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Mercer BSU Will Be Host To Convention

Two hundred and fifty students from off the campus are expected to attend the annual Georgia Baptist Student Union convention at Mercer next Friday-Sunday, November 6, 7, 8. Sessions will be held in the Tattnell Square Baptist Church.

The convention, aggregating delegates from the thirty-odd BSUs on as many Georgia campuses, will begin with a banquet at the church at 5:30, Friday afternoon. The fifty cent fee will be the only cost of the convention to local students.

Mercerians figuring in the program are: Gainer Bryan, state BSU president, who will preside; W. T. Booth, Mercer student secretary; and Charles Clark. Gwen Reed will direct the banquet.

Dr. Everett Gill, authority on international affairs who was prominent during Christian Focus Week at Mercer last year, will serve on the convention program. Other speakers include: Dr. Claud Broach, recent addition to the southwide BSU, a classmate of Dr. George Gordh at Louisville Seminary; Dr. Louie D. Newton, Dr. K. O. White, Dr. James W. Merritt, and Dr. Maurice Trimmer.

Conferences and round-tables will be conducted by Misses Frances Freeman and Elizabeth Davidson, associate state BSU secretaries, of Georgia and GS CW, respectively; and Professors Gordh, Highsmith, Smalley, and Crudup.

Co-op To Have Short Order Grill Installed

Miss Virginia Conover has been employed as manager of the Mercer grill, President Dowell announced last week. The Grill will be situated in the room formerly occupied by the Tea Room, in the rear of the Co-op.

The former Tea Room is being redecorated throughout and stocked with new equipment, including booths, and expectations are that the Grill will become an attractive center for student lunches, drinks, and snacks. The Grill will open about November 9.

It will specialize in short orders, sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, candies, cigarettes, chewing gum, and so forth, as well as serving regular meals and rendering catering services to banquets and special dinners. It will open at 8:30 every morning and remain open until about 10 at night.

With the opening of the Grill, the Co-op will discontinue the handling of all food and soft drinks, and will specialize in books and school supplies. It is expected that services in these fields can then be improved.

Miss Conover is a graduate of Michigan State College, where she took a degree in Institutional Administration, making a special study of cafeteria and restaurant management. Before coming to Mercer she was connected with the Estill Catering Company of Lansing, Mich., and previously was special caterer for the Detroit Woman's City Club.

HOLIDAY CHANGE

Mercer students will not have the usual two days holiday from school this year for Thanksgiving, but will have four more days added to the Christmas vacation instead, Dr. Otis Knight said recently.

Holidays for Christmas will start on December 18 and will end on January 4. School will be held as usual on Thanksgiving Day.

Date Set For Annual Snaps

Pictures of all students for the 1943 Caludron will be taken in the Co-op here on Monday Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, Editor Bill Preston announced.

A chart has been posted in the Co-op for the students to sign, designating a convenient time to have their photograph taken. All pictures must be taken during this period due to the pressing business of the photographers. They will not be present to take any more after this date, and anyone who does not appear at the time specified on the chart will be necessarily omitted from the annual Faculty and administration snapshots will be taken on Thursday.

Preston stated that the Cauldron staff will be severely handicapped by uncertain futures in photography, engraving, and printing, and full cooperation of all Mercer students will be essential to the success of the year book.

Mercer Prof's Book Released

Dr. John D. Allen's study of the Virginia poet, Philip Pendleton Cooke, will be released to the book trade tomorrow, the University of North Carolina Press, publisher of the volume, has announced.

The book, entitled *Philip Pendleton Cooke*, is a biographical and critical work based on the author's much longer doctoral dissertation. It was accepted for publication last spring.

Dr. Allen has been head of the department of journalism at Mercer since 1928 and has also been a member of the English department since 1933. In addition to first- and second-year courses in English he has taught modern drama, modern poetry, fiction, Middle English, and American literature courses.

He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Georgia and the Ph.D. degree in English from Vanderbilt University. He has studied also in the graduate schools of Columbia University and the University of Chicago. His graduate studies in English and American literature include most of the periods and subjects, among them Old English, the Age of Chaucer, pre-Shakespearean Drama, Milton, The Seventeenth Century, The Romantic and the Victorian Periods, the Novel, and English Poetry. He has also had courses in literary criticism and book-

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Honor Frat's Point System Is Announced

Blue Key national honor fraternity has announced a new system of point requirements for membership, Harold Hollingsworth, president, said.

A total of seven points must be amassed before the student is eligible for membership in Blue Key. In addition, he must have a scholastic average above the All-Men's average and must have outstanding qualities of leadership, character, and honor.

Under the new system each organization for which a student may receive points is classified in one of three groups. For membership in organizations in group one the student earns two points; these are organizations in which particular individual distinction and achievement are required.

Membership in group two organizations give the student one point; these are organizations which require no particular distinction or achievement, but which do require some effort.

Group three organizations are those which require no work; for membership in these the student receives one-half point.

Following is a complete list of organizations and points given for each:

Group I (2 points)

Sigma Upsilon, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Phi Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Who's Who, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Editor or Business Manager of a publication, Tau Kappa Alpha, President of the Student Body, and Sigma Mu.

