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MAMA, THAT THING'S HERE; YEP, THE BIG SHOW'S COMIN'

All of Which Spells Politics,
But—You Gotta Qualify To Run

By BILLY GREEN

Don't look now, buddy, but that thing's here again. You see, there's nothing under high Heaven quite like it. Mercer politics, we mean.

Already political rumblings have begun, ambitious undergraduates have started "hollo-ing" all their friends and trying to convert their enemies.

That political figure, the political boss, has already started lining up those important topics and taking the kinks out of that throaty voice talk. Yeah, boss, that thing's here again.

Let them begin, ya Cluster. Take this opportunity to remind all who have ambitions that there's such a thing as a student election. One and all who plan to take part in the big show, come April 9, would do well to brush up on what's in the constitution.

According to Glenn Morris, president of the student body and hereby chief organizer at the political jamboree, voting will as usual be by Australian (or secret) ballot. He also called attention to the matter of the constitution which reads as follows: "Each candidate must file with the secretary of the student government, at least two weeks before the date of the election, a written statement of his or her intentions to become a candidate, and must deposit the sum of \$1 with the secretary to defray expenses of the election."

Following are other key sections of the constitution relating to election procedure:

(1) To be eligible for president, or vice-president, of Student Government, a candidate must have attended Mercer University for at least one academic year or must have obtained a law degree such as or before the day of election.

(2) To be eligible for secretary-treasurer, or a member of the Student Council of the Student Government, a candidate must have a B or better credit in the office of the secretary of the university or in the day of the election, or better credit in the election, or better credit in the election, or better credit in the election.

(3) All candidates for Student Government offices must have a grade of C or better in the semester immediately preceding the election.

(4) The student committee will meet the specified qualifications.

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REDLICH WRITES ECONOMICS BOOK

Michigan Company
Publishes Volume

By HARRY GOLDGAR

Edwards Brothers of Ann Arbor, Michigan, will publish on or about March 15 the first volume of *A History of American Business Leaders*, by Dr. Fritz Redlich of the Mercer economics department.

The projected series in the field of economic history will contain several volumes. The first volume discusses at some length the general theory on which Dr. Redlich bases these studies—the theory of the creative entrepreneur as it has been formulated by Dr. Joseph Schumpeter, an Austrian scholar who has taught since the early '30's at Harvard. This first volume also discusses business leaders in iron and steel and iron ore mining. The second volume will concern itself with leaders in banking.

Dr. Redlich spent more than four years in this research, and has already done some work on the second volume. For his research he has received a grant-in-aid from the Social Science Research Council, for 1938-39.

Dr. Redlich belongs to the school of thought, he explained yesterday, which believes that economic history is made by men, or groups of men (and here the theory of generations is applied), rather than the men being pawns of inexorable historical forces. His book, he said, in accordance with this theory treats the men who were actually creative in the field, whether or not they achieved any phenomenal success.

KA ALUMNI GIVE COSTUME AFFAIR

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Actors Carry One-Act Play To Carolina

Players To Present
'Urban Drift' Before
Dramatic Conclave

The Mercer Players have been invited to bring one of their original one-act plays to the All-Southern Dramatic Conference at the University of North Carolina, April 4-6. Dr. Wilbur Stout, director, announced this week.

The play chosen was written last year by W. R. Lynn and is entitled *Urban Drift*. It is a comedy showing a good natured revolt against the monotony of meat, meal and molasses. The cast, including Annie Mays, Bill Mitchell, Guyton McCall, Buck Williams, Hills Hollingsworth and John Couric, is holding daily rehearsals under the direction of Jack Powell, who was student director last spring.

At this conference representatives from fifteen Southern states will show specimens of their work and hear reports by national speakers on the progress of dramatic art in the South.

TOMORROW LAST DAY FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

Due to the change in the examination schedule the final date for returning books to the library has been advanced to March ninth. All students with books stamped due on the 11th, 12th and 13th please take notice. Overnight circulation only during week of March 11th.

