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PLAYERS GIVE FIRST SHOW OF 1937-1938 YEAR

Hoosier Schoolmaster Presented By Mercer Players; Eight Freshmen In Cast

Last night the Mercer Players presented their initial performance of the season, The Hoosier Schoolmaster, with a cast of twenty-six composed mostly of newcomers to the organization. Ninety-seven of the twenty-six belong to either fraternities or sororities. There were six fraternities and all three sororities represented.

Eight freshmen made their bow: Cloud Morgan, Caroline Adams, Doris Cofield, Sara Rice, John Couric, L. W. Sizemore, Alfred McGinnis, and Nathan Nolan.

There were eleven other than freshmen who did their first work in an acting role. These are Billy Smith, Adolyn Arline, Joe Waddell, Ruth Petty, Jane Moncrief, Joe Rickenacker, Felder Barfield, Thurman Williams, Christy Harp, Malcolm Stokes, Jack Powell.

The Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic fraternity has fourteen active members this year on the Mercer campus. This group contributed Mary Pennell, Tom Horton, Trammell Shi, Bayne Barfield, and Josie Brown.

Marie Horton and D. V. Childs, who both served well last year have important parts.

The log-cabin setting which will be familiar to many Mercer students was painted by Harry Marshall ('36) in 1935 for the Carolina Playmaker production, "Trista." This play was staged by the Mercer Auxiliary. In 1936, Harry Marshall wrote a play for which this set was used. Again it proved useful for "Sun-Up" last year.

Adolyn Arline, a junior who transferred from Andrews College Cuthbert, studied under Ann C. Wallace, former director at Wesleyan Conservatory, and is a member of Delta Psi Omega, the Junior college branch of Alpha Psi Omega. Miss Arline has an outstanding part, and shows great

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Seven Mercer Frats Announce Bids Accepted

Pledging Of Forty-Seven Men By Greeks Marks Close Of Rush Season

A survey of the freshman class reveals that quite a number of its members accepted bids from the various social fraternities last week. Sunday, November 14, marked the end of the formal rushing season for the fraternities on the campus. Results showed that 47 of the freshman rushers pledged, this being nearly half of the total number of freshmen enrolled.

Phi Delta Theta led in the number of men pledged, having ten rushers to accept their invitations. They were: Bob Darby, Harry Smith, John Couric, Bill Adams, Arthur Woodruff, Lee Wood, Charles Garwood, Joe Struby, Carter Hill, and Shine Taylor.

Kappa Alpha pledged eight freshmen: Jack Blair, Chip Peabody, Wylie Davis, Ben Fitzpatrick, Darnell Brawner, T. Waring Bennett, Billy Pond, and Arthur Turner.

Alpha Tau Omega pledged seven freshmen: Newman Lozier, Charles Evans, H. K. Adams, J. C. Evans, Tracy Middlebrooks, Dan Porter, and Frank Alexander.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledged six freshmen: Sanders Lane, Ralph Kittle, Marshall Gary, Raymond O'Quinn, Alfred McGinnis, and James Hornsberger.

Five freshmen were pledged to Kappa Sigma: Holmes Shepherd, Thomas Slappey, Walter Broach, Hughes Hodges, Harold Beaty, and Forest Powell.

Pi Kappa Phi also pledged five freshmen: George Israel, Jimmy Bird, Bert James, Ed Dorsey, and Emory Wages.

Pi Kappa Alpha pledged two freshmen: Rufus Humphries and Earl Taylor.

Upperclassmen pledged since September 22 are:

S.A.E.: Bob Thompson, Jack Phillips, Wimpy Jones, Wright Bazemore and Alfred Lowe.

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Mercer Glee Club To Give First Performance Nov. 29



GLEE CLUB DIRECTOR — LEE WOOD

DOWELL GIVES LOCAL REPORT

More Dormitory Space Present Need Of Mercer, Convention Told

"We are confronted with the problem of finding a way to meet the needs for doubling the capacity of Sherwood hall, for the erection of a new dormitory, and for the improvement of some of the older buildings on the Mercer campus," Dr. Spright Dowell reported to the Georgia Baptist convention meeting in Macon this week.

With these improvements made Mercer will have a plant that will accommodate six hundred students.

