

## Twenty Students Honored Today

### EFFICIENCY IS MAIN PROBLEM EDITORS CLAIM

Survey Of Georgia Weekly Newspapermen Lists Problems Of State

Georgia weekly newspaper editors believe the problem of most concern to Georgians is that of local and state governmental efficiency, according to a survey made by the Mercer department of journalism.

Second most important problem is that of taxation, the survey, which included about 50 editors of representative weekly newspapers, reveals.

The editors ranked 10 problems, according to their own opinions, in the order of descending importance to Georgians. Composite figures showed that crop diversification was considered the third most important.

Other problems ranked in the following descending order: farm tenancy, soil erosion, reforestation, industrial diversification, public school curriculum revision, merging of governmental units, and racial cooperation.

In the same survey 35 per cent of the editors stated that they believe there are no forces menacing the rights and privileges of the press, while 30 per cent believe the government and laws are a menace. Others stated forces serving as a menace are the press itself, control by business and news suppression by officials.

Fifty per cent of the editors state that modern transportation and communication developments, mainly the radio, have affected the weekly newspaper. Seventy per cent believe the daily newspaper competes with weekly in the field of advertising.

Other facts revealed by the survey are that most editors believe the style of news writing for a weekly paper should be less formal, "more leisurely" and simpler than that used by daily papers.

The percentage of gross income for the average Georgia weekly (Continued on Page 2)

### New Art Books Are In Library

Works On Botticelli, Rembrandt, Titian, Included In New Volumes

A complete new set of books on art and artists and collections of famous pictures was put into circulation in the library this week.

Most of the books are publications of Phaeton Press, a division of the Oxford University Publishers. They include works on Botticelli, Cezanne, Degas, Rembrandt, Titian, The Art of Ancient Egypt, and Art Without Epoch.

The latter is a collection of famous pictures and sculpture of all ages. The 'Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy,' by James Burkhardt, is not a member of this group, but a book of equal interest to art-lovers.

The library has three of last year's Pulitzer Prize Winners, recently selected, librarians announced. These are the biography of Jackson, Fiddler's Progress, and Road to America.

### Three One-Act Plays To Be Given May 19

By JOHN COURIC

Three one-act plays by Mercer playwriting students will be presented May 19 in the chapel.

Hugh Carney's comedy of rural North Georgia, Darksome Are the Days, is the first play on the program. This play is built around the courtship and rivalry of Elmer Chattin and Huey Weatherbee for the hand of Lucy Cole, the village belle. How one wins the girl and the other remains perfectly content makes every minute of the play entertaining.

Mary Pennell's Victory Without Wings is a sequence to The Valiant. This play is a portrait of a boy who lives a double life and does it honorably.

The third play on the program is a comedy of college life by Adolyn Arline. The scene for this play, Touchdown for Shakespeare, is laid in a girls' dormitory. Snappy dialogue and skillful act-

ing give indication that this play will be a success.

The authors will serve as sub-directors of their plays. Casts of the different plays are as follows: Darksome Are the Days: Adolyn Arline, Marie Horton, John Couric, Wylie Davis, Florence Abel, and Joe Rickenbacker. Victory Without Wings: Cloud Morgan, Joe Rickenbacker, Helen Glenn, Caroline Adams, and Wylie Davis. Touchdown for Shakespeare: Adolyn Arline, Marie Horton, Virginia Little, Caroline Adams, James Fitzpatrick, and Al Owen.

Students taking double roles are Wylie Davis, Marie Horton, Caroline Adams, and Adolyn Arline. These players will appear in more than one part on the program.

Frank Cimperman is listed as production manager and Ed Dorsey as stage manager.

### HONOR FRAT TO HOLD BANQUET

Blue Key Plans Annual Celebration For Next Week

Blue Key will hold its annual banquet next Friday night, Ivan Lester, president of the fraternity, announced yesterday.

The banquet will be held at the New Yorker at 7 p. m. About 50 Blue Key members, faculty members, alumni, and dates are expected to be present.

Features of the program following the banquet will be an address, musical selections and short toasts by Blue Key members.

