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Members Of Collegiate Press Will Compete For Two New Prizes

CLUSTER ENTERS

Savannah Morning News And Evening Press Will Award Cups

ATHENS, Ga., April 28.—Members of the Georgia Collegiate Press association will this spring compete for two new prizes, according to a bulletin just issued. The Savannah Morning News and Evening Press will give two silver loving cups, one to the outstanding junior college publication and the other to the outstanding senior college publication, selected on a basis of general technical excellence.

Scoring will be based on style and structure of the news stories, their number, the variety of topics, and the adequacy of coverage of school events; the timeliness of the features, their style and structure, their local interest, and the number and range of their interest; the make-up and local appeal of the editorials, their timeliness, force, logic, style, and structure, and the appropriateness and quality of features on the editorial page; the general effectiveness of the typography and make-up, headlines — content and form, cuts, proof reading, and press work; and the quantity, content, and arrangement of the advertisements.

The judges will be Messrs. Herschel V. Jenkins, J. P. Miller, and W. G. Sutlive, executive editors of the two papers.

ONE-MINUTE INTERVIEWS

What new course would you like to see put in at Mercer?

ALBERT PHARR: I think Mercer needs typing and shorthand even if credit on it is impossible.

JOHNNY REED: I am strongly in favor of a military unit here at Mercer.

JOHN ARNETT: "How to pick a mate" course, just like they have at the University of Georgia.

JOE RICKENBACKER: We badly need a course in textiles here at Mercer with Dr. Fort teaching.

JAMES MERRITT: Physical education, such as fencing, swimming, etc.

BILL LAUR: A course in how to handle women, taught at night.

JACK NESBITT: "Marriage psychology."

FRED BEATY: I have more than I can handle already.

JIMMY JORDAN: An extensive course in all phases of typing, bookkeeping, and general office work.

LINOTYPE OPERATOR: Mercer students who write for the Cluster should be given a free course in spelling.

R. C. SOUDER: I think it would be nice to have a class in social conversation. The students could just shoot "bull" to their heart's content and still be taking a course. There would be no such thing as getting off the subject as there would be no definite subject. All would have a good time and I am sure most any professor would be well qualified to teach this course.

SOFTBALL MEET

An intra-mural softball tournament will begin Monday. It was announced by Billy Smith, who is in charge.

The inter-fraternity tournament, originally scheduled for the same time, has been cancelled to allow the fraternity teams to enter the larger league.

The tournament is open to all organizations on the campus with the exception of the "M" club. Any student is eligible to participate, regardless of his previous baseball or softball experience.

For details, see the sports page.

Pilgrimage Crowd Estimated 1,000 By Officers

The fourth annual Mercer Pilgrimage was attended by over 1,000 visitors it was learned from the registrar's office this week. Visitors came to Mercer from as far away as Dalton to the north of the state and Baxley to the south.

As visitors went into the chapel building for the program there, they were registered and asked to state their school preference. According to Major Blair, acting registrar, "a large percentage" of those registering expressed preference for Mercer.

All of the visitors attending the event did not register but of those who did register, 353 were girl seniors and 345 boys. There were also 91 preachers and W.M.S. presidents who registered. It is believed that the number of those who failed to register will carry the total number of visitors over the 1,000 mark.

The visiting seniors were greeted in chapel by Dr. Dowell and leading members of the student body. Among those who spoke were, Mary Emma Benton, president of Cardinal Key; Jack Gautier, president of Blue Key; and Maines Rawls, president of the student body.

Following the talks, the glee club and orchestra gave several selections which were well received by the visitors.

After they were shown over the campus by the co-eds, the seniors were treated to a barbecue lunch under the trees near the new student activities center. The lunch was served under the direction of Hamilton Holt, local business man and Mercer graduate.

The entertainment for the visitors was concluded late Friday afternoon with a reception at the home of Dr. Dowell. Faculty members and leaders of the student body were at the reception to meet the guests. A number of the co-eds assisted in serving.

Annual Catalogue Nears Completion

Mercer's annual catalogue is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for circulation within the next few days, it has been reported by Dean John B. Clark, director of this year's publication.

"We are preparing 7000 copies of the catalogue and it will be sent to principals and high school seniors throughout the state," said Dr. Clark.

The main section of the edition will give complete information (Continued on page 4)

CLUB PRESENTS SHOW TONIGHT IN FT. VALLEY

Glee Club Presents Seventeenth Performance This Year

POST-SEASON TOUR

Athletic Association, High School Publication Sponsor Appearance

Performing for the 17th time this season, the Mercer glee club, under the direction of Dr. Richardson, will appear tonight in the Fort Valley high school auditorium at 8:00 central time.

