the next picture that he will make clearly shows the high regard that worthiness of it. Despite all these facts there were less than two hundred people present to witness the only performance of this play. There is no good excuse why there were not many more persons present. It seems to us that the University authorities should add a small fee to our student activities fee to be used to furnish the students with tickets to all the dramatic presentations.

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### CO-ED LEADER



MISS MARYLE McCLELLAN

Miss Maryle McClellan, daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. A. McClellan, was elected president of the Mercer Women's student body, at a meeting of university undergraduate women Wednesday morning. She succeeds Miss Marion Wilcox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George M. Wilcox, local Presbyterian pastor.

Other co-eds named to office in the group were Dona Nicholas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nicholas, Hemlock street, vice president; Miss Helen Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glenn, Belvedere drive, secretary-treasurer.

Miss McClellan is a member of the Alpha Kappa social sorority, and was voted prettiest girl in the annual Who's Who campus election a short while ago. She will be a senior in the arts college next year.

Miss Nicholas is president of the Theta Sigma Beta social sorority, a member and a contributor to campus publications.

Miss Glenn, sophomore in the arts college, has been prominent in co-ed athletics, winning a letter in basketball. She is a member of Alpha Kappa social sorority.

Approximately 5,000 frogs are used annually for laboratory work at Ohio State University (Columbus). And they cost 15 cents each.

### Mercer Players Draw Applause For Fine Work

The Mercer Players did so well in satirizing amateur dramatics in their newly-constructed Little Theatre in the university chapel last Tuesday night, that your reviewer was tempted to place tongue in cheek and do a takeoff on amateur play criticism.

But the audience, estimated at 400, giggled, laughed and frankly holloed from the first scene until the final curtain, and went away satisfied. Realizing his limitations as a critic, this reviewer will resist the urge to attempt to be funny at the expense of the aforesaid Mercer Players, and simply tell what happened.

The three-act satire turned out to be a play within a play, with a Little Theatre group carrying the torch of dramatic art gloriously forward, to provide The Torch-Bearers as a title for the production.

They had Bob Crandall, Fort Valley, as the husband of Mrs. Frederick Ritter, played by Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Chapanoke, N. C., artfully persuading his stage-struck wife that her home was after all more important than a New York Career.

Arrayed against him was Catherine Thompson, Macon, and Roslyn Collins, as Mrs. J. Duro Pampinelli and Mrs. Nelly Fell, respectively, pleaded in vain that she go forward to bigger successes on the New York stage.

The first and last acts were drawing room affairs, but the second act took the audience backstage during a performance of The Torch.

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### Profs Will Strut Academic Clothes

#### What Mercer's Well-Dressed Faculty Will Wear at June Commencement

According to the rules of academic heraldry, all doctors wear a black gown with open front and bell-shaped sleeves. The front is faced with velvet, and on each sleeve are three bars of velvet, usually of black velvet but sometimes the color of the hood trimming.

Masters wear a black gown with long closed sleeves and squared ends falling well below the knees. There is a slit for the arms near the elbow.

Bachelors wear a black worsted gown with long pointed sleeves.

Tassels on the mortarboard caps are gold for doctors, black usually for other faculty members, and of symbolic color for members of the graduating class.

The hoods, of different sizes for the various degrees, are lined with the color or colors of the institution granting the degree and faced with a color to represent arbitrarily the wearer's major field of work, such as purple for law, green for medicine, and white for arts and letters.

President Spright Dowell will wear a hood of purple to represent his LL. D., lined with the Oxford crimson and white chevron of the University of Alabama.

Dr. Robert E. Anthony will wear white for his arts and letters, with the royal blue and maroon of Peabody.

Professor Wm. Joseph Bradley will wear a hood lined with the

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DR. KERR BOYCE TUPPER

### SAMPSON'S FALL BLAMED ON SIN

#### 'Fall of the Great Giants' Blamed on Sinful Living

The fall of the great giants was the theme of an inspirational talk by Rev. L. H. Wright, pastor of the Tatnall Square Baptist Church, before students of Mercer at the university chapel hour Wednesday.

He told of the betrayal of Sampson into the hands of his enemies, and how he at last brought about their death by pulling down a huge theater on their heads.

"The fall of that great giant was caused by his lapses into sin," Dr. Wright declared. "Sin brought him low, but a penitent heart brought strength from God to pull down the temple on his enemies."

In the course of his talk he referred to modern giants; Dempsey, Tunney, Stribling, Babe Ruth.