Details of the program will be announced the first of next week, Lester said.

Those to be honored at the banquet are the new members of the fraternity, retiring officers, and graduating seniors.

New members include Phil Patton, James Jordan, James Buckner, T. R. Smith, Al Owen, Jack Powell, James Rawls, H. T. Marshall, Trammell Shi, and Herbert Bailey.

Retiring officers are Hunter Hurst, president, Robert Smith, vice-president, Boyce Outen, treasurer, and Bert Struby, secretary.

### PLACES FOUND FOR GRADUATES

Demand For Graduates Not So Great But New Fields Are Open

Indications are that Mercer's Placement Bureau will again find positions for all members of the graduating class. Although the demand for college graduates is not so great this year as last, the increasing number of fields of work is expected to balance this condition. Many graduates are going into insurance work, a comparatively new field.

Other fields where Mercer graduates have been placed are teaching, which is the largest, mills, banks, mercantiling, coaching, law, and ministerial work. The demand for teachers is not so wide as it was last year, due to Georgia's increase in schools at that time, but teaching is still the largest opportunity for Mercer graduates.

The Placement service is offered free to seniors. Many requests are received each year by the Bureau, and letters are also sent out by the bureau. Major J. D. Blair is in charge of the Bureau.

### GUERRY, BELL WILL SPEAK TO SENIORS MAY 20

Seniors Will Be Taken Into Alumni Organization; Trip To Penfield Planned

R. C. Bell, president of the Mercer Alumni Association, and John B. Guerry, both well known Georgia jurists, will speak on Senior Class day which will be observed, May 20. Isaac Levine, president of the class, announced this recently and also stated that the Mercer alumni will take active part in the program this year.

Besides the various prophecies, poems, history, and last will and testament, a ceremony will be performed in which all of the seniors are taken into the alumni association. That afternoon the joint groups will hold a barbecue at Lakeside.

A trip to Penfield, Georgia, has been planned for the following day by the Ladies' Auxiliary. All seniors who would like to see Mercer's original home will be furnished transportation and lunch. Levine has urged all seniors to turn in their 50 cent assessment to Al Owen immediately.

Professor Josiah Crudup, T. Ayer Hatcher, Tom M. Jones, and Freeman Hart, Jr. form a committee which will direct all alumni activity for the Senior Class day.

Other committees composed of seniors include: class orator, David Mincey, Phil Patton, and Ivan Lester; class historian, Helen Glenn, and Hunter Hurst; class prophecy and last will and testament, Isaac Levine, Charles Hearn, Elbert Jenkins, Harriet Pittman, and Tom Flournoy; class poet, Hugh Carney and Joe Woddail.

### Editorial Contest Entries Awaited

Hundred Dollar Scholarship Offered Winner Of Competition; Deadline May 20

Requests for information and data concerning the contest being sponsored by the Newspaper Club have been received and entries are expected to flow in during the next two weeks, it was announced by Bert Struby, president of the club yesterday.

High school seniors have been notified of the contest by means of letters and bulletins mailed to over 200 accredited high schools in the state and through news releases sent out by the News Bureau to approximately 150 Georgia weekly and daily papers.

The writer of the best editorial will receive a hundred dollar scholarship to Mercer. Deadline for the contest has been set for May 20.

The five subjects on which the editorials may be written are as follows: Death Penalty for Armed Robbery in Georgia, Compulsory Military Training in High School, Smoking and Drinking Among High School Students, Consolidation of Georgia Counties, and Is America Democratic?

### FRESHMAN AWARD FEATURES HONOR DAY RECOGNITION



WYLIE DAVIS

Scholars, Debaters, Journalists Given Certificates, Keys

SIGMA MU ELECTS 5

By Clyde Calhoun

Twenty students were recognized in chapel this morning on the sixth annual Honor Day exercises of the University.

Wylie Davis was awarded the Phi Eta Sigma cup, four students and one alumnus were elected to Sigma Mu, eight varsity and four freshmen debaters received certificates, and three members of the Cluster staff were presented Cluster keys.

