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Law School Sets Classes In Evenings

The Mercer Law School is establishing an evening division for prospective students who are unable to attend day classes, Dean Overton announced this week.

The plans are for four evening classes a week with the hours to be arranged to meet the needs of enrollees. Courses will be taught by regular faculty members. Anyone who has completed two years of acceptable college work is eligible to attend the evening classes.

Instruction will be on the college level, and the classes will be a permanent feature. This year only first year courses will be offered, but next year advanced courses will be offered as the occasion arises. The plan calls for a curriculum leading to an LLB degree at the end of four years.

Credit obtained in the evening will be accepted in the day division if the student desires to transfer. Classes are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

The decision to establish the evening division followed requests from prospects and a survey of the situation in Macon and Bibb county, Dean Overton said.

Other regular members of the law school faculty besides the Dean are Professors Henry S. Barnes, L. W. Farinholt and David M. Feild.

All freshmen are warned to pay attention to the rules laid down by the sophomores and to obey them. All infractions of these rules will be met with punishment. Ebo West is president of the sophomore class and in charge of the freshmen. Rat court will soon be held in chapel and all freshmen who have violated the rules will be punished before the entire student body.

Girl Students Glad They Decided to Enter Mercer

Some fifty freshmen girls invaded Mercer's brand new dormitory, Mary Erin Porter Hall, Monday, and have already made themselves completely at home, and are thrilled and delighted with things in general.

These new additions to the Mercer family are all greatly impressed with the "friendly" attitude of everyone on the campus.

Doris McCamey, freshman from Albany, is simply "wild" over everything. "Everything's just perfect, and everyone is so nice and friendly," she exclaimed, and Betty Wilson, another freshman, readily agreed with her.

Jean Rayburn, Stapleton, likes the "family-like" atmosphere on the campus.

Katie Stewart, freshman from Atlanta, "just adores the oldness and quaintness of the place."

When asked why she came to Mercer, Katherine Mallory of Thomaston, said that it was mostly her folks' idea, but she added, "I'm really crazy about it."

Mary Mowelle, freshman from Decatur, chose Mercer on her own "hunch", and says that she made a "swell choice."

Cluster Staff Will Meet On Monday

All students interested in working on The Cluster during the coming year are asked to meet in The Cluster office in the Co-op Monday afternoon at 2:30.

The purpose of this meeting is to fill some places left vacant by students not returning to school, and also to give any new student a chance to work on the paper if he is interested.

Frats Start Rush Week

Rushing got into full swing this week with Mercer's six fraternities and two sororities showing prospective pledges the brighter side of college life.

Both the fraternities and the sororities opened their official rushing season Thursday, but the boys are scheduled to pledge on Friday the 26th and the girls pledge one week from Monday.

The fraternities are each allowed two functions, one in the afternoon and one at night. A schedule has been arranged so that one fraternity has an afternoon party and another a night party each of the rushing days with the exception of Sunday night and next Thursday. These times are for individual rushing only. Silence starts next Thursday night at 7 p.m. and the boys signify the fraternity of their choice the next night at 7 p.m.

The sororities may rush girls only from 3 til 6 in the afternoons. In addition to this time each sorority is allowed to have one night party with dates and one afternoon party. The girls may be kept out until seven the afternoon of the party. Each sorority has a night party in the sorority rooms just before rushing ends. Silence starts Thursday and lasts until 3 p.m. Monday when the girls sign slips giving their choice of sorority. They receive their bids about 4 the same afternoon.

Library Gets Best Seller From Writer

A copy of Benjamin Blake, the year's best rated novel, has been presented to the Mercer university library by Edison Marshall, internationally known author. The presentation was made through Fritz Salley, Mercer senior and neighbor of Marshall in Augusta.

Ben Blake has literally crashed the "literary jack-pot" as well as having brought additional fame to its author. Its publishers are Farrar and Rinehart.

Here's what happened to it before it was off the press: Twentieth-Century Fox bought the motion picture rights for \$50,000. They plan to produce from it a movie starring Tyrone Power, one of Hollywood's top-notch actors. And out of a flood of books the Literary Guild selected Ben Blake as one of '41 best sellers. A few months ago the editors of Cosmopolitan published a condensed version of the novel.

This book is now available to Mercer students and may be checked from the library.

"Cut" Rules Are Changed

Students returning to Mercer this week were confronted with a set of absence regulations which had been changed slightly. At first glance little change was noticeable, but the new rules are devised to cause students to attend classes, and especially chapel, more often.

No "cuts" are allowed according to the rules. In certain cases students will be excused when they are absent, but in no instance will more than ten absences in any course be allowed without penalty.

Students who are ill for a considerable length of time and who are able to present a certificate from a reputable physician will be allowed five additional absences.

