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Blue Key Selects Six New Men



Blue Key Honors Six Campus Leaders

PICTURED ABOVE ARE the six boys chosen for membership in Blue Key at impressive tapping ceremonies last Wednesday. From left to right they are Clayton Jay, Holden West, Gus Verdery, Jim Barfield, W. T. Booth, and Gainer Bryan.

BSU Hears Newton As Convention Opens

An address by Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta minister, at the Mercer chapel today marked the beginning of week-end sessions of the 19th annual Georgia Baptist Student Union convention which assembles 350-400 students, including Mercerians, here.

The majority of off-campus delegates will arrive, however, for the 3:30 o'clock registration and the banquet at 5:30, both at the campus church. Local students and faculty may purchase banquet tickets at the registration desk.

"Keep Christ Pre-eminent" is the keynote around which messages by the following will revolve: Dr. James Merritt, 8:15 tonight; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, 8:50 tonight; Dr. J. C. Wilkinson, 11:50 Saturday; Dr. K. O. White, 4:10 Saturday; Rev. R. L. Harvey, 7:50, and Dr. Everett Gill, 8:20, Saturday night; Dr. Claud Broach, 11:30 Sunday morning. Broach's message will conclude the convention.

Forums, from 10:00 to 11:45 Saturday morning, will relate the Christian student to War, Family Relations, and Social Relations, forum leaders being, respectively: Dr. E. M. Highsmith, Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer, and Dr. George Gordh.

Keeping Christ Pre-eminent in Social Relations (Adeline Zachert, Who's Who, BTC), in Scholastic Efforts (Martha Lois Roberts, Who's Who GSCW), and in Church Relations (Jack Limehouse, BPI) will be the topics of speeches at 2:50 Saturday afternoon. Election of new officers follows at 3:20, after which Dr. Claud Broach, south-wide BSU specialist, will review the coming year's calendar of activities.

The message of Dr. Gill, closed

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Campus Grill Opens Monday

Mercer's new short order day, according to Miss Virginia Conover, former Detroit cateress and now manager of the new "eatery."

The room once occupied by the Tea Room has been redecorated. A counter and booths have been installed, and new equipment put in throughout.

With the opening of the Grill at 8:30 Monday morning, the book store in the Co-op will discontinue the service of food of any sort. It will handle books and supplies exclusively.

Sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and other short orders will be available to Mercer students along with soft drinks, candy and chewing gum for the first time on the campus. Regular meals, banquets and special dinners will also be served in the Grill.

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, Michigan, and previously was special caterer for the Detroit Woman's City Club.

Mercer Prof Is Ordained As Minister

Dr. George Randolph Gordh, professor of philosophy and German in the Christianity Department of Mercer University was ordained on Wednesday night, November 4th, at the First Baptist Church at 8:00 o'clock, under the direction of Dr. Trimmer.

The Ordaining Council consisted of Dr. Maurice Trimmer, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Macon; Dr. Hansford Johnson, professor of Christianity at Mercer; Reverend W. T. Booth, Baptist Student Union student secretary; and Dr. Maxwell Garrett, returned missionary from Japan. Dr. Trimmer delivered the Ordination Sermon, and Dr. Johnson gave the Ordination Prayer. Rev. W. T. Booth read the scripture, which was followed by the Laying on of Hands by the Council as a token of the setting aside of Dr. Gordh into the full work of the ministry, and Dr. Gordh pronounced the benediction.

The Examining Presbytery for the Ordination met on October 28th, at the home of Dr. Ellis Sammons, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, to examine Dr. Gordh's qualifications for the ministry. They found his application highly satisfactory and recommended him to the First Baptist Church as a candidate for Ordination.

Dr. Gordh received his A.B. degree from McAlester College, his A.M. from the University of Minnesota, his Th.M. at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He plans to continue his work at Mercer.

Five Seniors and One Junior Receive Bids to Honor Frat

Five Mercer seniors and one junior were invited to become members of Blue Key national honor fraternity in tapping ceremonies held last Wednesday in chapel.

