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Honor Group Chooses Outstanding Co-eds

CARDINAL KEY, girls honor group, swelled its ranks Wednesday when five prominent BWOC's were tapped for membership. A rose, symbolic of election, was pinned on each girl. In the picture, Pres. Ruth Smith is shown welcoming Mary Halliburton. Left to right are Florence Abel, Marion Minter, Sara Boone, Miss Halliburton, Leanita Blount and Miss Smith. (Telegraph photo)

Hooks to Be Coach; Smith Will Assist

By LEE CONEY

Youthful Bobby Hooks, for the past nine years football coach at Valdosta high school, has been selected as Mercer's head football mentor for 1941.

He will have as his assistant coach, Mercer alumnus Billy Smith, who returns to his Alma Mater after three seasons as coach at Fitzgerald high.

Hooks was appointed coach last Friday after a conference with the athletic committee. He was the first and only man to whom the position was offered, President Spright Dowell stated. On Monday, Feb. 3, he will be introduced to the student body at chapel period.

Coach Hooks brings to Mercer one of the most enviable records in South Georgia coaching circles. For the nine years he was at Valdosta and the two preceding ones when he was at GMC, his total victories mounted to 85, his losses are only 18, and he has five ties. During these 11 years he has had several teams that were state champions in their class.

Was Georgia Star

While he was at Georgia in '26, '27 and '28, Hooks was a member of one of that school's most famous backfields, often referred to as the Four Horsemen of the South. Immediately upon graduation, he went into the coaching field and gathered the record which he brings to Mercer. He is only 33 years old, is married and has one child, a 3-year-old girl.

On Sunday after the announcement concerning Hooks, it was learned that Billy Smith had been selected as his assistant. Smith attended Mercer, '33 through '36, and was a star full-back on teams of those years. He remained at the school in '37 to coach the freshmen and produced a winner that had as its members, the seniors of this fall's varsity. Smith was a popular man

on the campus, a member of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity and active in student affairs. His record at Fitzgerald, where he had to play against much larger

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BSU to Give Faculty Party

A faculty-BSU banquet will be given by the Baptist Student Union next Thursday at 7:15 in the banquet room of Tattall Square Baptist church.

The entire program and banquet is scheduled to last for two hours.

Dr. Josiah Crudup will be the principal speaker at the meeting with short speeches by Dr. H. D. Johnson, the Rev. Lewis H. Wright, Horace Richter, Norman

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Stetson Heads Guaranty Trust

Mercer Man Heads Large New York Bank

By JOHN COURIC

Active Mercerians and alumni-to-be can rest assured that among the Wall street and banking gentry of New York, there is at least one active and very prominent Mercer supporter.

The fabulous Gene Stetson, long spoken of as one of Mercer's outstanding alumni, has become president of the Guaranty Trust company, the third largest bank in the United States.

Climaxing a career of business acumen which began as manager of a debt-ridden 1901 Mercer baseball association, which he put on a paying basis, William Eugene Stetson's promotion of this month highlights a prominent and steadily successful life.

Alumnus Stetson is still spoken of today, by his intimate Macon friends, as the good-natured, humor loving, modest fellow that he was back in his undergraduate days, when he was a campus leader and football captain.

Loyal Alumnus

That he is a loyal alumnus, there can be no doubt. His financial contributions to the school bear witness to this. And his re-

mark to the Harvard man, who boasted of his Alma Mater, and scoffed at Mercer is alumni legend.

For those who have missed the story in all its various forms, here is what really happened:

Up North where devotion to Alma Mater amounts almost to religion, a group of college gradu-



EUGENE STETSON

Five Girls Chosen By Honor Sorority

Halliburton, Boone, Blount, Abel, Minter Tapped in Chapel Ceremony

Five girls were invited to become members of the Cardinal Key honor sorority at a tapping ceremony held by the local chapter during chapel period Wednesday.

Those selected were Marian Minter, Florence Abel, Leanita Blount, Mary Halliburton and Sara Boone.

