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## COMES THE REVOLUTION....

THINGS MAY BE quiet in this picture, but wait until the robots start their rebellion against their creators and masters, the human beings. Students will have a chance to study such a situation next Tuesday night, when the Mercer Players present R. U. R., their initial performance for the year, in Willingham chapel. Those who will take part in the social allegory include (left to right) Prompter Jeannette Blanks, Nat Kaderly, Phil Cox, Nathan Nolan (standing), Hendley Napier, Virginia Fincher, Harold Hollingsworth and Albert Henderson. (Photo by Cumbie.)

## Curtain!

# Players Present First Effort Tuesday Night

By Shirley Bakewell

While World wars and little Hitlers rage in Europe, revolutions in South America, and mild spats go on in the home, still another great battle will join the ranks of the centuries at 8:30 p. m., Tuesday, in Willingham chapel, when the Mercer Players present R. U. R., a saga of future generation.

Scene Laid in 1950

Trouble in the plot first rears its ugly head in 1950 after the first short ugly experimental robots have given way to lovely lady robots (who no doubt started the ruckus anyway) and handsome gents with tin complexions but no sense — of feeling, I mean.

The manager of the robot factory, which serves as a maternity ward for the clanking community, is none other than Albert Henderson who is doing very well by himself—or is he? Evidently not, for at this precise moment in walks the representative of the Humanitarian league, Virginia Fincher. She dumps robot secretary Jean Smith off said manager's lap and installs herself and traveling companion, Mary Halliburton, in the plant to see that the robots get plenty of sunshine and a 40 hour week. Naturally, she marries the guy.

The second act shows that a square deal fits only old peg, or vice versa, and the robots get a

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## Students Take Life Saving

A senior life saving class, sponsored by the Red Cross, is being given at Wesleyan every Tuesday night from 8 until 10.

The course has been given for the past four years. This quarter's course began during the first part of October.

Mercer students enrolled for the course, make up a class of about 16, including several girls. Every Spring an advanced course is offered and is under the direction of various instructors from Washington, D. C.

Dan Reed, one of the few who has had any previous training, stated that "The senior course includes water safety, different

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## Classification to End at 5 O'clock

Failure to classify for next quarter's courses by 5 o'clock this afternoon will result in a \$2 late registration fee, Dean John B. Clark reminded students yesterday.

Classification for courses for the winter quarter began Wednesday morning, and ends with the 5 o'clock deadline this afternoon.

## Co-ed Groups Plan Weekly Discussions

Cardinal Key, KDE Sponsor Forums to Be in Girls Dorm

The Personal Relations forum sponsored by Kappa Delta Epsilon, educational sorority, and Cardinal Key, honor sorority, will begin Jan. 9, 1941, in the large parlor in the new girls' dormitory.

Specialists in subjects interesting to co-eds have been invited to lead the discussions, which will be weekly Thursday night events. Etiquette, the art of make-up, personal appearance, courtship and marital relations and the art of being a hostess are some of the subjects submitted by students for study.

Representatives of all the co-ed organizations are assisting with the plans for the forum. Ruth Smith, president of the two sponsoring organizations said,

"We appreciate the interest shown by the girls in the project. It can succeed only through the cooperation of the entire co-ed student body. We feel that the forum will take the place of a needed course not offered by the university, which has proven valuable on other campuses."

## Mercer BSU Has Services

Members of the Matthew Baptist Training union, a group of town students, members of local Baptist churches, and a number of students from Bessie Tift will have charge of the evening worship services in churches in Griffin and Senoia Sunday evening.

The theme for the two programs will be Christian Education. Charlotte Reir, president of the Bessie Tift BSU will preside at Griffin and Gainer Bryan Jr., president of the Mercer BSU will take charge at Senoia.

Joe Cook and Horace Chapman will be the principal speakers at the two services.

Betty Caldwell, BSU librarian, announced this week that next Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11 will be the last times that the books on exhibit from the Baptist Book store in Atlanta will be on display in the BSU room in the co-op. All students are invited to visit the display.