Group II (1 point)

"M" Club, Dictum Club, Class presidents, BSU Council, Alpha Phi Omega, Alembic Club, Glee

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AAUW Meets At Porter Hall

The American Association of University Women held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 20, in the grand parlor of Mary Erin Porter Hall.

The purpose of the A.A.U.W. is to set the requirements and standards for the life of all women on a college campus. In order for a school to become a member of the A.A.U.W., it must be recognized and recommended by two other chapters.

At the present time, Mercer meets all requirements and has been recommended to the National Council of the American Association of University Women. The chapter here hopes to be recognized as a member of the national organization at an early date.

At the meeting Tuesday Mrs. William M. Foster reviewed the book, *The Making of Tomorrow*, by DeSole, a French writer.

Added to the roll as new members were: Dr. Bill Warrick from Birmingham, Mrs. Clyde Corneliuss from Wittenburg College, and Mrs. Rubin Thornton from Rollins College.

Guests at the meeting were: Mrs. Plymale, Mrs. Corn, Mrs. Foreman, Miss Ruth Coblenz, and Miss Boyett.

Nov. 13 and 14 Selected For Homecoming

The regular home-coming dances will be held this year at the Shrine Mosque November 13 and 14 even though there will be no homecoming football celebration, Hugh Cheek, Pan-Hellenic president, said. The annual parade will be discontinued.

Irving Melsher and his orchestra will play for the dances. Jean Janis is the vocalist.

Pan-Hellenic Council, in cooperation with the Greek Letter Association of Macon, decided to continue the tradition of Homecoming this year even though there is no football team on the campus.

In previous years homecoming was a very colorful event. It was highlighted by a football game Saturday afternoon and a parade which preceded the game. A cup was always given to the organization that entered the best float.

There will be a series of three dances. The first will be Friday night from 9 'til 1. A tea dance will be from 4 'til 6, Saturday afternoon, and the final dance will be from 9 'til 12, Saturday night.

Prices for non-fraternity men will be as follows: Friday night \$2.00, Saturday Tea Dance \$1.50, Saturday night \$2.00.

10 Elected To Who's Who

Ten students have been selected to represent Mercer in the 1942 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. These students were selected by the faculty and student body as the outstanding students on the Mercer campus. Selections were made on the basis of character, scholarship, activities and future usefulness.

Those students chosen were George Culpepper, Fort Valley; Gwen Reed, Fort Valley; Howard Walters, Martin; Douglas Barnard, Augusta; Sara Moses, Atlanta; W. T. Booth, Madison; Harold Hollingsworth, Sylvania; Alice Wright, Macon; Ellen Jane Sams, Macon; and Gainer Bryan, Forsyth.

Drive Successful, Chest Head Says

Mercer students contributed a total of \$219.37 to the Community Chest last week, making the drive one of the most successful ever had on this campus, according to Dr. E. M. Highsmith, Mercer Chest chairman.

Dr. Highsmith and George Culpepper were joint chairmen for the drive. Dr. Josiah Crudup was general chairman for Bibb county.

The heads of all the organizations were enlisted in the drive. Students made their contributions through some or all of the groups to which they belong. Dr. Highsmith said that every organization on the campus participated in gathering the donations. Students gave through an average of two organizations each.

Social Helper

Mercer Student Is Member Of Methodist Mission Board

Interesting facts in the lives of Mercer students are by no means limited to their activities on the campus. Certainly this holds true for dark-haired, mild-natured Ross Freeman, a ministerial student at Mercer.

Ross is one of the two city missionaries for the Macon Methodist Mission Board. The principal part of his work is carried on among the people in slum areas and in the hospitals of Macon and Camp Wheeler, but the Bibb Home and the Juvenile Home also claim a part of his time.

This mission effort centers mainly in three large areas: sections of East Macon and the river bottom, South Macon, and the region between Vineville and Middleview. In the main these are slum districts, and here is found the bulk of Macon's under-privileged population.

An example of the type of situation with which Ross deals is the case of a family of seven which came from Rome, Georgia, when the present silk shortage forced the hostery mills there to close for the duration.

The parents hoped to find work in the cotton mills of Macon. Finally they succeeded but not until a large grocery and rent bill had accumulated and serious domestic problems had overtaken the family.

The mother was frequently absent from home, showing little care for the responsibility of her children. The father was

also irresponsible and negligent and the children "wild," as Ross put it.

When the mission workers found the family, they were living in two rooms of a large house that sheltered five other families. The food for all seven of them was prepared in a single pot, from which all ate with their hands. At night, the mother occupied the only bed of the household; the father slept sitting in a chair; the two daughters slept on the floor; and the three sons had the bare floor for a bed.

The mission board lent a hand to correct the situation when police and city workers had failed, and now the mother is employed and shows interest in her children's welfare. The children are no longer rowdy, and the family has sanitary meals and enough beds to sleep comfortably. Ross says that many similar situations exist right at our door.

Nursery schools, which resemble kindergarten, have been cited by the superintendent of the East Macon school as responsible for a 45% decrease in juvenile delinquency.