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## ALPHA KAPPA TAKES PRIZE WITH FLOAT

Football Field Idea Wins Cup Offered by Blue Key Fraternity

### SIGMA PI SECOND

Award To Be Made At Formal Chapel Exercises In Two Weeks, Gaultier Announces

The Alpha Kappa sorority won the prize offered by Blue Key fraternity to the group having the best float in the homecoming parade last Friday.

The float was well prepared and exceptionally pretty, judges said. It was made to resemble a large football field with both the Mercer and the Furman colors trailing on all sides. In the center was a large, orange and black top hat with the silver-sprinkled sign; the sign reading: Our Hats Off To Mercer. Members of the A. K. sorority, all dressed in white and red, rode on the float.

The Sigma Pi fraternity, which ran a close second, and the Phi Omega sorority, which was third, also had outstanding floats.

The loving cup donated by Blue Key stands fifteen inches high and is gold. It bears the inscription: Given by Blue Key for Best Float in Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 23, 1936. The cup is to be formally presented in chapel in two weeks.

The judges for the parade were: Mr. Roland Neal, Mr. Allan MacDonald, and Mrs. T. Rad Turner, all of Macon.

Campus leaders considered the entire homecoming program excellent and the most spirited celebration in recent years. Especially, were the floats in the parade Friday morning worthy of their place, and were the evidence of much forethought and hard work.

Melina Rawls, president of the student body, and Jack Gaultier, president of the Blue Key fraternity, expressed appreciation to the CLUSTER for space allotted and to the student body and organizations for the cooperation shown in making the event possible.

## Straw Vote Acclaims FDR Campus Presidential Choice

Democratic Candidate Takes Large Majority Over Landon In Cluster Poll

In the Cluster Presidency poll Wednesday, the students and faculty of Mercer showed themselves to be decidedly Democratic in regard to next week's election. The straw ballot showed 68 per cent for Roosevelt and 12 per cent for Landon.

Earl Browder, representing the Communist party, led the minor candidates with 10 votes. Norman Thomas, the Socialist, polled six votes, while William M. Lemke received only one. The total number of votes cast were 264, making this the most successful Cluster poll in several years.

An interesting fact was that almost all the northern students polled their vote for Landon. The faculty members with few exceptions, were for Roosevelt.

The poll is considered to be representative of Middle Georgia as students from all parts of the surrounding territory voted.

The results of the vote will be sent to President Roosevelt as the winning candidate. They will also be published in many Georgia newspapers. Straw votes similar to this one are being conducted by publications throughout the nation.

## Money Requested For Student Song

Today Is Deadline For Subscriptions Bids Announced At Chapel

Students must have their money in today for the Mercer songs, Robert Bale stated in chapel Wednesday.

So far less than 200 have paid for these songs. If enough money is not in today, the songs will be turned over to an organization which will publish them and receive the credit for doing so.

Every student is urged to do his part to help Mercer have the songs published.

## Cardinal Key Taps At Chapel Session

Marie Edwards, Hettie Elder Extended Invitation To Join Honorary Sorority

Marie Edwards, Talbotton, and Hettie Elder, Macon, were selected for membership in the Mercer Beta chapter of the Cardinal Key national honor sorority and were tapped in an impressive ceremony in chapel Wednesday morning.

These girls were selected on the basis of their scholastic rating, their extra-curricula activities, their character, personality, leadership, and capacity for service to the university. This is the highest honor which can come to a co-ed at Mercer university.

Miss Edwards is a member of the Young Women's auxiliary, the International Relations club, the Co-Ed Athletic association, and the Mercer Players. She was secretary of the junior class last year and is now treasurer of the Alpha Kappa social sorority. She was an active member of the Phi Delta Literary society for two years, and is now an assistant in the university library. She is a senior in the Arts college.

Miss Elder is also a member of the Co-Ed Athletic association and has played co-ed basketball for the past three years. She is a senior in the Arts college, being graduated at the end of this quarter, and a member of the Theta Sigma Beta social sorority.

The aims and purpose of the Cardinal Key were explained to the student body by the present members of the society in an interesting program in chapel Wednesday. (Continued on Page Four)

## Ciceronian Group Entertains Alumni

Comic Speeches Heard By Old Members At Meeting

The freshman members of the Ciceronian Literary and Debating society entertained the old members at the meeting Monday night with a series of comic speeches. The program committee chairman, Gladys Holder, gave out the subjects of the speeches on the spot.

