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SIX CO-ED STUDENTS NAMED MEMBERS OF CARDINAL KEY GROUP

Hawthorn, Shepard, Bowlby, Booth, Sauls Sanders Recognized

HELEN GLENN PRESIDES

Six co-eds were tapped for membership in Cardinal Key national honor sorority Wednesday morning during a special program.

The co-eds named were: Katherine Hawthorn, and Jessie Shepard of Macon; Elizabeth Bowlby of Miami, Fla.; Christine Booth of Woodstock; Ruth Sauls of Manchester; and Evelyn Sanders of Eatonton.

The tapping ceremony was under the direction of Helen Glenn, president of the organization, who outlined briefly the qualifications necessary for membership in Cardinal Key. New members are judged upon their scholarship, character, personality, leadership, and participation in extra-curricula activities. A girl must maintain a scholastic average of at least a B for three quarters before being eligible for consideration by the group which is limited to members of the junior and senior classes.

Active members of the organization who were introduced by Miss Glenn are: Ione Shepherd, vice president; Mary Pennell, secretary; Edna Steger, treasurer; Hattie Mary Cook, and Lillian Kirkland. Honorary members are: Mrs. Spright Dowell, Mrs. John B. Clark, Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Mrs. Charles C. Harrold, Mrs. Robert Martin, and Mrs. Leonard Booth. Mrs. A. P. Montague is adviser for the group.

Miss Hawthorn is a member of the Alembic club, the Co-Ed Athletic Association, and charter member of the Sigma Epsilon educational sorority. She is vice president of the Ciceronian literary society and a member of the Alpha Kappa social sorority.

Mrs. Bowlby is a member of the Co-Ed Athletic Association, the International Relations club, and the Alpha Kappa social sorority. She was also a charter member of the Sigma Epsilon sorority.

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Ben Johnston Talks To Journalism Class

Ben B. Johnston, managing editor of the Macon Telegraph, spoke last Monday morning to the advanced journalism class on the subject of editorial-writing.

"The most important thing in editorial-writing is to interpret the news and show its physical, mental, and economical bearing on the lives of the readers," said Mr. Johnston. He stated that unbiased editorials are a sign of a healthy democracy and tend to suppress dictatorship. "There is no danger of dictatorship as long as editorials in criticism of the government are freely published. For that reason the editorial of today has probably more importance in the field of journalism than ever before."

Members of the class, which is taught by Professor John D. Allen, are Hunter Hurst, Bert Struby, W. R. Lynn, Art Barrow, Helen Glenn, Jack Tarver, Charles Hodges, Ben Watkins, Billy Jenkins Edith Bateman.

CO-ED LEADER



HELEN GLENN

By Billy Geeslin

It all happened on August 17 1918. That date marks the birth of Helen Glenn, Mercer's co-ed leader.

Helen graduated from Miller High school in Macon in the class of 1934. She had already demonstrated her athletic interests by participation in many sports there. She is a member of and former president of the Co-ed Athletic association and has played on the varsity basketball team for three years. She was a charter member and vice-president of the co-ed 'M' club and has served as cheer leader since her freshman year.

Helen has been president of the Co-ed Pan-Hellenic council for the past three years and is president of the Cardinal Key honorary society this year. She is a member of the Sigma Epsilon educational sorority, and the Alpha Kappa social sorority.

She has also been unusually active with the college publication and has served on the staff of the Cluster, and last year was assistant business manager of the Cauldron and associate editor of the Bearskin.

Twenty-four Members At Literary Meeting

Freshmen Take Part In Ciceronian Debates

Twenty-four members were present at the second meeting of the Ciceronian Literary society last Monday night. Freshmen were in charge of the program.

William E. Laur was appointed as vice president of the society and also program chairman. Darnell Brawner was elected janitor.

An impromptu debate on the question resolved: "That girls should wear lipstick" was given. Catherine Wood and "Chip" Peabody upheld the affirmative side of this question while Darnell Brawner and Newman Lozier presented the negative side. Alfred McGennis gave a short talk on "The proper approach at G.S.C.W."

The members of the society are putting on a membership campaign this week. Those present Monday were: Manta Adams, "Chip" Peabody, George Guinan, Harold Edwards, Ben Scarborough, Clyde Calhoun, Isaac Levine, Jane Orme.