Appear Before Registrar

Senior college students are allowed five absences which may be passed over without penalty and junior college students are allowed three. After a student has been absent three times he shall appear before the Registrar and account for the absences. The same process will be repeated when he has been absent for the fifth time.

Any student absent from any course fifteen times will be automatically dropped from the course and a grade of F recorded for him.

Students having unexcused absences will be penalized one-fifth of one quality point for each such absence.

Chapel Attendance Required

All students are required to attend chapel and are allowed only three absences. Each unexcused absence beyond three will carry a penalty of one-fifth of one quality point. Absences beyond the number of ten will carry an automatic reduction of one-fifth of a quality point.

A student who has not been absent more than three times will receive a credit one-half of a quality point.

Big Freshman Class Enrolls at Mercer

New Students Hear Speeches, Take Tests and Enjoy Social Functions

Mercer officially opened Monday morning with 125 freshmen registering and attending a short chapel program with welcoming speeches by President Spright Dowell, Major J. D. Blair and Dr. O. D. Knight.

Among the new students were 42 new girls who will live in Mary Erin Porter Hall. Of these 12 are transfer students coming to Mercer from other schools, with the remaining 30 being freshmen.

Pan-Hellenic Names Morgan

At a meeting held Thursday morning in Dr. Highsmith's office the Mercer Pan-Hellenic council elected officers for the fall quarter and made plans for a dance after the Georgia-Mercer game.

Cloud Morgan, Kappa Sigma, was elected president of the council for the coming quarter. Other officers elected with Morgan were Hillis Hollingsworth, treasurer, Aubrey Floyd, secretary, and some Kappa Alpha will serve as vice-president.

Pan-Hellenic has charge of the Georgia-Mercer football game on Sept. 27 and plans were made for a dance to be given after the game. A committee was appointed to see if they could not get all student groups to enter a float in the parade planned for the morning of the game.

The first regular meeting of the council will be held Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock in the Alpha Lambda Tau suite in Roberts hall.

Literary Mag Due Out Soon

The first issue of The Silhouette, Mercer's monthly magazine, will be out before the first of October. Fields Varner, editor, stated this week.

This year the magazine will have many new features including a regular sports page, and a page depicting Mercer night life. Varner is editor and Leanita Blount is business manager of The Silhouette.

Varner stated that he would welcome contributions from any student who would like to write. The magazine will not be strictly a literary publication, but will also have a little humor here and there.

A short story contest will be sponsored by The Silhouette this year and prizes will go to the winners. Details of the contest and the rules will be published soon.

Cluster Editor Fails to Return

The Cluster is without an editor at the present time due to the failure of Mary Halliburton, who was elected editor last spring, to return to school.

Orbin Howell, president of the student body, will call a meeting of The Cluster board of control in a few days and they will appoint an editor to take the place of Miss Halliburton.

Until an editor is selected the staff will continue to put out the paper. The board of control is composed of Ferrol Sams, Bill Preston, and Pattie Lon Swallum.

The out of town students stood their English placement test Monday afternoon, and all new students attended a reception in Penfield hall Monday night where they met the faculty and enjoyed refreshments.

Most of Tuesday was devoted to showing the new students around the campus so they could become familiar with their surroundings. Tuesday afternoon a psychology test was given the freshmen.

Wednesday morning the freshmen assembled in chapel to hear the results of the English test and then they attended classes the rest of the day. The BSU held a social for the new students at Tattnell Square Baptist church Thursday night and another is scheduled for the First Baptist church tonight.

Upperclassmen Report

Upperclassmen reported Wednesday when they were required to register. Classes for the old students did not begin until Thursday morning. All students are allowed several days in which to make any changes in their schedules.

Among the transfer students living in Porter Hall are two from Bessie Tift; two from Mars Hill college; two from Huntington; two from Atlanta Junior college; one from Oglethorpe and one from Wesleyan. A number of Macon girls are listed among the new students.

Faculty Has New Members

Mercer's faculty will start the scholastic year with three new teachers, three new librarians, and a graduate BSU secretary.

Miss Curtis Ledford will teach mathematics, taking the place of Dr. T. A. Bancroft, who has been granted a year's leave of absence to complete his study. Miss Ledford taught at Griffin, Ga., last year.

Dr. George Gordh will teach philosophy and German. He received his training at Louisville seminary. Miss Annie Boyett, Dean of Women, will assist in English and Journalism.

Mr. L. C. Branscomb is the new library head. He received his M. A. degree at the University of Michigan, and had a position at the University of Georgia last year. His new assistants are Miss Katherine Calhoun of Hamilton, Ga., and Mrs. A. B. Brown. Mrs. Brown received her training at New York Teachers College.

The BSU secretary, a recent innovation on the Mercer campus, is Norman Shands. His purpose is to promote a spiritual atmosphere on the campus.