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Players Score Big Hit With Laugh Riot

Good Acting Marks 'An Ideal Husband'

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The brilliant Oscar Wilde play, *An Ideal Husband*, was presented last night in front of "magenta and heliotrope" backdrops by the local chapter of Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity. The play is a withering satire on London sophistication during the "yellow plush" period.

The trouble all began when Mrs. Cheveley (Mary Emma Benton) tried with a letter to blackmail a prominent English peer, Sir Robert Chiltern (Phil Cox). However, Lord Goring (alias Albert Henderson) succeeds in blackmailing Mrs. Cheveley out of blackmailing Sir Robert. It is all very fine except that the versatile Mrs. Cheveley steals another letter, an innocent one from Lady Chiltern (Nelloise Johnson) to Lord Goring. She tries to break up the beautiful Chiltern love affair, but fails because Lady Chiltern conveniently forgot to inscribe Lord Goring's name on the letter salutation. Of course the play has to end here, and quite happily, too.

Henderson Convincing

Albert Henderson was quite convincing as a seemingly shallow and dull Englishman who was actually very smart, and Mary Emma Benton was a perfect cool, calm, calculating villainess.

Phil Cox and Nelloise Johnson threw some beautiful emotional scenes, and Jeannette Blanks, as Mabel Chiltern, was coy enough to land Lord Goring.

Nat Kaderly, as the gruff Lord Caversham, nearly scared the audience silly. His best line was a sneeze, which panicked a few.

Strong Supporting Cast

The leading roles were backed by a strong supporting cast. Marlon Lowe was awe-inspiring as the overbearing Lady Markby. Gossipy Lady Basilton (Carolyn Reid) and Mrs. Marchmont (Virginia Fincher), whose husband never called her morbid, made an interesting pair. Henry Warnock as Vicomte de Nanjac survived a thick, drippy French accent. Lamar Sizemore and Thad Roddenbery were servants Phipps and Mason, respectively. Bess Bell was Duchess of Maryborough.

Brilliant conversation and scintillating wit make the Wilde production one of the best produced here in some time. The conversation drama was one of the most popular plays in London during the 1890's.

In honor of its fifth anniversary, Alpha Psi Omega invited all its alumni to attend. Cast, production staff and visitors were entertained afterwards on the stage.

BTU Elects Officers For Coming Year

Ellen Jane Sams was named director of the Baptist Training Union for the coming year at its meeting last Sunday night.

Eugenia Finney, Jack Overton and Hugh Whelless were selected to head groups in the union.

Advertising Will Be Taught By Redlich

Students interested in an advertising course to be offered next fall by Dr. Fritz Redlich are asked to see him as soon as possible.

The catalog lists the course as Principles of Advertising and Salesmanship. The class is to meet at 8:15.

Credit will be given toward journalism majors for successfully completing the course. It is open to senior college students, but all students should consult their instructor about the course, if they are without previous training in economics.

Mercer Has Eighth Annual Pilgrimage

Mercer's eighth and most successful Pilgrimage Day was observed Friday, April 25, with the entertainment of approximately 600 seniors representing over 30 high schools of Georgia.

The prospective Mercer students began arriving about 10 o'clock Friday morning and, from then on, covered the campus, guided by Mercer representatives.

W. A. Bootle, Mrs. George Fiske and Columbus Roberts Sr., contributed to the entertainment and enlightenment of both the visitors and Mercer students at a program in Willingham chapel. Mr. Bootle spoke of Mercer's record as a "successful denominational pioneer in education."

Mrs. Fiske represented the Baptist Women's Missionary unions of Georgia.

New Dean Introduced

Miss Sallie Boone, retiring dean of women, introduced her successor, Miss Annie L. Boyett of Birmingham, Ala.

The time between chapel and dinner in Porter gymnasium was taken up with a tour of the buildings on the campus.

The Mercer Glee clubs' appearance in Willingham chapel was followed by a reception in Mary Porter hall.

Of the 30-odd high schools represented on the campus, Gray had the largest delegation of 45 seniors. Montrose turned out 100 per cent, chaperoned by J. L. Brown, former Mercer student.

Jones Talks to Law Frat

"Take care of other people's money and do one job at a time," was the advice of C. Baxter Jones, Mercer alumnus and prominent Macon attorney, to the Wm. H. Fish chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity, Monday night.

Mr. Jones was a charter member of the Phi Alpha Delta chapter at Yale university in 1916.

Sam Lowe, justice of the local chapter, announced that Prof. Leroy Farinholt will be initiated into the order at the next regular meeting. Mr. Farinholt received his A.B. degree from Johns Hopkins University and his LL.B. from the University of Maryland.

Honor Group Selects Four New Members

Four seniors have been extended bids to Sigma Mu, senior honor fraternity, Dean John B. Clark announced last Monday. The four elected are Jack Beck, Nat Kaderly, David Mann and Bill Latta.

Sigma Mu is a local fraternity organized to honor students who maintain a high scholastic average for four years. It serves the same purpose as Phi Beta Kappa, and may be the basis on which a chapter of this national fraternity is established on the campus in the future, Dean Clark said.

Requirements for membership include a 2.50 scholastic average for four years' work.