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SORORITIES TO ISSUE BIDS TO CO-EDS OCT. 18

Rushing Period Is Ended For Pledges; Silence Period To Be Observed.

Prospective pledges will be given bids by the various sororities on Monday, according to an announcement by the Co-Ed Pan-Hellenic Council.

The sororities have ended their rushing period which began on September 20. The co-eds have already attended an Interpretation meeting at which time the new system of preferential bidding was explained and preference cards signed by each non-sorority co-ed.

The sororities have required that written acceptances or rejections be in hands of the sorority presidents by noon on Tuesday. A "silence" period will be observed from the time the preference slips are issued until they are returned.

A co-ed must have been on Mercer campus for at least four weeks of a regular school term before being pledged. A girl cannot become a member of a sorority until she has passed 15 hours of accredited school work with a minimum of a "C" average.

This system of deferred pledging and preferential bidding has been enforced by the Pan-Hellenic Council of Social Sororities for the past three years and has proven very successful. Miss Mattie Goodwin, is the official Arbitrator for the council.

JOHNSTON AND DAVIS TO HEAD ALPHA PSI OMEGA FRATERNITY

Conger, Deaver, Cook Are Ahead

Three Candidates Lead In Race For Two Vacancies On Trustees Board

Eugene Cook, A. B. Conger, and Judge Bascom Deaver are now in the lead in the election, closing October 31, held for alumni trustees, to be chosen by the Alumni of Mercer, to fill two of the six vacancies created on the Board of Trustees of Mercer University each year.

The Alumni Council chose five men as candidates for the two alumni trustees to be elected this year, and the ballots were printed and mailed to all the alumni early in the summer. The ballots are provided with blank spaces for other candidates in the event that any of the alumni wish to name men other than those chosen by the council. All candidates must be alumni of Mercer. Ballots are mailed into the alumni office and counted there.

The Alumni Trustee Ballot for this year contains the following names:

Eugene Cook, Wrightsville, Georgia, who received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Mercer in 1927, and is now judge of the city court of Wrightsville.

A. B. Conger, Bainbridge, Georgia, who received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Mercer in 1912.

Judge Bascom Deaver, Macon, Georgia, who received his A.B. in 1907 and his LL.B. in 1910, both from Mercer, and is now judge of the Federal Court in Macon.

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STUDENT BODY WILL VOTE ON CONSTITUTION

Honor System Clause To Be Put Before Students; Changes Made

The Student Constitution committee, meeting Saturday, decided to put the section which provides for an honor system at Mercer before the student body for a separate vote. The voting will take place within next week.

Suggestions from the student body were presented to the committee by Walker Sammons, chairman of the Student Council. Minor changes were made in the proposed student code, and in the duties of student officers. The method of electing editor and business manager of the student publications will be put to vote within the next two weeks.

A committee for the rephrasing of the constitution in correct legal and literary style, headed by Prof. W. T. Smalley, is already at work. Included on the Constitution committee are: Helen Glenn, Macon; W. R. Lynn, Fairfax, Ala.; Bert Struby, Macon, from the arts college and Lennie Davis, Columbus, and Wylly Johnston, Miami, Fla., from the law school.

The Faculty committee includes: Dr. E. M. Highsmith, chairman, Prof. John D. Allen, Prof. Josiah Crudup, Major J. D. Blair, Prof. T. L. Wade, Prof. R. N. Cook.

Present Active Chapter Includes Fourteen Members; Former Members Direct

Wylly Johnston, senior in the Mercer Law School, was elected president of Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic fraternity, at a recent meeting.

Other officers named were Mary Pennell, Shreveport, La., vice president; Lennie Davis, Columbus business manager; Boyce Outen, Douglas, stage manager; Hunter Hurst, Ft. Valley, prompter.

Alpha Psi Omega, with 145 chapters, is now the largest national honor society in dramatics. The Mercer chapter is known as Zeta Pi Cast.

The present roll of active members includes Bayne Barfield, Josie Brown, Peggie Chapman, Abe Conger, Lennie Davis, Harry Dismukes, Tom Horton, Hunter Hurst, Wylly Johnston, W. R. Lynn, Boyce Outen, Mary Pennell, Lansing Reddick, Trammell Shi.

