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Dr. Dixon Is Named New Vice President

Prominent Mercer Alumnus Acquires
Executive Position Vacant Since 1929

Dr. J. Curtis Dixon, Mercer alumnus and former vice-chancellor of the University System of Georgia, has been appointed vice-president of Mercer university effective October 15, Dr. Dowell announced last week.

This position, vacant since 1929, carries administrative and executive duties, and is a step in Mercer's program of development.

Dr. Dixon was replaced as vice-chancellor during Governor Talmadge's purge of the Board of Regents.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Dixon is "a brilliant educator and executive, progressive and liberal in mind, and devoted to the ideals which Mercer serves," Dr. Dowell said.

Dr. Dixon graduated at Mercer in 1913. He then engaged in post-graduate work at Yale university and Columbia university, and holds the degrees of master of arts, doctor of education, and doctor of laws.

Varied Career

He has held positions as school superintendent at Dawson and Richland, Ga., was supervisor in the state department of education, and from 1937 to 1940 was director of rural education for the Julius Roschwald fund. Since 1940 he has served as vice-chancellor for the University system.

Dr. Dixon has made three trips abroad, to Mexico, British Honduras, and Nova Scotia, where he studied education principles. In addition he has written several articles and books.

"I welcome Dr. Dixon's coming, and I know of no one who could more loyally or efficiently aid in attaining the objectives of the institution," Dr. Dowell said.

"I might add that he comes with the cordial approval of every one of the 30 trustees of the University."

Dorm Girls Give Dinner

The co-eds of Mary Erin Porter Hall entertained their dates at a candlelight dinner in the dormitory dining-hall Tuesday evening.

The theme of the party was "Boys and Girls Together" from the "Sidewalks of New York."

An informal program of entertainment in the main parlor consisting of a skit by Miss Juanita Malley, songs by Miss Dorothy Pope accompanied by Miss Doris Croom, piano selection by Charles Mixon, Doris Croom and Lynwood Paul, and a reading by Miss Gwen Reed followed the dinner.

Miss Annie Boyett, Dean of Women, has announced that these date-night dinners will be held monthly.

STACKS OPEN

The book stacks of the Library will be open from two to five on Friday afternoon for those students interested in browsing.

Literary Club Holds Debate About Youth

"Modern young people meet the wolf at the door and make a fur coat out of him," quipped Gwen Reed at the meeting of the Ciceronian Literary society in Roberts chapel Tuesday night.

This statement was promulgated by the subject for debate: "Resolved that young people of today are more valuable to their communities than fifty years ago." This was the highlight of the second meeting of the Ciceronian Literary society. With Miss Reed on the victorious affirmative side was Bill Lowe. The negative was upheld by Mary Elizabeth Hicks and Ken Askew.

Promotes Social Spirit

The Ciceronian Literary society was organized in the days of Mercer Institute. This non-political group is open to all regular members of the student body. The purpose of the society is to promote a social spirit, study interesting questions, and to develop the inherent public speaking ability of its members.

Harold Shepard, last year's president, acted as chairman of the debate. He was introduced by President Hubert Aultman.

Avon Players Will Present Play Nov. 14

Dr. Fred Jones, Mercer English head, announced this week that arrangements are being made to secure the Avon players for an evening performance in Willingham chapel November 14th.

This professional dramatic company specializes in Shakespearean plays. Tentative plans indicate that "Hamlet," "The Taming of the Shrew," or "Comedy of Errors" may be presented here.

More complete details will be announced in the next two weeks.



DR. J. CURTIS DIXON, Mercer's new vice-president, last Wednesday assumed the position vacant since 1929.

Legal Frat Honors Four

Four law students have received bids to Phi Alpha Delta, national law fraternity. They are Hal Bell, Cloud Morgan, Luis Pagan, and Clayton Jay.

The local group, known as the William H. Fish chapter, will elect a president, or justice, at its next meeting. Its present membership includes Mac Amos, vice-justice, Louis Smith, sheriff, and Enrique Alcaraz, clerk, Horace Richter, Chip Peabody, Hubert Aultman, and George Culpepper.

The new members will be formally pledged at the next meeting, Monday night at 10 p.m.