Fort Valley Visited by Musicians

Mercer's Glee club, Mixed chorus and orchestra played Fort Valley last night in their first out-of-town performance of the winter quarter.

The concert, sponsored by the senior class of Fort Valley high school, was held in the high school auditorium. The members of the Mercer clubs were guests at supper served by the mothers of the high school students.

The musical program opened with the Prelude from Cycle of Life and Come to the Fair sung by the Mixed chorus. The two sacred songs following were The Green Cathedral and Inflammatus, with Earline Younginer as the soloist for the latter.

Beverly Mobley, violinist, played The Flight of the Bumble Bee and as an encore, Czardas.

Miss Wilhelmina Carr, alumna soloist for the club, sang The Italian Street Song.

The boy's Glee club introduced a new addition to their repertoire when they sang The Lost Chord.

The program was concluded with a jive session by Bill Benton's Mercer Collegians with Charlie Rich as featured vocalist.

Factors determining eligibility for membership are scholarship, personality, qualities of leadership, character and participation in extra-curricular activities.

A short talk on the aims and purposes of Cardinal Key was given by Ruth Smith, president of the Mercer chapter. The program was the first in a series to be offered by campus organizations, and was concluded with the tapping of the five girls by the active members of the sorority.

A record of the neophytes' campus activities follows:

Marian Minter: Member mixed chorus; Co-ed club; Ciceroonian Literary society; YWA, '39-'40; International Relations club, secretary of the organization '40-'41; Alpha Delta Pi social fraternity.

Florence Abel: Alpha Psi Omega; Cluster staff, '39-'40; YWA; Ciceroonian Literary society; Kappa Delta Epsilon educational sorority; Co-ed club.

Leanita Blount: Mixed chorus, '39-'40; Cauldron Staff, '39-'40; Cluster staff, '40; Pan-Hellenic council, '40-'41; president Phi Mu social fraternity.

Mary Halliburton: Co-ed Athletic association; Mixed chorus; news editor The Cluster, '40-'41; Silhouette staff, '40-'41; Mercer Players; Newspaper club; Ciceroonian Literary society; class editor The Cauldron, '40-'41; secretary-treasurer co-ed student body, '40-'41; Alpha Delta Pi social fraternity.

Sara Boone: Mercer Players; Cauldron staff, '40-'41; Ciceroonian Literary society; Cluster staff, '40-'41; Co-ed M club; Intramural board, '41.

Cardinal Key, a sister organization of Blue Key, was founded at the University of Florida by Maj. B. C. Riley, founder of Blue Key.

Ciceroonians to Have Contest

A declaration-oration contest was announced by Harold Shepard, Ciceroonian president, at the literary society's meeting Monday night. Those wishing to take part may bring an original or prepared six-minute talk at the next Ciceroonian meeting.

An elimination of all except four will take place within the society. These four will then contend before the student body in chapel, and the two judged best will receive keys.

The following have signed up for the contest: Carl Grollman, Gainer Bryan, J. B. Burch, Rex Whiddon, Garland Corley, Eugenia Finney, Ken Askew, Marion Lowe, Monroe Phillips, Steve Barron, Philip Cox, Turner Paschal, Charles Clark, Billy McCowan and Hubert Aultman.

Was Campus Leader

Dr. Holmes Mason, well-known Macon dentist, is a fraternity brother of Mr. Stetson, and he has kept in close contact with the financier. Dr. Mason remembers Mr. Stetson in college as one who was modest but got things done. A natural leader with genuine business ability, he characterized him.

Besides taking a prominent part in campus athletics, Mr. Stetson was a member and officer of the local Phi Delta Theta chapter.

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Financier Got Start With Macon Bank

ates were sitting around after dinner with cigars and coffee. The conversation topic turned to colleges. The host said with noticeable pride, "I'm a Harvard man." Then he began to question the others as to their college. The Brown, Princeton, Dartmouth and Yale men all spoke up—and with noticeable conceit. The question came to Stetson, and, naturally, he answered Mercer.

"Where," the host asked, "is Mercer?"

"Oh, I wouldn't expect you to know," Stetson replied. "I only have 16 Harvard men working for me."