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PILGRIMS ARRIVE HERE TODAY

MUSEUM OPEN TO PUBLIC; HISTORICAL PIECES SHOWN

PAPERS, BOOKS CENTURIES OLD ARE FEATURED

Relics Related To Mercer And Baptist History Are Included In Collection

The Mercer Museum is open today for the first time for public inspection.

On display in the Museum room on the second floor of the Hardman Library building are relics, trophies, and records dealing with the history of Mercer and the Baptist denomination.

Books printed in the fifteenth century, papers rich in history, files of magazines, in some cases complete for more than a century, handwritten documents from American statesmen and world religious leaders, pieces of furniture and articles belonging to the first officials of Mercer, and silver cups and trophies signifying accomplishments—all have their place in the Museum.

Work in developing the Museum has been directed by Dr. Wilbur Stout and Dr. B. D. Ragsdale, who with the help of several N.Y.A. students have displayed, classified and labelled all available material.

Dr. Stout's work has mainly been the supervision of collecting, displaying and other mechanics of organizing the Museum, while Dr. Ragsdale's has dealt largely with completing files of The Christian Index and other Baptist historical volumes.

A large part of the material on display today was already in the possession of Mercer when work on the Museum began last year, and other material is yet to be collected from other places on the campus.

Still other material has been contributed recently by friends and alumni of Mercer who are interested in the Museum. Most recent contribution is a Bible more than a century old and autographed by Adiel Sherwood, for whom Sher-

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CLUSTER IS SENT TO EUROPE BY DR. REDLICH

Copies of The Cluster are being read regularly in Europe this year.

Dr. Fritz Redlich, professor of economics, sends copies of the Mercer student paper to friends in Berlin, Germany, each week. He wants them to understand something of American student life, he said.

Most interesting to his European friends is the Cluster anti-hazing campaign, Dr. Redlich explained. Nothing similar to hazing, beating or ratting exists in their colleges.

A copy of The Silhouette



SEATED AT THE DESK of Jessie Mercer, founder of Mercer, is Evelyn Sanders, great-granddaughter of Billington Sanders, first president of Mercer University. The desk was used personally by Jessie Mercer and is on display in the Museum.



Other two pictures above show a case of books, files and magazines related to the history of Mercer and a display of century old letters and papers, also in the museum.

—(Cluster staff photos.)

SILHOUETTE IS GIVEN SENIORS

Visiting Students To Get Free Copies Of Mercer Publication

High school seniors visiting the Mercer campus today may obtain a copy of The Silhouette, literary magazine, by calling at the Silhouette office in Penfield Hall, Herbert Bailey, editor announced.

"We hope to be able to give at least one copy of every edition of The Silhouette to each school represented here and we hope to be able to put one copy in the hands of each visitor so they can see the kind of magazine they will find on the campus if they should come to Mercer next year," Bailey said.

The Silhouette was begun this year to take the place of a former humor magazine, The Bearskin, which had become extinct. Bailey

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Blair Releases Grade Averages

Sigma Pi Pledge Group, Kappa Phi Fraternity Lead Campus With Perfect Record

In a scholastic report given by Major J. D. Blair, registrar, the Sigma Pi fraternity pledge group received the highest ranking with a perfect record of 3,000. Kappa Phi Kappa, educational fraternity, was second with 2,444, while the graduate students ran a close third with 2,363.

In the individual student groups, the graduate students were first; sorority women were second with 1,760; and all-women were third with 1,726. Next in order were upper division 1,585; fraternity men 1,525; law students 1,468; all-students 1,436; all-men 1,355; non-fraternity men 1,355; sorority pledges 1,333; lower division 1,271; and fraternity pledges 1,057.

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EXERCISES SET FOR JUNE 5, 6

Commencement Plans Include Addresses By Truett And Cox

Mercer's Centennial Commencement exercises will be held June 5-6. Dr. George R. Truett will preach the Commencement Sermon Sunday in the Macon Auditorium at 3:00 p. m. Dr. Truett is one of the best known of living ministers, and is president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Monday morning there will be a meeting of the trustees followed by the Annual Alumni Exercises at 11:00 a. m. Judge John R. C. Bell will preside and Congressman E. E. Cox will make the Centennial Alumni address. After the exercises there will be an Alumni banquet and class reunion. All classes have been invited to the reunion this year as this is Mercer University's

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GEORGIA SENIORS IN FIFTH MERCER TREK

TODAY'S PROGRAM FEATURES BARBECUE, ENTERTAINMENTS

CHAPEL ASSEMBLY AT 10:45

High school seniors from every part of the state arrive today as guests of Mercer as the university holds its fifth annual Pilgrimage program.