The performance is being sponsored by the high school athletic association and the "Valleyhood," Fort Valley high school publication.

Presenting their regular concert, the glee club features the 25-voice chorus, an octet, a quartet and soloists, and the Mercer Collegians orchestra. Novelty numbers will include Will Johnson's "chalk-talk," a magician, and a juggling act.

Tonight's concert is the first post-season performance. The regular series of concerts was completed by a program given in the Macon municipal auditorium two weeks ago. A special performance was made last Friday for Pilgrimage day. It is possible that the second post-season concert will be given in Jacksonville, Florida, officials announced.

ALLEN'S CLASS TO EDIT TIMES

Members of the Mercer journalism class in advance news reporting and editing will edit an issue of the Milledgeville Times sometime within the next two weeks, it was announced yesterday by Prof. John D. Allen, head of the journalism department.

The Times is a daily paper of Milledgeville, and is published by Mr. Tom Anthony, son of Dr. R. E. Anthony, of the Mercer faculty. According to the present plans, the class will go to Milledgeville about noon on Thursday, will "cover" stories for the paper, and will then edit the copy for publication.

The entire paper will be the work (Continued on page 4)

PHI ETA SIGMA PLANS AWARD OF LOVING CUP

Arrangements Have Been Completed For Giving Prize To Outstanding Man

3 FRESHMEN CHOSEN

Special Chapel Program To Be Conducted For Event, Committee Announces

Arrangements for the awarding of the Phi Eta Sigma loving cup to the most outstanding man in the freshman class will be completed the first of next week, George Brown, president of that fraternity, said yesterday.

Three freshmen have been picked from a group of nearly ten and will be voted on at a meeting of the fraternity Tuesday morning. One of them will be awarded the cup during special Phi Eta Sigma chapel exercises Wednesday week. The other two will receive honorable mention.

"Official announcement of the award will not be made until the chapel program," Brown stated. A committee composed of Brown as chairman, Ben Bozeman, Wally Johnston, H. T. Marshall, and Bert (Continued on Page Four)

B. S. U. ELECTS YEAR LEADERS

Raymond Ridgon Heads Organization With Nineteen Other Officers

Raymond Ridgon, Jefferson, was elected president of the Baptist Students union at Mercer this week. Nineteen other students were also elected to offices. In addition to being B.S.U. president, Ridgon is a member of the Phi Delta Literary society and the International Relation club.

Other officers elected were: first vice president, Thomas Holmes, Sandersville; second vice president, Boyce Outen, Douglas; third vice president, Jack Tatum, Fairburn; third vice president, Evelyn Sanders, Eatonton; secretary, Edna Tomlinson, Albany, and treasurer, Karl Sanders, Eatonton.

Ruth Cheves, Macon, was named (Continued on page 4)

PLAY IN CHAPEL

"Sadie Gets Elected," a three act comedy, will be presented tonight at 8:15 in the Mercer chapel by the First St. Methodist young people players.

The characters include Aubrey Allen, Opal Mooney, Margaret Terry, N. S. Weeks, Johnny Weeks, Pat Hamlin, Mary Terry, and Walter Garrison. Miss Almira White is the director.

The comedy is a story of small town newspaper involved in local politics.

Admission for Mercer students will be twenty-five cents and may be secured from Emory Trawick.

Summer Extension At Central City For Teachers

During the coming year, Mercer will again conduct an extension of its summer school at Central City college for the benefit of Negro school teachers in this section, according to the plans approved yesterday by Dr. Spright Dowell.

The extension service at the Negro college is conducted by Mercer with the approval of the state department of education, which gives full credit for the summer work.

Mercer faculty members will teach courses in education, English, social sciences, physical education psychology and related subjects during the term. In addition to the Mercer extension school, full credit courses in high school subjects also will be offered by the regular Central City college faculty.

Registration will be held June 12 and classes will begin June 15, it was said. Last year over 100 Negro teachers from Bibb and several other counties attended the session.

Registrar Reports Fraternity Grades

Kappa Phi Kappa, national educational fraternity, again leads all Mercer organizations in scholarship, according to statistics compiled by the registrar's office for the winter quarter. This is the second consecutive term that the educational group has made highest average. Their average was 2.541.

Second in the standings, came Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholastic fraternity, with an average of 2.255 Alpha Psi Omega, dramatic society, ranked third with an average of 2.134.