"I didn't admire Dempsey as a man, but as I sat listening to the blow by blow account of his last fight I admired him as a great fighter. Easy living had done its work and pulled him down."

"Stribling and Tunney were examples of clean living in athletics. Their influence in the world of sport has been good. Babe Ruth was another who, when he saw himself slipping from indulgence, pulled himself back to many more years of activity in his beloved realm of baseball."

### Tupper To Give Baccalaureate Sermon June 2

Dr. M. E. Dodd, Southern Baptist Head, to Deliver Baccalaureate Address

#### ALUMNI MEETING SET

William Murphey, Savannah, to Deliver Alumni Address Monday Morning

Mercer seniors and graduate students will reach the end of the long road that leads to a degree on Monday night, June 8, when they receive their diplomas from Dr. Spright Dowell, in graduating exercises which will be held in the university chapel.

The arts college has received 47 applications for the degree, bachelor of arts, and three requests for the degree, bachelor of science in commerce. Nine Law seniors have petitioned for the LL.B. degree.

Lucile Daniel Akin, Jackson, and Robert Shermer, Youngtown, Ohio, are seeking the degree, Master of Arts, it was announced.

Graduation exercises will begin Sunday, June 2, when Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, First Baptist Church Richmond, Va., delivers the Baccalaureate sermon in the historic First Baptist church here.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, president of the Southern Baptist convention, who makes his home in Shreveport, La., will deliver the Baccalaureate address to the graduating class the following Monday night.

Other events on the program at that time will be a meeting of the alumni Monday morning, which will be presided over by Guy Moore, Atlanta, president of the alumni organization. William E. Murphey, Savannah banker, will deliver the alumni address.

Following an old custom, the names of the honorary degree recipients will not be made public until the time of actual presentation, university officials have declared.

Macon students who have applied for the bachelor of arts degree include: John Irby Adams, Joe Louis Andrews, William Thomas Ashmore, Jr., John Bunting Coleman, Josephine Early, Robert Watts Edenfield, James Lamar Edwards, Jr.

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### GREEK LETTER ASSOCIATION ENGAGES NOTED ORCHESTRA

Commencement Dances Set For May 29, 30 and June 1, at Local Shrine Mosque

Fred Kibler and his Casa-Nova orchestra, prominent broadcasting and recording orchestra of Pinehurst, N. C., has been engaged by the Greek-Letter Association of Macon to play a series of commencement dances at the Shrine Mosque, May 30, 31 and June 1, it was announced yesterday by Daley Smith, Macon, president of the association.

Kibler, who has one of the most distinctive and popular bands of the current season, has recently completed a winter engagement at the English Tavern in Richmond, Va. Collegiate dances which he and his band have played during the past season include engagements at Auburn, Sewanee, Bucknell, Uni-

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### Award Is Given To Henry Allen

LaFayette Athlete to be Presented Winged 'M' for Track Prowess

Henry Allen, LaFayette, Mercer athlete, will be awarded a sweater and a winged "M" for having scored top honors in a school field day held at the university, a short while ago, it was announced by Aaron J. Land, president of the Blue Key fraternity, sponsor of the athletic events. The award will be made by the athletic association, it announced Wednesday.

A loving cup to the organization scoring the largest total of points in the various events went to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The cup was tendered Bowie Gray, president of the fraternity.

### BENTON AND DAVIES TO PLAY FOR GREEK COUNCIL DANCES

#### Ihley Will Head Mercer Theologs

#### Other Officers Elected at Last Meeting of Association Tuesday

At the last meeting of the year Tuesday night the Mercer Ministerial Association elected its officers for the coming year. The officers elected are as follows: Herman Ihley, Savannah, President; Earle Stirewalt, Augusta, Vice-President; Homer Fussell, Mt. Vernon, Secretary and Treasurer; James Windham, Tifton, Chorister; Maines Rawls, Jacksonville, Pianist; Fred H. Thomas, Atlanta, Reporter; and Bill Self, Macon, Janitor.

#### Local Alumni Organizations Sponsor Commencement Series at Hotel Dempsey

Two orchestras will feature the Commencement dance program which is being sponsored by the alumni groups of the members of the newly-organized Greek Council, at the Hotel Dempsey ballrooms on the nights of May 30, 31 and June 1, it has been announced.

Lew Davies and his Tavern orchestra will divide time with a picked musical crew under the leadership of Billy Benton, for several years director of Mercer's crack collegiate orchestra, it was said.

Local alumni chapters of the Alpha Lambda Tau, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Epsilon Pi will be in charge or arrangements for the affairs, it was said.

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