At 10:45 the seniors gather in the chapel building for the general assembly where they will hear words of welcome given by George Brown, Hunter Hurst, Helen Glenn, and Mary Pennell. These students will be introduced by Dr. Spright Dowell, Mercer president.

The students will then hear a speech by Mrs. Frank Burney, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia. Following this is the recognition of all visiting students and professors and introduction of the members of the Mercer faculty. Seniors will then be conducted through the new Hardman library and on to Porter Hall where they will be served a barbecue dinner.

Immediately following dinner the glee club and orchestra will give a concert in the chapel and will be followed by the Mercer Players presenting original skits. Dean John B. Clark will talk to the visitors on the reasons for attending Mercer and will give then an outline of the operation of the school.

Groups will then be formed by the seniors, each going to the group in which he is interested. The faculty members will take the group through that part of the campus pointing out to them the points of interest and explaining the policy of that department.

A reception in the recently furnished Penfield Hall at 4:00 will complete the program of the day.

Dr. Dowell summed up his feelings in his brief welcome to the Pilgrims. He says—

To the Pilgrims to Mercer:

Our entire Mercer family joins in bidding you, one and all, a hearty welcome.

The exercises of the day have been planned in your honor and for your entertainment and we earnestly hope that the acquaintances you make today and the impressions you carry away with you will be so happy and whole-



DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL

some that you will return in due time to make Mercer your own college home.

We are not mindful of the fact that your visit has been made possible by thoughtful and worthy friends and to them and to you we extend the most cordial greetings of this historic old college community.

Sincerely and cordially,

Spright Dowell,

President.

Blue Key and Cardinal Key, Mercer's honor societies, will work together as members of the hospitality committee. Blue Key will be hosts and marshalls for the day; they will also have charge of all parking and traffic. Cardinal Key will be in charge of all courtesies extended to the visitors.

George Brown, Marietta, president of the student body gives his welcome to the pilgrims below.

To our visitors:

It is with genuine pleasure that we look forward to these annual visits of the high school seniors of the state and we welcome you most heartily.

During your brief sojourn on our campus we trust that you will make it yours and consider us at your service. Don't hesitate to call upon any Mercer student for information or guidance.

We have combined forces to make this day pleasant for you and our efforts will not be in vain if we are able to impart to

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NEWS CLUB BEGINS CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Newspaper Club has announced plans to conduct a contest for the best editorial written in Georgia by a high school student with the award being a one hundred dollar scholarship to Mercer next year.

Entries for the contest will have to be in by May 20. All details will be sent to principals of accredited high schools in Georgia next week. Any students desiring information can write the Newspaper Club at Mercer or ask their principals. The

subject of the editorial, length, and other such regulations will be announced next week.

The various committees for handling the contest are:

Committee on rules and regulations, Hunter Hurst, Art Barrow, Herbert Bailey, and Bert Struby; Committee on Publicity and Information, Billy Geeslin, Clyde Calhoun, Ed Dorsey, and Wingfield Chamberlain; Committee on Addresses, Dan Porter, John Couric, Bob Sparks, Billy Jenkins.

There will be a meeting of the Newspaper Club next Tuesday in the Literary society room of Penfield Hall.

Members of the club are: Herb Bailey, Clyde Calhoun, Billy Geeslin, Helen Glenn, Hunter Hurst, Howard Laney, Bill Laur, W. R. Lynn, Bob Sparks, Bert Struby, Dan Grahl, Barge Shi, Art Barrow, Billy Jenkins, Dan Porter, Harry Goldgar, Ed Dorsey, Wingfield Chamberlain, John Couric, Rod Tuach, Hugh Landrum, and Charles Hearn.



GEORGE BROWN