Dean S. L. Akers of Wesleyan college was the principal speaker on the program conducted by Professor W. T. Smalley in the absence of Dean John B. Clark. Dr. Akers spoke to the student body on The Story of a Misjudged Man—A Study in Tolerance.

The outstanding freshman award was presented to Wylie Davis, Macon, and honorable mention went to Dan F. Porter, Macon, and Ernest Baskins, Sylvester.

Davis is a member of the freshman debating team, tennis team, Mercer Players, and the Kappa Alpha social fraternity. He has played on fraternity basketball and softball teams and is an assistant to Major K. B. Ferguson.

Porter, Baskin and Davis are all members of Phi Eta Sigma. Porter is a freshman debater, staff member of the Cluster and Silhouette, member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Newspaper Club.

Baskin is a member of the business staffs of the Cluster and Silhouette, member of the Ciceronian Literary Society and Baptist Student Union.

Katherine Hawthorne, Macon; H. T. Marshall, Eatonton; Phil Patton, Stonewall; and Bert Struby, Macon, were the four students selected to membership in Sigma Mu, local scholarship fraternity for which a student must make and maintain a high scholastic average and have a high standard of character. Dr. William Clarence Askew, professor of history at University of Arkansas and Mercer alumnus is the fifth new member of the scholastic group. Sigma Mu is organized somewhat on the lines of Phi Beta Kappa. Dean Clark is president of the fraternity and Professor Smalley is secretary.

The eight varsity debaters receiving certificates were James Buckner, Waycross, Phil Patton, Stonewall, Sam Lowe, Atlanta, Harold Edwards, Atlanta, John Birch, Macon, Lansing Reddick, Sylvania, Billy Geeslin, Macon, and Leon Garfield, Macon. Those receiving freshmen awards were Wylie Davis, Harry Goldgar, Dan Porter, all of Macon, and Nathan Nolan, Fairburn.

Three Cluster Keys were presented to three members of the (Continued on Page 2)

### PAN-HELLENIC TO HOLD DANCE

Alumni Entertainment To Be Held At Lakeside, May 20; To Climax Senior Day

Announcement was made this week that the alumni of the Pan-Hellenic Council will sponsor a dance to be held at the Lakeside Pavilion, Friday, May 20.

Eddie Cox and his orchestra will furnish the music with T. R. Smith in the vocal selections. The dance will begin at 10 o'clock.

Admission to the dance will be 50 cents. According to James Fitzpatrick, president of Pan-Hellenic, this will be in line with the aim of the Pan-Hellenic Council for this year; that is, of furnishing entertainment at a nominal charge.

Selection of Lakeside as the place for the dance is tentative, and definite announcement is to be made next week.

### MERCER PLAYERS GIVEN INVITATION

Group Asked To Bring Folk Play To University Of North Carolina

The Mercer Players have been invited to bring an original Georgia folk play to the University of North Carolina a year from this spring, Dr. Wilbur Stout, director, has announced.

The occasion is the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Carolina Playmakers under the direction of Dr. Frederick H. Koch. Since their beginning, the Carolina Playmakers have been particularly interested in the development of native, regional drama.

Dr. Stout was an early member of the Carolina Playmakers, with whom he did acting, writing, and production work. He has been a director for twelve years since he completed his doctorate and left the Playmakers. He has taught playwriting, he said, "whenever opportunity permitted."

The Mercer Players are now preparing their third annual program of Georgia Folk Plays.

### EDITOR'S DAYBOOK

- SUNDAY
    - Afternoon 3:00 — Pan-Hellenic Council meeting at S.A.E.House.
  - MONDAY
    - Night 7:00—Ciceronian Literary Society Weiner Roast, Lakeside.
  - TUESDAY
    - Morning 10:30—Meeting Cluster Staff, Cluster Office.
  - THURSDAY
    - Night 9:00—Life Service Band, Robert's Chapel.
  - FRIDAY
    - Senior Alumni Day, Chapel Exercises and Barbecue at Lakeside.
- Note: Students wishing to announce meetings may use this column.