The Sigma Pi social fraternity ranked above all other social frats for last quarter. That group had an average of 1.800. The Pi Kappa Phi's ranked second among the frats with an average of 1.610, while Kappa Sigma came third with 1.482.

Kappa Alpha pledges led all other pledges, having an average of 2.000. Sigma Pi and Alpha Lambda Tau pledges ranked second and third respectively.

Complete standings of all non-fraternity organizations are as follows:

Kappa Phi Kappa	2.541
Phi Eta Sigma	2.255
Alpha Psi Omega	2.134
Chi Alpha Omega	1.736
Kapa Gamma	1.700

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STUDENT BODY WILL VOTE FOR OFFICES MAY 6

Annual Spring Election Of Officers Schedule Moved Up One Day

CANDIDATES REGISTER

Rules Regulating Balloting Announced By Committee; Polls Open Six Hours

Mercer students are registering this morning for the annual student body elections to be held next week. Registration headquarters are being maintained in the Cluster offices and will remain open until one o'clock, Bob Crandall, co-chairman of the election committee with Morgan Fisher, has announced. After that time no nominations can be made.

The date of the election of student offices has been shifted from Friday, May 7, to Thursday, May 6, according to an announcement from Bob Crandall during chapel exercises Wednesday.

The election next Thursday will name students to fill the 32 major and minor student offices. Every candidate must pay his entrance fee and file an entry blank bearing his signature and the signatures of two supporters today. The election committee will accept no registration after one o'clock.

The entrance fee for major offices will be one dollar, for sub-major offices seventy-five cents, and for minor offices fifty cents. All students are to vote on major offices, but in the case of class offices, a student may vote only for the positions to be held in his class next year.

Major offices to be filled include the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the student body; five Cluster positions; two Cauldron positions; five places on the student council, two on the athletic board of control, and the position of freshman advisor.

Sub-major offices include presidencies of the senior, junior, and sophomore classes, all other offices being considered minor.

The election committee consists of Bob Crandall and Morgan Fisher, co-chairmen, Charles Ridley, Ivan Lester, Bob Smith, and Bill Skipworth.

A. K. Entertained At Formal Dinner

Members, Alumnae, Honorary Members Feted At Robinson Home

The members and honorary members of the Alpha Kappa sorority were entertained at a formal dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Joseph Robinson, with Mrs. J. D. Blair and Mrs. Lake Russell acting as co-hostesses. Members of the sorority who were present included: Julia Saunders, president; Ione Shepherd, vice-president; Helen Glenn, secretary; Marie Edwards, treasurer; Harriet Pittman, Mary Pennell, Gladys Holder, Ann Nolan, June Williams, Irma Willis, Lydia Barrett, Virginia Williamson, Katherine Hawthorn, Lucille Hitchcock, Betty Jenkins, Katy Roughton, Margaret Fulliam, Polly Evans, Elizabeth Swinford, Louise Wilson. Pledges were: Lucile Balkcom, Jane Orme, Annie Wheat Jones, Marjorie Farmer, and Eliza-

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Dramatic Department Plans Program Four One Act Plays

A program of four one-act plays has been scheduled for May 13, according to an announcement by Dr. Wilbur W. Stout, head of the dramatic department and director of the Mercer Players.

The four plays written by students, are Death Comes to the Rabbi, by Bill Cutts, Calhoun; Backward Glance, by Jordan Massee, Macon; For the Sake of Cyn, by Ledford Carter, Meigs; and Kay, by Catherine Thompson, Macon.

The cast for Death Comes to the Rabbi is composed of Trammel Shi, Macon, Tom Horton, Reynolds, Boyce Outen, Douglas, and Bill Cutts. It is directed by Jordan Massee.

Players selected for Backward Glance include Dona Nicholas, Macon; Marie Horton, Macon; Abe Conger, Bainbridge and Bob Crand-

all, Fort Valley. Bill Cutts is directing the play.

For the Sake of Cyn will have as characters Marjorie Farmer, Clayton, Clyde Wilson, Cordele, W. R. Lynn, Fairfax, Ala., Anne Jones, Macon, Wilhelmina Carr, Macon, Frank Happ, Macon, Jimmy Jordan, Macon and Tom Horton. Mary Pennell, Shreveport, La., is the director.

Pauline Rogers is directing Kay and the cast includes Polly Evans, Macon, Bayne Barfield, Macon, Lansing Reddick, Sylvania, Josie Brown, Macon, Waulene Hood, Macon, and Icky Brown, Macon.

The four students wrote the plays during a course in play composition under the direction of Dr. Stout. The plays are to be produced with the aid of the Mercer Players and Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic fraternity.