The six are: Jim Barfield, Gainer Bryan, W. T. Booth, Gus Verdery, Ebo West, and Clayton Jay. All are seniors except West.

Honor Frat Donates Flag

Blue Key Honor Fraternity will hold ceremonies dedicating a flag pole to Mercer University next Monday in Chapel, Harold Hollingsworth, president, announced yesterday.

"The pole was erected in honor of Mercer men now in the Service, and for those who will enter in the future," Hollingsworth said.

Hollingsworth will make the speech of dedication, and Bill McCowen, vice-president of the local chapter, will give a reading on the American Flag. The flag will then be raised with appropriate ceremony.

The flag and flag pole are being dedicated to the University as part of Blue Key's campaign to aid the war effort.

TKA To Have Open Debate

Tau Kappa Alpha, national debating fraternity, is planning to sponsor a round-table discussion in Chapel on the debate question for this year, Dr. George Gordh, faculty adviser, announced recently.

The subject is: Resolved: That the United States Should Establish a Permanent Federal Union with Power to Tax and Regulate International Commerce, to Maintain a Police Force to Settle International Disputes, to Enforce All Settlements, and to Provide for Admission of Other Nations Which Accept the Principles of the Union.

The Debaters are also planning to put on four radio programs in December.

All students who are interested in debating are requested to get in touch with Dr. Gordh or Turner Paschal as soon as possible.

KDE Elects New Advisor

Kappa Delta Epsilon, national education sorority, recently elected Dorothy Williams of Macon, former Mercer co-ed and president of the group, advisor for the present school year.

The newly elected roster of officers for 1942-43 presided at the meeting last Tuesday. They are Sunshine Taylor, president; Anne Devereaux, vice president; Betty Caldwell, secretary; and Mildred Hillman, treasurer.

Bids will be issued soon to prospective members, the president stated. Qualifications for membership are grades above the all women's average for two quarters of education, a high moral character and traits of leadership.

Members of Blue Key are selected on the basis of leadership, spirit, achievement, and character. Higher than average scholarship, personal merit, and outside activities determine eligibility.

Blue Key was founded at the University of Florida in 1924, and since then has experienced a phenomenal growth. At present there are 71 active chapters and many petitions are on file for more.

The fraternity was founded on the theory that college students are "God-fearing, law-abiding citizens who believe that worthwhile progress can be best be made through the orderly processes of evolution rather than revolution, and are responsible, co-operative men and must be treated as such. Blue Key is to a college campus what such organizations as Rotary and Kiwanis are to the community.

Activities

Following is a list of the new members and their activities:

James Thomas Barfield, Atlanta, Ga.—Freshman football, varsity football, Kappa Phi Kappa, President Senior class, head of Intra-Mural Board, Debater, International Relations Club, Ciceronian Literary Society, Cluster.

Wilson Thomas Booth, Madison, Ga.—BSU Treasurer, Glee Club, Alpha Phi Omega, President Ministerial Association, Body, Who's Who.

Gainer E. Bryan, Forsyth, Ga.—Who's Who, Past President BSU, Editor *Silhouette*, Phi Eta Sigma, Custer, Cauldron, Ciceronian Literary Society.

Eugene Augustus Verdery, Harlem, Ga.—President Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Phi Kappa, Glee Club Business Manager, Cluster, Ministerial Association, BSU Council, Ciceronian Literary Society, International Relations Club.

West and Jay

Holden Claude West, Macon, Ga.—Freshman basketball, Varsity football, "M" Club, sophomore class president, vice president freshman class, Alambic Club, Ciceronian Literary Society, International Relations Club, vice president Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Clayton Philip Jay, Fitzgerald, Ga.—Dictum Club, President Alpha Tau Omega, social fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, Pan-Hellenic Council, Tennis Team, Dictum Club's Most Outstanding Freshman law student, vice president Freshman Law Class.

Old members of Blue Key are Harold Hollingsworth, president, Billy McCowen, vice president, Howard Walters, secretary; Hendley Napier, treasurer, and Billy Krenson, Gainer-Carpenter, Bill Preston, A. J. Hutchinson, and Douglas Barfield.