The present Mercer improvement program comprehends two five-year cycles, according to Dr. Dowell. The first ends in the summer of 1938, the hundredth anniversary of the closing of Mercer Institute, and the second beginning the following academic year, the centennial of the changing of Mercer Institute into Mercer University.

"In continuation of the program for the first five-years, the Hardman library and Porter Hall were dedicated at our commencement in June and Penfield hall and reconditioning the apartments for the use of ministerial students was completed during the summer quarter," the report said.

"The rebuilding and equipment of a suitable laboratory and class rooms for biology, the 'Joseph E. Willet Science Buildings' seems assured and with it a trust fund for endowment that will insure maintenance" the president explained.

Sunday School Class Elects New Officers

Normand Shands has been elected president of the Mercer Sunday School class, which meets in the Theological building each week.

Other officers elected to serve

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Singers Will Present Show For Students In Chapel Monday Week

The 1938 edition of the Mercer Glee club will present its opening student performance Monday night, November 29, at eight o'clock in the University chapel. The club will consist of about thirty-five in the chorus and an orchestra of eleven pieces.

Jimmie Jordan, business manager of the club, announced yesterday that out-of-town engagements had been arranged for the week of November 29. The club will give its first road performance on Wednesday, December 1, in Cordele. Thursday they will play in Eastman, and will return Friday night after giving the program in Vienna. Only 26 singers will make the road trips.

Besides the chorus and the orchestra, the club will this year offer several features. The features are listed as: T. R. Smith and his silver trumpet, two quartets, an octet, and Charles Hearn and his magic.

Mr. Lee Wood, director, will accompany the club on its trip. Also making the trip will be Johnnie Reed, stage manager, and Ben Scarborough, pianist for the singers.

Students Organize New Graduate Club

Five graduate students here have organized the Mercer Graduate club to be made up of students who have already received their degrees.

Aldon Etheridge, Warthen, was elected president of the club at a recent meeting. Other officers and members include F. T. Franklin, Lithonia, program chairman, Charles S. James, Jr., Rembert, S. C., vice president, Allie B. Jolley, Macon, secretary, and Pearl Virginia Eichelberger, High Point, N. C.

The club meets twice each month on Tuesdays. At a meeting this week plans were made for the conducting of a student chapel program sometime in the near future.

Greeks Sponsor Dance At Mosque Tuesday Evening

Jimmy Heavener's Orchestra Will Play For Event Which Honors Pledges

The Greek Letter Association of Macon will honor its new pledges with a dance at the Shrine Mosque next Tuesday night. Music will be furnished by Jimmy Heavener and his orchestra.

The dance, lasting from 9 'til 1 will be attended by fraternity men only and only alumni of the fraternities will be permitted to buy tickets at the door.

The orchestra, with two vocalists, is now playing at the Tavern.

Members of the Pan-Hellenic council and their dates will take part in the lead-out. Representatives who will be present include Billy Smith, Lennie Davis, Abe Conger, Walter Godwin, George Brown, Leon Hearin, Jack Tarver, Jack Powell, Fred Harper, Olin Morgan, Jack Hadaway, Elbert Jenkins, Hugh Tarver.

MERCER HOST TO BAPTISTS

Baptist Group Entertained By University At Barbecue; Orchestra Plays

Mercer was host to the Southern Baptist Convention last Tuesday night at a barbecue dinner served from 5:30 to 7:30 in new Porter Hall. "We want them to come out here and get a first-hand acquaintance with the improvements of the campus by a tramp on Mercer soil," said Dr. Dowell, in stating the purpose of the dinner. "We hope they will carry away something of the feeling of loyalty of the institution."

The Mercer orchestra, under the direction of T. R. Smith, furnished the main feature of the evening's entertainment with their music. Mercer is rapidly getting an orchestra of the same standard that in former years was known throughout the South.

Newspaper Club Hears Geo. Burt

Importance of Clarity In News Writing Shown By Telegraph And News Editor

George D. W. Burt, executive editor of the Macon Telegraph and News, lectured to the Newspaper Club Tuesday night on methods of consolidating and simplifying news stories.

Using actual examples, Mr. Burt proved that clarity in news writing could be obtained by consolidating and simplifying stories.

"The easiest habit for a news writer to fall into is that of writing in the passive voice, yet things don't happen in the passive," he said.

