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## Seniors Finish May 2; To Graduate in June

### Petition Filed Urging That Diplomas Be Awarded in May, So all May be Present

Faced with war-time speed-up of the academic year, more than 76 seniors of the Law school and Liberal Arts College will leave the University a month earlier than usual.

At a meeting held on January 14 the University's board of trustees endorsed the Executive Council's recommendation that all seniors will have completed requirements for graduation with the advent of May.

In advancing examination dates, Mercer is following the nation-wide collegiate trend to shorten the college year for seniors and thus release graduating students for immediate service in the armed forces and in trained posts for vital war industries.

Spurred by the critical military situation, the senior class virtually unanimously petitioned the administration for graduation exercises the first week in May.

One senior glibly remarked: "It seems foolish to return home in May and be compelled to come back in June for your sheepskin. It might mean that some of us will never even see our diplomas!"

President Spright Dowell stated that Mercer's disposition concerning the matter cannot be determined until a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities in Atlanta February 6-7.

"Our attitude is that of complete co-operation with the government. Exercises will be held in accordance with their requests," he added.

## Dean's List Numbers 17

Seventeen Mercer students were named by Dean Otis D. Knight as being on the dean's list for the fall quarter.

Nine of the seventeen named were Macon students. Five students made a perfect record of three A's, and Earnest J. Saloom, of Macon, made four A's.

The five making three A's were Gene Cassini, Macon; Marvin Greene, Perry; Samuel Jordan, Macon; Sunshine Taylor, Macon; and Louis Warlick, Macon.

Others on the list include William Fisher, Macon; Mary Elizabeth Hicks, Moultrie; Lois Hudson, Macon; Dorothea Kilgore, Baxley; Fred Marshall, La Grange; H. T. Paschal, Atlanta; Ferrol Sams, Fayetteville; Mary Louise Shipp, Macon; Julian Stzemore, Waverly Hall; Harriet Speer, Atlanta; and W. Kay Stanley, Macon.

## Mid-Terms Postponed One Week to Feb. 9

Mid-term exams will be the week of Feb. 9-14, instead of Feb. 2-6 as announced in the catalogue, Maj. Blair said. The catalogue date is a mistake.

The law school, in accord with its usual custom, will forego the formality of mid-terms.

## Mercer Wits Battle Girls For Blue Key

FLASH! (Special to Cluster)

The Mercer Wits team was victorious in the Battle of Wits with Wesleyan College last night. The score was 64-62. A tie score at the end of the regular questioning necessitated an extra period.

Leannita Blount was high scorer for Mercer, while Harriet Ann Dasher led the Wesleyan.

Mercer and Wesleyan students matched wits last night from the stage of Willingham chapel, when teams from each college battled in a quiz program.

Dr. George Gordh, Mercer faculty member, who acted as master of ceremonies, popped questions fast and furiously to the two teams composed of Leannita Blount, Billy Krenson, Nancy Highsmith, Bill Latta and Ed Dorsey from Mercer; and Harriet Brannon, Ande Davis, Alda Alexander, Eleanor Hoyt and Dot Moore representing the Wesleyan.

A program of entertainment was presented at intermission. Those taking part were: Miss Erlene Younginer, soloist from Mercer; the Nuggets, a quartet of Wesleyan; Miss Irma Ferrell, also from Wesleyan, who sang several blues numbers; and the Barber Shop Quintet, from Miller High School. Miss Doris Croom of Mercer played organ selections before the program.

The quiz program which was broadcast over radio station WBML from 8:30 until 9:00 was put on by Blue Key honor fraternity in an effort to raise money for two signs advertising Mercer which will be placed on highways leading into Macon.

## Cardinal Key Initiates Three Mercer Girls

Three new members were initiated into Cardinal Key last evening at 6:00 in the ADPi suite and were guests of honor at the banquet held afterwards at the New Yorker.

The initiates, Evelyn Neel, Meri Christian and Gwendolyn Nottingham, were welcomed by the president of the chapter.

Evelyn is secretary-treasurer of the student body, business manager of The Cluster, secretary of The Cluster, secretary of Phi Mu, on the Cauldron staff, was listed among the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, has been in the mixed chorus for three years and a member of the Newspaper Club for three years.

