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Gains Seen In Annual 'Focussing'

By Elaine Taylor

With the opening session of Religious Focus Week, Mercer welcomed back to the campus a number of familiar people. Dr. Frank H. Leavell sounded the keynote of the week in his chapel address on Monday. The theme of the week was "Supreme Allegiance."

SOCIAL TONIGHT

All Mercer students and faculty are invited to a "spontaneous combustion" party in the Mercer Co-op tonight at nine o'clock. This will bring Christian Focus Week on the campus to a close.

All the facilities of the campus of both students and faculty have been given over to this religious revival. The keen interests of the students has been evidenced by the almost perfect attendance and by the increased attendance at the night sessions and at the seminars.

In classroom visitations and in seminars, students have been impressed by the great amount of travel of the visiting team and their knowledge and acquaintance with foreign people and their problems.

In one of the most dynamic and forceful talks of the week, Mrs. Jessie Burrall Eubank challenged the student body with her question, "Is that mud?" Students were confronted in no uncertain terms with the differences.

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Final Examinations To Begin Wednesday

Here is the final examination schedule for the winter quarter, as released by Maj. Blair:

Wednesday, March 3rd
9:00-12:00: All classes meeting at 8:00.

2:00-5:00: All classes meeting at 12:40.

Thursday, March 4th
8:00-11:00: All classes meeting at 9:00.

2:00-5:00: All classes meeting at 11:40.

Friday, March 5th
9:00-12:00: All classes meeting at 10:00.

2:00-5:00: All conflicts.

Registration for the Spring quarter will be from 8:30 to 5:30 on March 8th. Classes for the Spring quarter begin at 8:00 o'clock a. m., Tuesday March 9th, 1943.

IRC Meets At Wesleyan

Wesleyan College will play host to the fourth Georgia conference of International Relations Clubs on the 5th and 6th of March. All members of the Mercer IRC are invited to be present.

Two speakers are slated for the convention, Miss Katherine Johnson and Captain Birding, from Cochran Field. Miss Johnson lived in Japan for eighteen years, and Captain Birding has traveled extensively in Europe and South America. Both are well qualified to speak on the current world situation.

Mercerians who are eligible to attend the state convention should see Bill Preston immediately.

New Physical Ed Instructor Will Arrive

Claude Smith Comes To Assist Dr. Vance

By Mary Jackson

Claude Smith, the new instructor in Health and Physical Education, will arrive at Mercer University on March 2. Mr. Smith comes from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he has been director of Health and Physical Education and teacher of social science in the R. J. Reynolds high school.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers' College and will complete his Master's degree in one more summer at the University of North Carolina. He was all-state football tackle and was selected as an all-time tackle at Appalachian in 1926.

He was captain of the baseball team there for two years. He was also captain of the wrestling team and all South Atlantic wrestler.

Thetas Bring 'Mein Kampf'

Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Tojo appeared in all their glory and power before Mercer students Friday morning, when the Phi Delta Thetas presented their chapel program.

A. J. Henderson, Hitler; Jack Jaudon, Tojo; Stewart Holt, Mussolini, were supported by Phi Delta storm-troopers and German youths, Irving Hall, Bill Preston, and Solomon Dowis.

Col. Tracer to Speak At March Graduation

First March Commencement In School's History to Be Held Thursday In Chapel

Lt. Col. Thomas H. Tracer, of Camp Wheeler, will deliver the Commencement address to the March graduating class at exercises to be held next Thursday at 11 a. m. in Willingham Chapel, Dr. Dowell said yesterday.

Affair Today For Seniors

By Billy Krenson

The Mercer Auxiliary will give its annual reception in honor of the graduating class of seniors this afternoon at four o'clock in the Faculty-Trustee room of the Theology building.

The program will consist of talks by two ladies who have recently returned from China. These guests, Miss Nellie Peacock and Miss Claire Chapman, dressed in Chinese costume, will speak about their experiences in the East. In addition, Mrs. Hamilton Holt of Macon will sing.

The reception has a patriotic theme, since guests and members of the Auxiliary are requested to bring any scrap metal that they can. Facilities for collecting it will be provided.

Mrs. Fred Jones, President of the Auxiliary, said that this reception would not take the place of the annual reception held in May for graduating seniors but is especially for the March graduates, all of whom have been invited.

Hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. H. A. Burns, Mrs. H. D. Chapman, Mrs. George McCowen, Mrs. William Saskell, and Mrs. H. S. Northington.

Hours for the final examination scheduled for Thursday morning have been changed from 9-12 to 8-11, in order to provide time for the exercises.

Thirteen seniors will definitely take part in the celebration, and any others who wish to do so may see Maj. Blair as soon as possible.

Col. Tracer is a native of the state of Iowa, and is eminently qualified to deliver the Baccalaureate address. He is a former Commander of the American Legion, and is at present Commanding Officer of the Sixth Battalion at Camp Wheeler.

The Commencement exercises will be formal, with processional in caps and gown by faculty members and the seniors. Certificates will be awarded.

The graduates are as follows: James Thomas Barfield, Atlanta, Ga.; Gainer E. Bryan, Forsyth, Ga.; Thomas Cleveland James, Macon, Ga.; William Day Krenson, Macon, Ga.; Nelloise Johnson Mabry, Macon, Ga.; Franklin William Mazza, Arnold, Pa.; Richard Waxelbaum, Macon, Ga.; Virginia Fincher, Macon, Ga.; Thaddeus Hall Roddenbery, Moultrie, Ga.; and Virginia Greene, Macon, Ga.

The above will receive AB degrees. The following are to get LLB degrees: Hubert Anderson Aultman, Byron, Ga.; George B. Culpepper, Fort Valley, Ga.; and Hendley Varner Napier, Macon, Ga.

Aultman and Culpepper will receive their diplomas in absentia, having already left for duty with the Armed Services.

Graduates must pay the following fees by Monday, March 1: diploma (arts) \$10.00; diploma (law) \$11.50; rent of cap and gown \$2.00, and deposit (refundable) \$5.00.

Gowns will be distributed from the Cap and Gown room on the third floor of the Administration Building on Wednesday afternoon, March 3, at five o'clock.

Students Urge Anti-Rum Bill

By Mary Ann Jackson

241 Mercer students Wednesday morning signed a telegram which was sent to the State Legislature urging the passage of the prohibition bill.

Mac Vandiviere read to the student body in chapel Wednesday the telegram drawn up by a group of students aroused by the talk made by Dr. Fred Brown, Knoxville, Tennessee, on Tuesday morning.

Another move toward liquor abolition was taken Wednesday afternoon when a group of students met in Willingham Chapel to discuss the question. Bill Marshall, one of the Focus Week leaders, led the discussion.

Here Are The Beauties - Pulchritude Plus



MISS MARY JANE WILLIAMS
Miss Freshman Class

Journalism major Mary Jane "Scoutie" Williams, of Griffin, is the Fresh choice for class beauty. "Scoutie," ADPi Social Chairman and Assistant Treasurer, is active in campus affairs.

Scoutie's forte is centered around soft blond hair (natural as a shower of rain) and blue eyes. Refined, subdued vibrance. There is something of the old South coupled in ultra modern lines. Hokey for the Freshmen's taste.



MISS LUCILLE DISMUKES
Miss Sophomore Class

The Sophomore choice for beauty honors is Phi Mu Lucille Dismukes. Lucille is a psychology major and frequently makes the honor roll for her high scholastic average.

Lucille has brown hair, a sylph-like figure and a sophisticated personality. She is the smooth, slightly exotic type that some Sultan would just love to have in his harem. The Sophs are definitely not saps.



MISS ELAINE TAYLOR
Miss Junior Class

English major Elaine Taylor copped the honors in the Junior class. Active Elaine is President of Phi Mu and active on campus publications. Her plans include post-grad work at Northwestern and then radio announcing.

A bright, sunny disposition, and perfect "American Girl Type" features, are Elaine's long suits. Friendly, nice, jolly, but never loud. Terrific personality coupled with soap-ad skin and dentifrice-ad teeth, prove the Juniors know what is cooking.



MISS DOT HALL
Miss Senior Class

The staid old Seniors came through with Phi Mu Dot Hall as their candidate. Dot has tackled a difficult job in majoring in the dual major of chemistry and biology. She's not only passing, but graduating in THREE years.

Popular, vivacious Dot is direct evidence against the "beautiful but dumb" fallacy. Brown hair, with deep brown eyes to match, and babyish skin with that pink "glow" are Hall's high points. Then, too, there's personality plus. Oh, you Seniors!