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## Highsmith Is Made Editor Of Yearbook

### To Succeed Preston, Who Goes In March

Nancy Highsmith, Mercer senior, will take over the duties of Bill Preston as Caudron editor, it was announced this week.

Preston graduates at the end of winter quarter, and since the Caudron will not appear before that time, Miss Highsmith has been appointed editor.

The student constitution makes no provision for a publication editor in case an editor leaves school, and the appointment was approved by Mr. Charles Hubbard, member of the faculty publications committee who works with the annual editor each year.

Miss Highsmith was previously managing editor of the Caudron, and is thoroughly qualified to assume the editor's duties, Preston stated.

Preston added that campus rumors to the effect that Mercer would have no annual this year are "complete nonsense," and also that students could expect their yearbooks as usual.

## Plans Set For Focus Week

Christian Focus Week will be presented at Mercer again this year during the week of February 22-26 instead of February 15-19 as stated in the catalogue, President Spright Dowell announced.

This five-day program, replacing the annual Religious Emphasis Week, consisted last year of chapel addresses, forums, classroom lectures, and visitation of dormitories and campus groups.

This program of student work, in its third year, is annually brought to five selected schools, Mercer being included for the first time last year.

Friday, January 22 has been scheduled as a special day for reviewing the effects of last year's Focus Week and for anticipating the 1943 program.

## MID-TERM EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Winter Quarter—1943

Mid-term exams will start Monday week, according to the schedule released last week by Major Blair.

The schedule follows:  
 Monday, January 25—All 8:00 o'clock classes.  
 Tuesday, January 26—All 9:00 o'clock classes.  
 Wednesday, January 27—All 10:00 o'clock classes.  
 Thursday, January 28—All 11:40 o'clock classes.  
 Friday, January 29—All 12:40 and other classes.

## KA's to Give First Chapel Skit Jan. 20

### 11 Entrants Draw for Chapel Contest Dates

Eleven campus organizations will enter the Chapel program contest, Jim Barfield, student body president, announced. The Kappa Alpha fraternity will perform on the first day, January 20.

A large loving cup will be awarded to the organization giving the best program. Programs will be judged on originality and presentation. A minimum time limit of 15 minutes and a maximum of 30 minutes has been placed on each performance.

The programs, beginning next Wednesday, will be given each Wednesday through March 31 during student chapel. Following is a list of organizations entered and the date for each program.

Organization	Date
Kappa Alpha	Jan. 20
SAE	Jan. 27
ALT	Feb. 3
Phi Mu	Feb. 10
Phi Delt	Feb. 17
Ministers	Feb. 24
Kappa Sig	Mar. 3
AXE	Mar. 10
KDE	Mar. 17
ATO	Mar. 24
ADPI	Mar. 31

Judges for the chapel program competition will be Mrs. Montague, Miss Sallie Boone, Mrs. Watson and Mr. Smiley.

## Endowment Upped \$100,000

### Columbus Roberts Becomes Largest Donor to Endowment With Latest Gift

Announcement of a \$100,000 gift by Columbus Roberts to Mercer's endowment fund was the feature of yesterday's Founders' Day celebration. This gift, with previous ones, makes Mr. Roberts the largest individual giver to endowment in the history of Mercer University, President Dowell said.



COLUMBUS ROBERTS Gives Mercer \$100,000



W. A. BOOTLE 'Announces Roberts' Gift

Income from the new gift will be used for "the same purpose as the other," that is, for Christian education and particularly for ministerial training.

Mr. Roberts' other contributions to Mercer include property, securities, and campus improvements. Columbus Roberts Hall was built through his generosity. All told, he has given about \$225,000 to the university.

The Founder's Day celebration, marking the 110th anniversary of the institution, consisted of chapel exercises with speeches on the Past, the Present, and the Future of Mercer. Dr. T. F. Callaway, Mr. W. A. Bootle, and Dr. Arthur Jackson were the respective speakers. The chapel choir and octette rendered music.

A reception in honor of Mr. Roberts was called off, since he was unable to be present. His large gift, as endowment, will be placed in the perpetual maintenance fund.

## Service Frat Seeks National Charter Here

National recognition of the Mercer chapter of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity by the end of the current quarter was planned at a chapter meeting in Dr. Garland Downum's office Tuesday night, and a meeting to complete arrangements was set for Tuesday night, January 19, at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Carroll Tinsley, assistant scout executive for the Central Georgia Council, met with the chapter to propose that the Mercer group undertake a series of bi-weekly radio dramatizations sponsored by the Central Georgia Council. The programs, presenting Boy Scout activities and ideals, will be held over station WBML. Participation by the Mercerians will begin as soon as the day and hour are finally arranged.