Mr. Burt also predicted a change in newspaper style due to competition of the radio. "The newspaper has much to learn from the radio, and the radio has much to learn from the newspaper," he added.

William E. Laur was elected vice president of the club to fill the vacancy left by Bill Cutts. Art Barrow, Dan Grahl, and Barge Shi were elected to membership in the organization.

STUDENT BODY WILL VOTE ON CONSTITUTION

Final Ballot Delayed Until Copy Of Revised Document Is Printed

The Mercer student body voted Wednesday to delay final ratification of the new student constitution until a copy of the revised document could be printed in The Cluster.

Changes made in the original document during the student chapel this week included the accepting of a faculty recommendation that the section providing for an honor code be omitted and voted on separately at a later date.

Another change was the voting on a section providing that students elect an editor and business manager of The Cluster each year along with three other students, who with the editor and business manager will form the board of control for the student paper.

The complete text of the constitution as will be voted on the first of next week follows.

STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION OF MERCER UNIVERSITY

We, the students of Mercer University, believe self government, properly administered, to be government in its best form. We also believe the training in citizenship, derived from governing ourselves, to be invaluable.

Therefore, asserting that we are firm believers in our own integrity, we do hereby declare the following principles of our government.

We propose to be governed by the Constitution and laws of our federal government and those of the state of Georgia, and to recognize the authority of the University administration as superior to our own.

We propose to maintain always high mental, moral, and physical standards as the basic principles and essential elements of a well governed student body.

We propose to keep inviolable the rights of each student to his personal liberties, and never to become officious by attempting injudicious control, nor by undertaking legislation offensive to the student body.

We hold that the power of this government rests mainly on the creation and maintenance of a well balanced student sentiment, based on a profound respect for the welfare of the University.

Trusting that our actions will draw faculty and students closer together, and hoping that we will receive the confidence and support of the faculty and the public, we do hereby ordain and establish the following constitution and government of the students of Mercer University.

ARTICLE I.

General Organization

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Student Government of Mercer University.

Section 2. The membership of this organization shall consist of all students who are registered at Mercer University.

Section 3. The officers of the Student Government shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary-treasurer, a freshman advisor, and a student council composed of five members.

ARTICLE II.

Election and Duties of Student Government Officers

Section 1. Duties of Student Government Officers.

(b) Vice-president: The duties of the vice-president of the Student Government shall be to preside over all meetings of Student Government; to enforce with the Student Council, the Constitution of the Student Government; to appoint any committees or other officers he deems necessary not provided for in the Constitution; and to be an ex-officio member of the Student Council and to sit in an advisory capacity at meetings of the Council.

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Beta Sigma Chapter Of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority Installed On Campus

National Officers Present For Ceremonies; Ten Co-eds Initiated Saturday

The Beta Sigma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority was installed at Mercer last week-end when the members of the Alpha Kappa social sorority were initiated as charter members.

National officers and province officials were present for the installation of the new chapter, together with delegates from each of the seven other chapters in this province.

Formal ceremonies were held Friday afternoon. The new pledges were hostesses later at an open house at the home of Betty Jenkins in honor of the visitors.

A luncheon was held at the Massee Saturday afternoon in honor of the national officers and alumnae. The formal initiation of the chapter took place Saturday afternoon with a formal banquet being held that night at the Hotel Dempsey.

Miss Helen Glenn entertained the national officers, visitors, and

alumnae with an open house at her home following the banquet.

The Mercer co-eds who were initiated as charter members of the national sorority are: Irma Willis, Anne Nolan, Helen Glenn, Katherine Hawthorn, Lucile Balkcom, Annie Wheat Jones, Jane Orme, Betty Jenkins, Margaret Pulliam, and Gladys Holder. Pledges to the new chapter include: Ione Shepherd, Elizabeth Swinford, and Harriet Pittman.

The national officers who were present for the installation were: Mrs. Joseph B. Hubbard, grand president; Mrs. Thomas W. Harris, Jr., grand secretary-treasurer; Miss Evelyn Hix, grand second vice president. Mrs. I. J. Browder, president of Alpha province which includes Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Alabama, was also present as was her vice president Mrs. Ralph Fefner.

The new chapter received many gifts from the other Alpha Delta Pi chapters throughout the nation as well as flowers from several fraternity chapters on the Mercer campus.