Members of the chapter are Bob Sparks, Sam Lowe, Ernest Baskin, Lee Wood, Norman Shands and Wingfield Chamberlain.

Two Seniors Win Awards

Two Mercer students have been awarded graduate scholarships, according to an announcement by Dr. Fritz Redlich, head of the economics department.

Harvard university has awarded a scholarship to Ernest Baskin and Wingfield Chamberlain has been offered a scholarship by Columbia university.

Baskin, who is president of Blue Key honor fraternity, has a scholastic average of 2.957. Chamberlain has maintained an average of 2.772. Both students are economics majors.

Love Wins

Miss Annie Mays Weds Mr. Larmore

L'amour toujours Larmore! Miss Annie Mays, librarian, became Mrs. Jesse Carrell Larmore Sunday morning but she still wants to be called by her maiden name.

The bride, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Crowder Mays, was given away by her father. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. H. Wright, pastor of the Tattall Square Baptist church.

Miss Mays received her AB from Wesleyan college, her AM from Mercer and her AB in library science from Emory university. She joined the library staff in 1934 as assistant to Kenneth Cameron and was made head librarian in 1940 when Mr. Cameron left.

The groom is probation officer for the Fulton County juvenile court. He holds a BPh and BD degrees from Emory university.

Klinefelter New Head of Co-eds

Helen Klinefelter was elected president of the co-ed student body to succeed Anne Walthall at an election held yesterday morning in Roberts chapel.

Other officers elected were Eugenia Finney, vice-president, and Gwendolyn Michael, secretary-treasurer.

Mercer Students Go to Marine Camp

One Enters Candidates' Class, Two Apply for Platoon Leaders' Course

Mercer's ever enlarging contributions to the ranks of military service were evidenced this week when word was received from Marine Corps headquarters that Raymond "Pug" O'Quinn had been accepted as the principal for the Marine Corps candidates' class at Quantico, Va., with Hubert Aultman and Blake Jones the principals for the platoon leaders' class.

Blue Key Will Tap New Members Monday

The local chapter of Blue Key honor fraternity will have charge of the chapel program Monday morning, May 5, when members will tap eligible candidates, in the annual spring ceremony, according to Ernest Baskin, fraternity president.

Labor Class Visits Local GSES Offices

The Labor Problems class in economics, under Dr. Fritz Redlich, spent two hours behind the scenes in the Georgia State Employment offices last week getting first hand information about employment problems in Georgia.

The entire class was taken into one of the consultation rooms where Arthur Bernd, of the Employment Service, explained how men and jobs are matched.

Classification of applicants according to experience and ability is the first task for the Employment office, Bernd said. For this purpose the agency has several men, of whom he is one, who interview applicants, obtaining as much information as possible about their past employment record.

From this information the interviewer determines the applicant's occupational classification. To aid him, the U. S. Employment Service has prepared a Dictionary of Occupational Titles, which contains listings and definitions of almost 40,000 jobs.

The class learned the routine followed by the Employment Service in filling calls for workers. No charge is made to either employer or applicant for any service rendered by the office, and one need not be out of work to register with the agency, Bernd pointed out. In Macon, there has been a shortage of workers, and the agency's task has been more to find men for jobs rather than to find jobs for men, he added.

Education Group Holds Election

Gwendolyn Michael was named '41-'42 president of the local chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon, national educational sorority, at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

Other officers elected for the coming year were Wilma Sowell, vice-president; Helen Klinefelter, recording secretary; Dot Williams, corresponding secretary; Mary Lucy Hattrich, treasurer, and Martha Kaderly, historian.

Officers will be installed in a ceremony Tuesday night, May 12.

O'Quinn, a senior, will go on duty July 1 at Quantico, where he will undergo basic officer training for three months, graduating with a commission as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps reserve. He will then take advanced instruction at the Marine Corps schools at Quantico for three months, at the end of which time he will go on active duty for a year. Alternates for O'Quinn's class are Harold Beaty, Tony Mason, Rex McIlvaine and Malcolm Thomas. If a place is not open for the four alternates July 1 they will be eligible for a second class starting Oct. 1.

Aultman, law freshman, and Jones, sophomore, will go to Quantico this summer for six weeks' duty in the platoon leader's class. When they complete a second six weeks of training the following summer both will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps reserve.

All students interested in applying for this training duty are requested to communicate with Maj. R. S. Pendleton, or Lieut. Walter Holomon at the Marine Corps recruiting station.

The candidates' class is for seniors only while sophomores and juniors are eligible for the platoon leader's class.

Deaver Holds Moot Court Next Week

The case of the United States versus Rev. Thomas Smith, colored, will be tried in moot court at the Law school on May 6. Judge Bascom S. Deaver, judge of the United States District Court of Middle Georgia will preside.

The government says that the Rev. Smith impersonated a federal officer. He used this impersonation in order to collect old age pensions. David Mincey will argue the case for the government.

Rev. Smith has retained Frank Lawson and Chip Peabody to present his side of the case to the jury.

All students are invited to witness the trial and any who wish will be welcome to serve on the jury which hears the case.

Intra-Mural Events

The intra-mural tennis tournament is slated for week after next. The horseshoe tournament is May 12 and 13, and the track meet will be May 23. Pairings for the tournaments will be posted at the co-op.