The first feature was a debate with John Reed taking the affirmative side and Clyde Calhoun taking the negative side of the subject, "Resolved, that the front end of a goat is the butt end." Next came a speech by James Gilbert on "No Matter What You Say I Still Like Meat."

The second part of the program included a debate between John Arnette and Frank Edwards. The subject was, "Resolved: That it is better for a bald-headed man to wear a hat." Harold Edwards then made some rather pointed remarks on the subject. "It is better to have Loved and Lost than Never to have loved at All." Next came a lecture for young mothers by James Merritt. The subject was, "The Care and Feeding of Little Toads." Last was a much needed talk on "Co-ediquities" by John Nesbitt.

Walker Sammons, president of the society, announced an election of three officers which will be held at the next meeting.

## Casts Selected For Folk Play After Try-Outs

Duplicate Sets Chosen To Prevent Delays In Production, Stout Announces

### TWO SHOWS PLANNED

Some Minor Roles Still Vacant Students Invited To Compete For Places

Selection of duplicate casts for "Sun-Up," Luis Vollmer's drama of the Carolina mountains, is complete except for a few minor characters, according to Dr. Wilbur Stout, director.

For the present three players are being retained for the leading role of Widow Cagle. These are Katie Roughton, freshman from Lakeland, Florida, Katherine Thompson, junior, Macon, and Mary Pennell, junior, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The part of Pap Todd, degenerate mountaineer who has served a long term in the penitentiary for moonshining, is being rehearsed by Bayne Barfield. Another understudy for this part is yet to be chosen. Emmy, a young mountain girl, is played by Josy Brown and Dot Cox. Budd, half-witted son of Pap Todd, is being rehearsed by Tom Horton. Another understudy for this part is yet to be found.

The sheriff is played by D. V. Childs and Mike Neisler. Lansing Reddick and Frank Happ are working up the part of Rufe, the juvenile lead. W. R. Lynn and another understudy have the part of a mountain preacher. Trammel Shi (Continued on Page Four)

## ALUMNI VOTES TO BE COUNTED

Official Secretary to Tabulate Sealed Ballots When They Are Received

Ballots sent to Mercer alumni for election of two alumni trustees are being received in nearly every mail, according to a statement made by Dr. Wilbur Stout, acting alumni secretary for Mercer. When ballots are all in they will be sent to Red Marshall, secretary of the Alumni association, for the official count. Until that time they are being sealed.

The nominees in this election are: Dr. T. F. Callaway, Thomasville; J. Eugene Cook, Wrightsville; Dr. R. C. Gresham, Moultrie; John B. Gerry, Montezuma; and John Westmoreland, Atlanta. The Alumni office has not yet completed a new revision of the (Continued on Page Four)

## Mid-Term Schedule Announced By Blair

First Period Classes To Have Test Monday

All mid-term examinations for the fall quarter are scheduled for next week it has been announced by J. D. Blair, acting registrar.

Following is the schedule of tests: 8:30 classes, Monday; 9:30 classes, Tuesday; 11:10 classes, Wednesday; 12:10 classes, Thursday and the afternoon classes meeting at 2:10. And 3:10 will have examinations on Friday afternoon. These classes meeting at different hours will be examined Friday afternoon.

## Baptist Students Gather For Meet

### Alpha Psi Omega Models With Clay

Interesting Results Foreseen By Director Stout; Early Puppet Show Possible

More and more modeling clay is called for, and plaster of paris casts are made almost daily, as the Mercer Players take up the interest in marionettes. Prospects are good, Dr. Wilbur Stout said, for some kind of a puppet show at Mercer before the year is over.

The head of "Esqy," known to all readers of Esquire Magazine, was modeled by J. H. Jones, Jr. It has been sliced in half and imbedded in plaster to make a matrix from which paper reproductions can be taken.

Bill Cutts diligently reads the funny papers for new poses of his favorite hero, Major Hoople. Bob Crandall relaxes his dignity, acquires a ball of clay, and admits that in his youth he used to be "very much interested." Abe Conger recalls having had a professional puppeteer for a roommate one time.

At rehearsal one night, a law student—who must remain nameless—picked up Loretta Norwood's ball of clay and rapidly turned out a cartoon model which very nearly broke up the rehearsal.