Meri Christian is a member of Kappa Delta Epsilon, and the mixed chorus; she has been a member of the Ciceronian three years, Y. W. A. three years and Alembic Club two years.

Gwen is a member of the mixed chorus, secretary of Ciceronian, a member of the Mercer Players, the International Relations Club and is assistant treasurer of Phi Mu.

## Glee Club Trips No Longer Stag Affairs



It's a woman's world. Ask the boys of the Mercer Glee Club.

For thirty-four irresponsible and carefree years the members of this organization enjoyed an exclusive bachelorhood. Then, in 1938, the first blow was struck, Mercer's first mixed chorus was organized.

Some people—they must have been women—thought that the Mercer co-eds were a boost to the boys' club, and before the boys realized it, they were shoved to the rear of the stage

with an unending line of Mercer girls stuck practically under their chins in front. Astonishment was great, but humiliation was even greater. It took time, but as months passed and performances passed, the boys became a little more reconciled to such a radical and demoralizing change. Well, anyway, the week TOURS that were taken were really the highlights of the club's activities, and no girls were allowed for these.

After all, there was still a Mercer Glee Club, an organization of

## 12 Religious Leaders To Conduct Christian Focus Week, Feb. 22

### Mercer BSU Is Entertained By University

Seventeen Mercer BSU's were entertained by the University of Georgia union in Athens last Friday evening from 5:00 till 9:00. The trip was made in "Lucy" for the purpose of joint discussion of common problems and projects between the two student groups, as well as for the social outing.

Al Fowler, campus leader, and president of the YMCA and BSU at Georgia; and Frances Freeman, KD, and BSU student secretary, were co-hosts for the Mercer visitors. Fowler presided over a joint session of the council from the two schools, in the First Baptist church. Supper was served there and the students later attended a prayer service, led by Harold Story of Georgia, first vice-president of the state BSU.

This was one of many such programs being promoted between the schools by the state BSU. Students from Georgia were at Mercer and conducted the evening worship service at Tattnell Square Baptist church, Sunday, January 18. Grover Tyner and Nell Cochran arranged the exchange visits from the Mercer end in co-operation with members of the Baptist Student Union from the other schools of the state.

### Student Committees Help With Plans For Unusual Event

By Gainer Bryan

Twelve Christian leaders, all specialists in some field, will conduct Christian Focus Week at Mercer, February 22-27, five days of seminars, addresses, and personal conferences on everything in its relation to Christianity.

The visitors are: Dr. W. O. Lewis, Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who recently returned from fifteen years in Europe (specialty: International Affairs); Dr. Roy Angell, Central Baptist Church, Miami (Love, Courtship, and Home); Mrs. Jessie Burrell Eubank, Cincinnati, (Social Relations); Dr. Clarence Jordan, city missionary, Louisville, Ky., (Race Relations); Bob Norman, law student, University of Georgia; Miss Billie Ruth Currin, student secretary at F. S. C. W.; "Brother Nick," student secretary of Georgia; A. L. "Pete" Gillespie, student secretary of Kentucky; Rev. Maurice Trimmer; and the southwide BSU leaders: Dr. Frank Leavell, Miss Mary Nance Daniel, and Mr. William Hall Preston.

A steering committee of 65 students, composing a cross-section of the campus, is at work, under leadership of co-chairmen Horace Richter and Marion Lowe, developing elaborate plans for the week. The 65 have been placed on sub-committees which handle the various phases as

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## Law Student Passes Exam

Edward Eugene Dorsey, Mercer law senior from St. Petersburg, Fla., is qualified for admission to the practice of law by virtue of passing the examination conducted by the Georgia Bar Association. The semi-annual examination was held December 10th at the Bibb County Court House.

The comprehensive examination covered state and federal constitutional laws, as well as the laws of England.

Dorsey is rounding out his fifth year on the Mercer campus. Last year he was listed in Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges.

His biography indicates that he has been very active in extra-curricular groups. In the session 1937-1938 he was editor of The Silhouette, having been on the staff for three successive years. He is also past-president of the Georgia Psi Chapter of S.A.E.

Dorsey is a member of Blue Key and the law school honor council. He is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the Newspaper Club, Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Upsilon, The Cluster staff and the Dictum Club.

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