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CULPEPPER WILL HEAD STUDENT BODY

Moore Will Deliver Talk To Graduates

Bishop Arthur Moore, President of Wesleyan College, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon to the combined graduating classes of Mercer and Wesleyan on May 31. The sermon will be given in the City auditorium at 3 p.m., Dr. Dowell said last week.

Music for the ceremony will be given by a composite choir composed of singers from various Macon churches.

Mr. Mark Etheridge, former Macon man now residing in Louisville, Ky., will be the main speaker at the graduation exercises to be held the following night, June 1, in Willingham Chapel.

The program for Monday also includes reunion of classes, a meeting of the Board of Trustees, the annual alumni dinner, and the alumni address, to be given by Mr. Walter Sams of Richmond, Va.

The alumni dinner will be featured by several speeches and election of a president of the General Alumni Association. Col. Joe Jenkins is now president. The graduating class will be inducted into the group at this time.

Sixty-one students have applied for AB degrees, and one for an MA, Dean Knight said. It is possible that some of these will be called into the armed forces before May 31, in which case they will be given their degrees after having passed exams.

School Will Push War Bond Sale

Faculty and student committees have been organized on the Mercer university campus to aid in selling War stamps and bonds, Dr. Spright Dowell, president, revealed Tuesday.

The personnel of the faculty committee include Dr. Garland Downum, chairman, Dr. D. M. Feild, Miss Curtis Ledford, Major J. D. Blair, Mr. Charles W. Hubbard, and Dean O. D. Knight who serves as an ex-officio member.

Members of the student committee are Orbin Howell, Helen Klinefelter, Ed Dorsey, Rodney Blaylock, Billy McCowen, "Ebo" West, and Solomon Dowis.

Dr. Dowell said that there are five things the committees can do in order to foster interest in the campaign. The first in importance is publicity through the Cluster and by letters to individuals. It is hoped that the committee will not confine its activities to the campus, but will attempt to arouse interest in the community, Dowell said.

Exhibits and booths will be established in the co-op for the convenience of students. Arrangements will also be made through the committees to obtain speakers to talk on the importance of War savings stamps and bonds.

The members of the faculty committee have already mailed letters to other members of the faculty, urging them to buy stamps or bonds.

Annual Will Be Dedicated To Smalley

The 1942 Cauldron will be dedicated to Prof. Welcome Talmage Smalley, who has been professor of English at Mercer for nineteen years, Editor Hal Bell said yesterday.

Prof. Smalley received his A. B. degree from Mercer in 1913, and later received his M. A. from Columbia University. He came to Mercer as assistant professor of English and mathematics in 1923, but after the first year he was made full time professor in the English Department.

Prof. Smalley takes special interest in the freshmen and for many years held the office of Dean of Freshmen. He is present chairman of the Discipline Committee and serves on the Athletic, Guidance, and Religion Committees.

This year's Cauldron staff has chosen Professor Smalley because of his outstanding work at Mercer and the one most deserving of this honor, Bell said.

Group Favors Honor Plan

Twenty students attended a meeting at Willingham Chapel Wednesday afternoon to discuss possible passage of an honor system at Mercer during the spring quarter.

Believing the majority of students favor it, a resolution by the group was addressed to the president of the student body requesting that he appoint a committee from the student body at large to draw up the articles of an honor system for presentation to the students. Enactment of this system would be in the form of an amendment to the student constitution.

Alcaraz Wins Third Place

Enrique Alcaraz, representing Mercer University, placed third in a Round Table Discussion contest held Monday and Tuesday at Emory University. The elimination started Monday in the form of round table discussions.

Alcaraz and Daniels, Georgia Tech, were put at the same table in this first elimination. Although Daniels had defeated Alcaraz a few days before, our participant won out this time to go into the finals Tuesday night.

There were two boys from each state with about 19 schools being represented. Mercer was the only school in Georgia who had a representative in the final discussion.

Alcaraz seemed well pleased with the final decision when he said: "It was a very fine group of debaters who really knew the topic. I thought the judges were very good, and I hope I can represent Mercer at some other discussion in the future."

Bryan Edits Silhouette; Most Races Are Close

George Culpepper, of Fort Valley, defeated Billy McCowen of Macon for the presidency of the student body by a vote of 169-126 in the student election held last Tuesday. Three hundred of the 355 students registered cast ballots.

Several elections were decided by a very small majority. Samuel Crossley defeated Nell Robinson for business manager of The Silhouette by one vote (148-147). Also, John P. Heard defeated Ray Dickey for president of the sophomore class by one vote (39-38). Gene Cassini tied with Holden West for secretary-treasurer of the Junior class (33-33).