Publicity Plug

Nameless Organization Is Born For Mercer's Torch-Bearers

By EVELYN NEEL

Early last Wednesday morning, as dawn cracked over the east, in Roberts Hall, a poor little nameless organization was born. As it became lighter and lighter, and pinker and pinker over the turrets of the administrative building, the little organization began to grow and grow, and develop

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Upperclassmen Seek Amendment Which Will Allow Hazing

KDE's Asked to Initiation

The Emory chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon has invited the Mercer chapter of that sorority to be the guests at an initiation service on November 22, at the Atlanta Athletic Club. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Dora Smith, who is a member of Pi Lambda Theta and a professor in the college of education at the University of Minnesota.

Gwendolyn Michael and Helen Klinefelter were elected to go as official delegates and will be the guests of the Emory chapter at a dinner. Other girls who will attend are Elizabeth Epps, Dorothy Williams, Martha Kaderly, and the faculty adviser, Miss Curtis Ledford.

Miss Annie Boyette was the speaker at the meeting held Tuesday night at the home of Dorothy Williams. She told the members of four things they would have to fight against as teachers. They are group-mindedness, bureaucratic schoolroom, equalization of women's rights in the schoolroom, and failure to push forward in their profession. Miss Boyette kept repeating Walt Whitman's phrase, "We cannot tarry here!"

Co-eds Meet For Culture

Cultural development is the theme of meetings held in Willingham chapel every Thursday during chapel for the co-ed student body.

"The meetings, attendance at which is required, are typical of the better southern universities," said Helen Klinefelter, president of the organization.

The group has made tentative plans to have outside speakers who will address the women on such matters as appropriate dress, and grooming.

Officers of the organization are Helen Klinefelter, president, and Gwen Reed, vice-president.

Psychologist Here To Aid Students

Harry Hudson, of Macon, an alumnus of Mercer university, is beginning a fall schedule of student counseling as a part of the guidance program.

Mr. Hudson recently received his degree of master of arts from the University of Iowa. Students may interview Mr. Hudson from 10 to 12 a.m. in Dr. Allen's office in Willingham chapel.

Dean Knight stated that Mr. Hudson is eminently qualified to counsel students in regard to personal, educational, and vocational problems. "This is a real opportunity," he stated, "and I trust that all the students will avail themselves of it."

Constitution May Be Changed Legalizing Haircuts for Frosh

Blue Key, in collaboration with the officers of the upper classes and the freshman adviser, is sponsoring an amendment to the student constitution which will legalize cutting the hair of disobedient freshmen.

The amendment provides that any freshman guilty of an infraction of freshman regulations shall be brought before a committee having the power to sentence the freshman to a haircut.

The committee is composed of Frank Graham, Blue Key president; Helen Klinefelter, Cardinal Key president; Holden West, sophomore class president; Billy McCowen, junior class president; Rodney Blalock, senior class president; Harold Shepard, "M" Club president; Hillis Hollingsworth, freshman adviser; and Orbin Howell, president of the student body.

Hazing Outlawed in 1938

Hazing of freshmen was outlawed by the student body in the spring of 1938, after a particularly distressing year for the newest class. Since then, physical punishment of students has been carried on only in secret.

Proponents of the amendment point to the "unusually bad behavior of this year's crop of freshmen" as the reason for revival of hazing.

"There is an obvious need for more powerful disciplinary measures, and this amendment provides them," said Ebo West, president of the sophomore class.

The full amendment is printed elsewhere in The Cluster. It will be published for two weeks and then voted on by the student body, as required by the constitution.

Debaters Pick New Officers

Tau Kappa Alpha, national forensic fraternity, elected Enrique Alcaraz president at its meeting last Monday. Other officers are Harold Shepard, vice-president, and Hal Bell, secretary-treasurer.

Requirements for membership in Tau Kappa Alpha, largest debating fraternity in the world, are two years of intercollegiate debating and a scholastic average in the upper third of the student body, Alcaraz said. Anyone who has these requirements will be tapped, he added.

The president emphasized that transfer students who debated in other colleges can use those years on the requirements.

At the same time three students were selected for membership. They are George Culpepper, Marion Lowe, and Gwen Reed, who will be tapped in chapel at the regular tap day, in the last week of the fall quarter.