# Mercer Abandons Big Time Football

Trustees Curtail Scholarships And Cut Athletic Director's Pay

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Head Coach Lake Russell told the Knoxville Journal Wednesday night as a result of de-emphasis of football and the reduction in salary of the athletic director, "I'll probably be looking for another job." The story was carried in the Telegraph.

By John Couric

Mercer trustees wrote finis to the big league football chapter of this university's gridiron history Tuesday when they voted to reduce the athletic director's salary, curtail athletic scholarships and generally strive towards small college competition.

The new plan will emphasize physical education for the

entire student body with football as a vital part of the physical education program.

## Tavern Scene Tonite of Gala Bowery Ball

Most Unusual Costume To Get Prize Offered By M Club Alumni

Swing plus plenty of hot jive and an old fashioned good time will be the keynote of the M club alumni's Bowery ball to be held at the Dempsey Hotel Tavern tonight from 10 'til 2 o'clock.

Bowery characters from the far corners of the campus will gather to compete for the prize to be given for the most unusual costume. The sky is the limit, so come one, come all, for the L'll Ahners, the Daisy Mae's and Injun Joe's will be there, en masse.

Tickets for the dance will be 50 cents, Bill Howland, president of the M-club, announced this week.

Throughout the day initiation for the football players who are eligible to become members of the club will be in progress. The initiates were in charge of the chapel program this morning, carrying out the antics designated for them by the members of the club.

Boys to be initiated into the club include Joe Dowd, Don Spice, Wallace Lumpkin, Bill Nee, Bob Holt, Bob Wagner, Holly Mitchell, Jim Wary, Elton Wall, Harry Lee Smith, Frank Mazza, Lou Popp, Arthur Yancey, Harold Shepard, Rodney Blaylock, Leo Lazar and "Snake" Hogan, manager.

## Chorus Starts Fall Season

The Mercer Glee club, orchestra and mixed chorus made their initial appearance of the season when they played in Montezuma last night under the auspices of the Montezuma Kiwanis club.

Wilhemina Carr, alumna of the university, was the featured soloist, when she sang Italian Street Song with the mixed chorus. Other numbers sung by the chorus included To Spring, Come to the Fair, and Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child.

The boys' Glee club sang Invi-

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Student Petition Presented Breaking a precedent of 106 years the trustees heard a petition, signed by approximately five-sixths of the student body, asking that some form of inter-collegiate football be retained. The petition was circulated and presented to the board of trustees by a student committee composed of Ernest Baskin, John Couric and Leon Garfield.

Failure of the past three year program to place Mercer in the same class with her major football rivals caused the present plan for football de-emphasis, Maj. J. D. Blair, executive secretary of the board, stated.

"The object of the new set-up is to give football back to the students. It is not a sound business policy for a school of Mercer's type to make an effort to compete with schools in larger conferences," Maj. Blair explained.

"It was the wish of all trustees to save inter-collegiate competition at Mercer, but it was likewise the unanimous belief that radical changes in the present set-up would be necessary to save the program," Maj. Blair continued.

Salary Reduced

The placing of the athletic director's salary on par with that of collegiate department heads will carry a subsequent reduction in salary. Under the new program the athletic department will operate under the general budget of the university and not under a separate budget as was the former practice.

Scholarships for football prowess will be limited in number and will be graded with many part scholarships given. Applicants for scholarships will be passed upon by a special faculty committee of four and a special trustee committee of three.

Most specific limitation to small time football for Mercer in the future is the provision in the plan which states "that Mercer in the future strive to play only such colleges as subscribe to this general plan."

## Let's Have Honor!

In cooperation with Blue Key Honor fraternity, sponsors of honor system amendment, The Cluster will present each week, a statement from some campus leader as to why Mercer needs an honor system. The feature will be run on the front page every week for several issues. Watch for it.

"Honor rightfully attracts esteem, respect and consideration. Stand upon your honor, and no sort of invasion can disturb your peace of mind. Stand upon your honor and you are destined for a future of successful and admirable living."—Darnell Brawner.