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## Homecoming Trek Begins Today

### EIGHTY-ONE STUDENTS WANT DEGREES

#### Five Apply For LL.B., Three For Masters Degree

#### Fifty-nine Sophomores Make Applications For Junior College Certificates

Seventy-three Mercer students have made applications at the registrar's office for bachelor of arts degrees to be awarded in June. Five have applied for LL.B. degrees and three for M.A. degrees.

Fifty-nine students in the junior college have placed their applications for junior college certificates, also to be awarded at the end of this year.

Those applying for LL.B. degrees are Lennie Davis, Columbus, Walter Godwin, Summerville, George Grant, Forsyth, Wylly Johnston, Miami, Fla., and Boyce Outen, Douglas.

Applications for M.A. degrees are Pearl Eigelberger, High Point, N. C., Aldon Etheridge, Warthen, and Allie Bates Jolley, Macon.

Students wanting A.B. degrees are: Balkcom, James C. Jr., James; Balkcom, Minnie Lucile, Macon; Barrow, William Arthur, Panama City, Florida; Bateman, Edyth Elizabeth, Macon; Bowiby, Elizabeth Catherine, Miami, Florida; Brown, Josie Juanelle, Macon; Brown, Walter Ann, Harrison; Calhoun, Katherine, Hamilton; Carney, Hugh C., Ball Ground; Chastain, Philip Jarrell, Thomasville; Conger, Abraham Benjamin, Jr., Bainbridge; Conger, James Willis, Bainbridge; Dismukes, Harry C., Jr., Macon.

Edge, Ewing Paul, Glenwood; Edwards, Charles, Macon; Edwards, Frank, Macon; Epps, John Winfred, Dry Branch; Fitzpatrick, James A., Jr., Palisades Park, N. J.; Flournoy, Thomas Fleming, Jr., Fort Valley; Glenn, Helen Irene, Macon; Guinn, George C., Jr., Lithonia; Hadaway, H. Jack, Macon; Hawthorn, Frances Katherine, Macon; Hearn, James Charles, Chickamauga; Hurst, Edward Hunter, Perry.

James, William Allen, Macon;

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#### Librarians Go To Atlanta

#### Mercer Representatives Attend Meeting Of Georgia Library Association; Cameron Gives Papers On Program

Kenneth Cameron, Mercer librarian, is in Atlanta today representing Mercer University at the biennial meeting of the Georgia Library Association, where he will give papers on "The College and Reference Section" and "Reference Books of 1936-37."

The meeting lasts three days, with headquarters in the Georgian Terrace Hotel. Miss Annie Mays, assistant librarian, attended yesterday only, while Mr. Cameron will stay for the remainder of the session. Miss Sallie Akin is representing Mercer's Washington Memorial Library at the conference.

Mr. Cameron is serving on a "committee of consultants" which aids the librarians in solving various difficulties. Mercer is also represented by a poster showing photographs taken by Dr. Wilbur Stout

#### GREEK DANCES BEGIN TONIGHT FOR TWO DAYS

#### Alumni Of Fraternities Sponsor Three Homecoming Dances; Seal Plays

The first in a series of Homecoming dances given by the Macon Greek Letter Association, will be held in the Shrine mosque tonight after the Mercer-Oglethorpe game.

Oscar Seal and his orchestra will play for the entire series which includes a tea dance tomorrow afternoon and another dance tomorrow night.

The featured vocalist for the ten-piece band, which comes direct from the Chez Bismarck in Miami, is Miss Tiny Cook. The orchestra boasts one of the four vibras harps in the country and comes to Mercer highly recommended.

Tickets for freshmen are on sale at Chichester's Tatnall Square pharmacy for \$2.25. Non-fraternity upperclassmen will be charged \$2.00 each for the Friday and Saturday night dances while the fee for the tea dance will be \$1.00. These tickets will be on sale at the door of each dance.

The Friday night dance will be from 11 to 3 o'clock while the tea dance will be from 5 to 7 o'clock. The Saturday night affair will last from 9 till 12.

#### ALPHA PSI OMEGA TO PRESENT THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER

#### Law School Students Get Court Practice

Dr. E. E. Overton, Dean of the law school, this week expressed satisfaction at the interest shown in the school's practice court. This court, known as "moot court," is held once a week in the law building.

At the practice court sessions, held each Tuesday, actual trial procedure and technique is reproduced as nearly as possible. On one Tues-

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#### Extension Class Begins Saturday Highsmith Says

Extension work at Mercer University will start for the year 1937-38 tomorrow, it was announced today by Dr. E. M. Highsmith, summer school director.

The initial extension course of the year will be in Character Education Problems and Administration. This is to be a 5-hour course for regular graduate or undergraduate credit at Mercer, applying towards B.A. or M.A. degrees and carrying credit in either education or psychology, director Highsmith stated.

At the extension organization meeting last week on the Mercer campus there were some requests for evening or afternoon extension classes to begin this term. While there were not enough requests for such extension work to justify its immediate beginning, Dr. Highsmith stated, the way is still open for such class or classes to develop in the near future. All inquiries received in this connection will have prompt replies from the Mercer summer school office.

In connection with the whole extension announcement, it was stressed that any adult qualified to profit from such extension courses as are given is eligible to register as a student. Dr. Highsmith ex-

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#### Production To Be Ready By Nov. 18 Dr. Stout Hopes

By Ben Bozeman  
The Mercer Players will present a dramatization of Lee Norvelle's "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," from Edward Eggleston's novel of the same name. "We hope to be ready to produce by November 18," said Dr. Wilbur Stout, director.