Lost by graduation are Ledford Carter, Bob Crandall, Bill Cutts, J. H. Jones, Jr., Terry Murray.

Of the student authors who supplied original plays for the spring program last year, Bill Cutts and Ledford Carter are directing dramatics in high schools; Jordan Massee is traveling abroad; and Catherine Thompson, Atlanta, takes part little theatre productions.

Tryouts for The Hoosier Schoolmaster have been conducted by Dr. Stout in the University chapel this week. A complete cast for the play will be announced the first of next week, he said, and practice will begin immediately.

GEORGIA TEACHERS TO DO EXTENSION STUDY AT MERCER

EDUCATION HEAD



DR. E. M. HIGHSMITH

Joe Struby Named Frosh President

Macon Student Heads Freshmen Group; Other Officers Are McGinnis And Brawner

Joe Struby, Macon student, was elected president of the freshman class at a special meeting held in the chapel Tuesday morning.

Other officers elected were: Alfred McGinnis of Jacksonville Fla., vice president; and Darnell Brawner of LaGrange, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was conducted by Bob Smith freshman adviser. He was assisted in the election by Helen Glenn, president of the co-ed Pan-Hellenic Council, Billy Smith head of the fraternity council, and Walker Sammons, non-fraternity representative.

Boyce Outen Named To Head Law Group

Davis, Blanks, Grant, and Johnston also Named; Committees Are Appointed

Boyce Outen, member of the senior law class, was chosen president of the Law club at an election held last week. Lennie Davis, also a member of the senior law class was elected vice president, and Francis Blanks and George Grant were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. Francis Blanks is a member of the junior law class and George Grant is a senior in the law school. Wylly Johnston, also a senior, was selected as chief justice of the Honor Court. Two associate justices will be elected to the court from each of the law classes.

Two committees were also selected in the Law club election with Lennie Davis, Willis Conger, and Vernon Robinson composing a committee to select speakers for the club. Felder Barfield, Walter Godwin, and Harry Barrett comprise a committee for Homecoming arrangements.

In the Senior class selection George Grant was elected president and Boyce Outen vice president. Wylly Johnston was chosen secretary and treasurer, and Lennie Davis and Walter Godwin associate justices of the Honor Council.

Highsmith Plans For Courses To Continue Next Eight Months

BEGINS SATURDAY

Plans for extension courses at Mercer for Georgia school teachers this year have been announced by Dr. E. M. Highsmith, director of the summer school.

According to a tentative schedule the courses will require one class meeting each week and will begin the week of October 23 and continue until May 21. Definite statement of the day and time of each class session will be made later, Dr. Highsmith reported.

Teachers can receive five hours credit toward either A.B. or M.A. degrees for the year's course in the extension department. Plans for any off-campus courses will be made in the future, the director said, and will take into consideration the subject to be taught, number of students interested, and distance of the class from the campus.

Present arrangements call for one class on the Mercer campus each week, lasting for one hour and forty-five minutes. These classes can be held on Saturday mornings, or on any afternoon or evenings except Wednesdays, Dr. Highsmith said. The day and time which suits the convenience of most of the teachers will be selected.

Courses under consideration for the extension department are Fundamentals of Curriculum, Character Education Problems and Administration, Mental Hygiene Problems and Techniques, Educational Sociology, Major Problems in School Administration, and Education and Mind Building. All courses will be taught by instructors employed by Mercer.

County and city superintendents of schools, and high school and elementary school principals in this section of the state have been notified of the plans for the extension courses. Any further information concerning fees or books can be secured from Dr. Highsmith, head of the extension department.

Weekly Broadcasts Begin Over WMAZ

Mercer Program Goes On Air Thursday Afternoon

The first of a series of weekly radio programs being sponsored by Mercer University was broadcast yesterday afternoon at five o'clock over station WMAZ.

Christy Harpe announced the program which included several talks by members of the student body. Hunter Hurst discussed the Blue Key fraternity, Helen Glenn, social sororities, Abe Conger, the new student body constitution, and Mary Pennell, co-ed athletics. The freshman's view point was expressed by Cloud Morgan, Crab Orchard, Kentucky.

These programs are to be continued throughout the year and it is probable that broadcasts from the campus will be tried out for two months. Later programs will include the Glee club, orchestra, and other sources of talent on the Mercer campus.