For editorship of The Cauldron, Bill Preston defeated Hugh Cheek by a majority of four votes (151-147). Albert Henderson defeated Ann Harris for business manager by a majority of six votes (151-145).

Gainer Bryan defeated L. H. Johnson for the editorship of The Silhouette by a vote of 152-144.

Billy Krenson was chosen editor of The Cluster by defeating Fred Marshall (166-133). Charles Clark won over Shirley Bakewell as business manager of The Cluster by a vote of 165-133.

Douglas Barnard, 197, was selected as Freshman Advisor over Virginia Fincher, 96.

Alice Wright won as vice-president of the student body over Ellen Jane Sams (159-138). W. T. Booth won over Lois Hudson as Secretary Treasurer of the student body, 166-133.

Other officers elected were: For Student Council, Senior Class, Gwen Reed, 164, over Gus Verdery 133. Junior Class, Doris Croom, 158, over Elaine Taylor, 139. Junior College, Solomon Dowis, 158, over Jean Rabun, 139. Law School, Clayton Jay. (Continued on Page 4)



GEORGE CULPEPPER
He is the new President of the Student Body.

Honor Group Initiates Two

Jap Hogan and Marvin Greene were initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman honor fraternity, in ceremonies held last night at 7:30 in Willingham Chapel.

Hogan is a sophomore transfer, and was inducted after his record at Georgia Tech was checked.

The group will elect its officers for next year at a meeting soon, Fred Marshall, president, said.

Debate Team Wins Honors In Grand Eastern Tourney

Mercer University's three man debate squad emerged victorious in the Grand Eastern Forensic Tournament held at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., April 8-11.

Miss Gwen Reed, junior, out-talked the boys to win first and second places in two divisions of the elimination. The Mercer co-ed led the after dinner speakers, and was a close runner-up in oratory.

A University of West Virginia pair that emerged atop in the women's bracket and a Citadel combination, champions of the Hickory Ridge meet, were outpointed by Mercer's Harold Shepard and Thomas McLane. In addition they defeated Georgetown University and the University of Maryland and received the praise of Kentucky State University's victorious delegation.

Shepard and McLane were forced to argue both sides of identical questions, because they had no associates. Young McLane had been drafted to accompany the former on the day of departure.

Many other schools were represented at the meet, some of them sending as many as ten men. Mercer was the only Georgia university to participate in

Bar Association To Hear Dorsey

Ed Dorsey, law senior, has been selected to deliver a speech to the Georgia Bar Association at its annual meeting in Atlanta, May 12.

Each year a senior is chosen from Mercer, Emory, or Georgia to speak at the meeting. The last Mercer representative was Miss Mary Emma Benton who spoke three years ago.

This Curious World

Spring Finds the Co-eds Playing Baseball for Exercise - Actually!

By MARY LOUISE SHIPP

Comes spring time and what is sprung on the lazy little co-ed but gym. Naw, not the Jim whose fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, but the physical ed "gym"—and exercise, too! Sure, I mean it. Yeah, all the gals except the 4-F's have been drafted. Rumor has it that the U. S. government has taken measures—waist measures maybe—and requires the nasty stuff (phys. ed.)

You could have knocked my eyes out that first class that I remember so well. Ouch, groan, etc. Nix on the sympathies, I can take it, and boy, can instructor Parline Parham dish it out! Coach Parham walked in with that determined look that we have all come to know too darned well. After she had let it be known that she would not have her girls a disgrace to the defense program, cigarettes, cokes, and mirrors were abandoned for the more patriotic baseball bat and glove. Anyway, you get the idea — we played softball.

Miss Mer-cer, alias Margaret Zeigler, has requested (and I ask you who could refuse) that her home run be given some recognition. Va. Fincher has added a title, "Home Run Queen," not to let Margaret cop all the titles around this joint. I guess you're thinking that my

word won't have much weight after trying to put that one over on you, but believe it or not the above mentioned were really dutifully enrolled in the said class (not to call it any names).

Speaking of weight, hateful thing that it is, some is rather optimistically missing, I've overheard in the shower. But what you don't want to miss are those little suits especially designed for, shall we say, freedom of the limbs. Just come down and see them for yourself—see the exciting softball games I mean, you sport fans.

STAFF MEETING NEXT MONDAY

There will be meeting of all new members of The Cluster staff in the Cluster office next Monday afternoon at 2:30.

The following are urged to attend: Fred Marshall, Frankie Dowis, L. H. Johnson, Gainer Bryan, and Charles Clark.