A. G. Pinkston has an act that includes Roosevelt's famous "I Hate War" speech, and Roosevelt is notably easy to model.

And so on down the line. It is remarkable how fascinating a supposedly intelligent adult can become when he gets a bit of mud in his hands and begins to form a likeness of another person.

At present there is no sort of prize offered to upperclassmen for such work. The Alpha Psi Omega prize in Puppeteering is limited strictly to freshmen.

### Session Convenes At Tatnall Square Tonight At Seven

Two Hundred Delegates Will Arrive This Afternoon, It Is Reported

#### BANQUET IS PLANNED

Approximately 200 students representing 25 colleges and universities will begin to arrive on the Mercer campus this afternoon for the opening session of the thirteenth annual Baptist Student union convention at the Tatnall Square Baptist church.

The various representatives of the B. S. U. chapters over the state will be guests of the local Council and the members of the Tatnall Square church throughout the convention, to extend through Sunday afternoon. Sessions will be held tonight at seven o'clock, tomorrow morning, afternoon, and night, and Sunday morning and afternoon.

Programs for the week-end have been arranged by Dr. B. D. Nicholson, Athens, state secretary of B. S. U. A banquet and other special entertainments have been arranged by Robert Smith, Pelham, president of the Mercer council. Martha Sconyers, of Bessie Tift college, formerly a resident of Macon, will preside over the convention, Robert Smith to act as vice-president.

The program for the week-end includes: Chester Swor, head of English department at Mississippi college; Dr. J. C. Howell, a returned missionary; Dr. L. M. Polhill, Americus; Dr. E. C. Sheridan, Augusta; Miss Miriam Robinson, Atlanta, state young people's worker for the Woman's Missionary union; Edwin S. Preston, state secretary for the Baptist Training union; and Dr. H. L. Holcombe, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday school board.

## BAILEY HOBBLER . . .

AFTER ATTACK BY HULKING GIANTS

### Tupper To Present Third Of Articles

Christianity Professor Writes Series For Telegraph

Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, member of the Mercer Christianity department, will present the third in a series of articles in the Macon Telegraph next Sunday.

For the past two weeks, Dr. Tupper has written articles titled "Memories of a Georgian" dealing with Mercer's history both when it was located at Penfield and now in Macon.

In his last article, Dr. Tupper praised the work Dr. Spright Dowell has done for the university since he has been president. He stated: "Few presidents have done more for their college than has been done by Dr. Dowell, the present genial yet strong and influential executive under whose direction and inspiration a new charter has been approved and new organization perfected." (Continued on Page Four)

## ONE MINUTE INTERVIEWS

Here it is as promised, information for the males obtained by interviews with the co-eds.

Question 1: Do you like for your date to come early?

"BIGGER" HITCHCOCK: "It doesn't make any difference when he comes" he'll have to wait just the same.

IRMA WILLIS: Ugh-Ugh.

EDNA SYKES: Yes.

ANNIE WHEAT JONES: YES, the earlier "he" comes the longer you can be with "him."

Question 2: What do you think when your date is late?

"BIGGER": " " " " " "

IRMA: I think "he" went to see some other girl and I don't like it.

EDNA: "I don't much care."

ANNIE WHEAT: "I think it's considerable of him."

Question 3: Do you like for your date to suggest places to go, would you rather your date do that.

"BIGGER": "I had rather the date suggest them. I hate for a date to say, 'Well, what do you want to do?'"

IRMA: "I'd rather he suggest places to go."

EDNA: "I want my date to plan before hand."

ANNIE WHEAT: "I want him to suggest where to go. Then give me a chance to have my say."

Question 4: What is the nicest thing a boy can say about a girl?

"BIGGER": "That she's a nice girl."

IRMA: "I don't know."

EDNA: "She's a darn good gal."

ANNIE WHEAT: " " " " " "

Question 5: Do you like for your date to wear hats?

"BIGGER": "It doesn't make any difference."

IRMA: "No, I can't stand a hat. Freshmen caps excepted."

EDNA: "If they look good on them, and keep them on their heads."

ANNIE WHEAT: "If they know how to wear them."

Question 6: Do you like for your date to wear coats?

IRMA: "Shoot yeah, even if they don't keep 'em on."

EDNA: "I like a great big man in a great big sweater."

ANNIE WHEAT: "I think they should wear coats except in extremely hot weather."