The play opens in "Flat Crick, Indiana," at the home of Mr. Means, school trustee, where Ralph Hartsook, young and inexperienced schoolmaster, is accepted as teacher for the local school. Bud Means, son of the family, who is the toughest boy in the district, takes a hostile attitude. Ralph subdues him and finally wins him over unreservedly, as in like manner he calms the boys in the schoolroom through his pluck and ready wit. Here, too, Ralph meets Hannah, "bound girl" of the Means' household.

As the story progresses, a house is robbed, and suspicion is cast on Ralph. Due to the "villain's" intimations, he is arrested and almost convicted when the real criminals are discovered. Ralph is entirely cleared and Hannah learns that she is being unlawfully held.

In a happy closing scene, Hannah is reunited with her blind mother. She is to be both Ralph's assistant teacher and his wife. Bud Means finally summons courage to propose to his girl; and an interesting play, with the straight-forward honesty and strength of the schoolmaster himself, comes to an end.

#### THEY PLAN FOR HOMECOMING



HUNTER HURST

Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a series of articles presenting biographies of Mercer student leaders.

Edward Hunter Hurst was born in Fort Valley, Georgia on December 18, 1916. He received both his grammar and high school education in the Fort Valley schools. His activities in high school included basketball, tennis, and debating. Fort Valley did not possess a football team. Hunter graduated from the high school there with the class of 1934.

With no previous football experience Hunter came to Mercer and played on the freshman team. Since that time he has been a member of the varsity squad. He also played freshman basketball.

As a junior, Hunter was sports editor on the Cluster staff and later became news editor. He was made a member of Blue Key honorary society and the "M" club last year and served as sports editor of the Cauldron. This year, Hunter has been elected president of Blue Key and is managing editor of the Cluster.

Hunter is majoring in journalism and intends to do newspaper work. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

#### Josiah Crudup Edits Alumni Magazine

#### New Mercertian Distributes 2,500 Copies Of Oct. Issue

The October issue of the "Mercertian," official alumni publication was mailed this week to 2,500 degree alumni of Mercer University.

The feature article this month is one on game conservation by Prof. G. F. Carver, head of the biology department. Regular features of the magazine include two pages on sports, edited by Hunter Hurst; a letter to old graduates from Miss Sallie Boone in her characteristic manner; episodes from Mercer's history by Dr. R. D. Ransdale, his-

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DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL

#### Sororities Pledge 23 Co-ed Students

#### Three Social Groups Formally Pledge Women At Ceremonies This Week

Twenty-three co-eds who received bids from the three sororities on Mercer campus were formally pledged by their respective sororities in ceremonies conducted during the past week. Of the total number of pledges, fourteen are Macon girls, and nine are from other towns.

The Alpha Kappa sorority formally pledged five girls on October 20. They are: Tallulah Hurst, Social Circle; Sarah Rice, Elberton; Mary Louise McIntosh, Elberton; Carolyn Stillwell, Atlanta; Martha Harrison, Macon.

The Phi Omega sorority conduct-

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#### MERCER MEN . . . . .

#### WELCOME ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL

#### To Our Visiting Alumni:

Your Alma Mater finds peculiar pleasure and pardonable pride in welcoming you back to Mercer for this annual Homecoming Day. Your presence heartens us and the impact of your love and loyalty flavors and fashions the spirit and morale of our college family.

We trust you will be pleased with the improvements in our facilities, the personnel of our faculty and student body and the warmth of our welcome. We know you will enjoy the renewal of friendship with your fellow alumni and we believe you will not be disappointed with your representatives in the annual contest which will be the feature of the evening.

Sincerely and cordially,  
Spright Dowell,  
President.

HUNTER HURST

As president of the Blue Key fraternity, of which many alumni were members, I extend a cordial welcome to every Mercer man and woman who returns to the campus today. Blue Key is working to make this the most successful and enjoyable homecoming you have ever experienced and hope that you will feel welcome on the Mercer campus at any time year.

LEE BATTLE

We always are glad to see the old boys come home. Home is the best place for any man that is great, and we always like the best men that're worthwhile. Any alumni that is

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#### Game, Barbecue Feature Program For The Alumni

#### Pep Meeting Features Chorus, Bonfire At Alumni Field Last Night

Mercer Homecoming got underway last night with a "pep" meeting held around a huge bonfire near alumni field. A large number of the students were present to cheer and sing for their Alma Mater.

This is the first in the series of events scheduled for the celebration of Mercer's annual homecoming. Chief of these events are the colorful parade this morning, the alumni supper this evening, and the Mercer-Oglethorpe football game tonight.

A schedule of events for today includes:  
8:30 a. m. to 9:10—8:30 classes  
9:20 to 10:00—9:30 classes  
10:10 to 10:50—11:10 classes  
11:00 to 11:40—12:10 classes  
12 noon—parade begins from Mercer

6:00 p. m.—alumni barbecue at gym  
8:00—Mercer-Oglethorpe game  
11:00—Greek-lettered dances

The parade will form in front of the university at noon and will pass through the downtown district. A police escort will lead the way followed by a car of notables including Mayor Herbert Smart, Mayor-elect Charles Bowden, Judge R. C. Bell, president of Mercer Alumni Association, Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, president of Oglethorpe University, and Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer.

Following this car will be the official parade committee with the homecoming sponsors. Members and their sponsors are: Abe Conger, president of Mercer student body, Miss Mary Lois Hitch, president of Wesleyan conservatory student body; Billy Smith, president of Pan-Hellenic council, Miss Carolyn

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