President Jack Jaudon urged that all of the 30 members of the fraternity interested in having the chapter gain national recognition attend next Tuesday's meeting as 25 must be initiated before recognition is extended.

## Law School Gives Moot Court Case

A suit concerning a promissory note was tried at Moot Court Tuesday night, but due to the absence of the jury no decision was brought.

The star witnesses for the plaintiff were Gene Morgan and John Smith. The first was salesman for the J. B. Colt Company, a fictitious firm, and Smith was Mr. Electa Tricity, electrician for the company.

Representing Mrs. Bascorb Solomon Johnson (Patsy) was her husband, Mr. Johnson, (Maddox of the freshman law class).

Hendley Napier and Frank Pinkston represented the plaintiff and Louis Pagan and Clayton Jay the defendant.

## Loans Open To Physicists

Students who are majoring in Physics and Chemistry are eligible for financial assistance from the federal government, according to a recent announcement.

A fund has been established here and application must be made to the registrar. Further information will be given interested students.

The country is in greater need today than ever before for physicists, and in order to encourage students who show aptitude for technical training, the federal government will make loans on very generous terms.

## Law Schools Enrollment Off

In a recent poll of Law Schools over the United States, it was shown that the draft has taken its toll. Enrollment is off about 26% for all the country's law schools.

Georgia's three leading law schools have dropped sharply in enrollment since 1938. Of the three, Emory University shows the greatest drop with about 30% of its 1938 enrollment still in school. The University of Georgia is next with about 31% of its '38 enrollment. Mercer alone shows the smallest drop with 33% of its 1938 enrollment.

Such a marked drop in law school enrollment is attributed to the fact that law school students are allowed no deferment on the basis of their law training, as medical students are.

Three Mercer law students have been lost to the Armed Forces this quarter: George Culpepper, Hubert Aultman, and Roscoe Lowery. Professor Barnes, law school dean, is grim about the future of the law school on this campus but he says "regardless of what comes we will carry on."

## Mercer Girls Organize For Defense Work

Mercer Co-eds are playing a big part in the War Program. Through plans made by the students themselves and with the help of Miss Annie L. Boyette, a series of classes are being held on the campus to instruct the students in various fields of service.

Under the direction of Red Cross instructors, a class is being carried on at present in home nursing which includes child care, nutrition, firstaid, and other courses. Upon completion of this course, a beginner's class in Red Cross First Aid will be given, followed by the advanced course.

Certain organizations in the girls' dormitory are planning to begin knitting for Red Cross when sufficient wool is available.

Phi Mu and Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae are sponsoring weekly dances for officers from Camp Wheeler and Cochran Field. These are growing into worthwhile projects with ever-increasing attendance.

As soon as arrangements can be made, a course of instruction for nurse's aides will be carried out. At the end of seven weeks training, the girls will serve at Macon hospitals so that graduate nurses may be released for service at the front.

More plans are being made, but have not been put into practice as yet. Mercer girls are preparing to do their part toward helping to bring the war to a speedy victory.

Fraternity snapshots for the Caudron must be made in the next 2 weeks, Tom Parker said.

## Bus Left Yet?

### Mercer Wolves Take to Busses As Gas Rationing Tightens Up

By GAINER BRYAN

"What, no more pleasure riding on A, B, and C books? Do you mean Lattimore will have to pack Betty on a suburban bus to go juking? Do you mean Henry Brown must give up those numerous weekly trips to Bessie Tift? And what about Doug Barnard who always went with Henry?"

"This will play havoc with our morale . . . especially when those western states . . ."

So, "If it's fun it's out," decrees OPA. "Oh, well," some say, "we either walked on our dates or rode the bus anyway, and misery always did like company. 'T ain't as bad as all that though, anyway."

No more "pleasure driving," said the edict, but "pleasure driving" wasn't defined. Just the warning that the term would have a "broad meaning."

Obviously (it read): going to church is not pleasure driving; taking children to school is possibly not pleasure driving; going to the doctor or the hospital is not pleasure driving.

Reckon if a fella with a car was courtin' a nurse something could be worked out? Well, at least church attendance should pick up now.

Guess us fellas will have to do our pleasure riding with a load of bombs over Tokyo, and we long for the day!