Small Colleges Hold Key To World Problems, Albert Says At Dinner

Noted Lecturer Assails Political
Affiliations, Irresponsible Leaders

Urging enthusiastic support of small colleges, Dr. Allen D. Albert, past president of Rotary International, expressed the view Tuesday night that graduates of such schools will become the leaders capable of solving our present world problems.

Dr. Albert addressed about 300 members of the Inter Civic club at their annual meeting in the Walter Little room of the Hotel Dempsey.

Lashing out at irresponsible legislators in Southern states and in other parts of the nation, the speaker said the need today is for "men of courage who are willing to form an unprejudiced opinion and take a stand for it."

Dr. Albert, speaking on *The Place of The Smaller Colleges in Changing America*, said institutions independent of state financing and small in size have "the tremendous responsibility of inspiring youth."

"It is the task of the smaller schools to present education as an electric current burning into consciences of the students the idea that what they do, America will

Council Grants Short Holidays

Executive Group Adheres To
Blue Key Proposal On Issue

Here's one for Mr. Ripley: Spring holiday(s) are a reality. Yessir, come next Thursday, one and all of Mercer's "big happy family" can start thumbing for Boston to get in on some of that orange-pickin'. Oh, most happy day!

AAA Justified, Forum Is Told

Speaker Explains
Plight Of Farmer

The democratic principle of equal opportunity for all justifies the existence of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, J. Banks Young of the AAA's Athens division told members of the Mercer Student Forum Monday night.

He asserted that immigration laws, tariff restrictions, and organization of labor helped people in other fields but did not aid those employed in agriculture.

Mr. Young placed partial blame for the farmer's plight on the fact that Georgia ranks low in providing educational facilities. Health conditions and freight rate discriminations also work against the farmer, the speaker said.

Figures Cited

The speaker quoted statistics to show that 42 per cent of Georgia's population lives on farms which include almost seven acres of crop land for each person in the state.

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All of which is by way of saying that the administration rendered a precedent-breaking decision to give all Mercer lads and lassies an abbreviated spring vacation. The action came at the request of Blue Key, represented by Trammell Shi, T. Hoyt Davis, and Ed Dorsey, which simply said: "We need a rest, etc."

Final exams for the winter quarter begin next Tuesday instead of Wednesday as originally scheduled, the registrar's office has announced.

All 8:10 classes will hold exams Tuesday morning. Classes meeting at 12:35 will have final tests Tuesday afternoon.

Classes meeting at 9:10 and 11:35 will meet Wednesday morning and afternoon respectively.

Thursday is the last exam day when 10:05 classes meet in the morning. Classes scheduled for 2:30 and 3:30 will have exams Thursday afternoon, as will all conflicts.

Morning exam periods will run from 9 until 12, and afternoon periods will last from 2 until 5.

GLEE CLUB GETS HOLIDAY RESPITE

The mixed chorus will sing Thursday night before members of the Georgia Education Association, Director W. Lee Wood announced this week.

The GEA state-wide convention of school teachers meets in Macon Thursday through Saturday. Prominent speakers scheduled for the event include Gov. E. D. Rivers, Attorney General Ellis Arnall and Dr. M. D. Collins, state superintendent of schools.

President Dowell said yesterday that all members of the mixed chorus remaining on the campus for the GEA performance will not be required to register until Tuesday, thus allowing an additional day of grace. All other students must register not later than 5 p. m. Monday, under a penalty of a one dollar late registration fee.

Mercer Girls Model At Unique Lecture

Mrs. Thomas P. Ahrens, experienced South American traveler, will give an illustrated lecture in Wesleyan Conservatory Tuesday evening.

A feature of the program will be modeling of typical South American costumes by six college girls. Misses Dale Crawford and Jeanette Brazzeal will represent Mercer while two representatives from Wesleyan College and the conservatory will also participate. Mrs. Ahrens has traveled over 17,000 miles in South America. She will illustrate her lecture with natural color movies. The American University Women will sponsor the program.