

School Curriculum Needs Change, Staff Members Say

Minor adaptations of the curriculum at Mercer university to the current world situation are needed, an interview with Mercer faculty members revealed this week.

Already a seminar in Democracy and a course in War Economics have been introduced into the curriculum as a result of this need.

Dr. Otis Knight, Dean of the liberal arts college, expressed the belief that the period of adjustment following the war will require more training in the problems of sociology than the Mercer curriculum now provides. Suggesting also need for the addition of another professor to teach sociology, Dr. Knight said such courses as the following should be added: "Public Welfare Administration," "Cultural Anthropology," "Rural Sociology," and "Social Pathology."

Dr. Knight emphasized, however, that recent conferences of military and educational leaders show a belief, absent in the last war, that the religious and cultural education provided by such liberal arts colleges as Mercer should continue much as it is. This kind of education is calculated to help stave off the evils of the readjustment that must follow the war.

Dr. John D. Allen, professor of English and Journalism, agreed with this viewpoint but added that changes internally in the course aimed toward inculcating an understanding of society and its end are needed. Courses should be "liberalized," he stated, to be sure that our liberal arts training at Mercer is making the contribution in the world crisis that it is designed to make. He proposed that a unified effort be made by all the professors to include in every course a humanistic emphasis related to that in every other course.

Concerning possible need for more vocational emphasis in the Mercer curriculum, Dr. Fred Jones, head of the English de-

partment, remarked that too much of this is undesirable for the liberal arts college. And concerning the war effort, he stated, "It is not the place of a liberal arts college to train in the techniques of war."

Dr. Jones saw no need for more courses in business administration, pointing out that existing economics courses provide the foundation for entrance into various fields of business. Courses in shorthand and typing might be introduced, he said, not to give credit but for the convenience of the students; these are to be taught this summer, ac-

Culpepper Wins . . .

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161, over Frank Pinkston, 129; Ministerial Association, Bill Crowe, 156, over Edward Lee, 135.

Senior class president James Barfield, 44, over Howard Walters, 32. Vice-President, James Culpepper, 41, over Charles McKay, 34; Secretary-Treasurer Sara Moses, 43, over Grace Turner, 33.

Junior Class President, Mike Warr, 34, over Howard McCullough, 32. Vice-President, Turner

according to Dean Knight. More mathematics courses to fit students for naval and military service are needed and are being provided, stated Dr. Jones. With the return of Dr. T. A. Bancroft, who has been on a leave of absence to complete his studies, there will be two mathematics professors at Mercer next fall.

Paschal, 36, over C. W. Kendrick, 30. Gene Cassini tied with Holden West for Secretary-Treasurer, 33-33.

Sophomore Class President John P. Heard, 39, over Ray Dickey, 38. Vice-President, George Dean, 42, over Julia York, 32; Secretary-Treasurer Bob Culpepper, 40, over Harriett Speer, 36.

Bill Lowe was the only candidate for Head Cheer Leader.

The three on Cluster Board of Control, Anne Devereaux, 191, Benny Griffith, 170, Tommy McLane, 204, over Miriam Elmore, 149, and Richard Hanberry, 161.

On Student Activities Committee, Evelyn Bullock, 157, Nancy Highsmith, 169, and Doris Robertson, 163, over W. O. Brown, 124, Mildred Hillman, 119, and Mary Louise Shipp, 137.

On the Athletic Board, Frank Mazza, 180, Julien Roddenberry, 142, Betty Wilson, 149, over Pauline Parham, 140, Leslie Edwards, 132, and Lucius Greene, 119.

NATIONAL CHARTER SOUGHT

Plans for obtaining a charter from a national Chemistry fraternity will be discussed at the next meeting of the Alembic Club, science group.

Redlich Talks To Seminar

Dr. Fritz Redlich, head of Economics at Mercer, will deliver four lectures at 12:40 p.m., April 21-24 in the law school, when he conducts the University's Democracy class.

Dean Knight stated that Dr. Redlich has spent many years in research and is eminently qualified to lead any discussion related to current problems.

Dr. Redlich spent many years in research and received a Southern grant-in-aid from the Social Science Research Council, for 1938-1939 and a national grant-in-aid for 1940.

The subjects of Dr. Redlich's lectures, in order, are as follows:

- Capitalism.
- Socialism and Communism.
- Economics of Fascism and National Socialism.
- Cooperation.

"All Mercer students are invited and urged to attend these lectures," Dean Otis Knight stated. "I hope that many students will avail themselves of this opportunity."

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