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New Religious Forum To Hold First Service

"Youth Rationalizes" Will Be Theme With Dr. Dixon As Forum Leader

Mercer's Student Religious Forum will meet in Willingham Chapel Sunday morning for the first time. The theme this Sunday will be "Youth Rationalizes (What Is Truth?)."

Dr. Dixon will lead the forum discussion and Leon Fleischner of Camp Wheeler will provide violin music. The chapel choir will be there this Sunday and plans are to have an orchestra before long.

Officers for the Forum will be elected by the student body at an early date. A nominating committee is working now on names to be submitted.

All plans and details for the Forum will be introduced and explained to the student body at chapel today. The students will be asked to submit suggested subjects for discussion on Sunday morning.

The program for Sunday morning will be as follows:

9:35-9:45 Organ Music.
9:45-10:10 Song "The Church's One Foundation."
Prayer.

Song "Give of Your Best to the Master."
Offering.
Devotional, Howard Walters.

10:10-10:25 Dr. Dixon introduces the subject for discussion.

10:15-10:45 Open Forum.
10:45-10:55 Practical Applications by Dr. Dixon.

The presiding officer for Sunday has not yet been announced. E. B. Collins will lead the group singing.

Angels of Mercy

Devotees of Life Saving Learn Red Cross Methods

By MARY JANE WILLIAMS

Mercer students are also participating in the Red Cross life-saving course taught at Wesleyan College each week. The boys and girls in this class are quite enthusiastic over the course, especially the boys, who think girl instructors are wonderful.

The pupils are learning how to approach a victim from the front, rear, underwater, how to break holds and block. The girls think this training will be quite useful on land as well as in the water. They have learned how to carry a drowning person by his head, cross chest, and the correct way to pick up a person much heavier than oneself. Although they have learned what to do when two people are drowning at the same time, some of the students are still perplexed as to which victim should be saved first.

Life-saving is not always as pleasant as it may seem. Many skinned knees have resulted from practicing artificial respiration. At times it seems the boys and girls come closer to drowning than saving each other. This is especially true about Paul Bowen and Irving Hall, who are constantly trying to see who can get the best strangle hold on the other. Jane Goolby, the smallest in the class, complains of being a perpetual victim. Ruth Ford likes to carry her victim with his head under the water. It is the simplest

Navy States Wave Ruling

Waves and Spars will now be recruited from all U. S. Navy recruiting stations, the Bureau of Naval Personnel has just announced. Educational requirements have been changed. To enlist in the Waves or Spars, two years of high school or business school is all that is necessary.

"By going to or writing your nearest recruiting stations you may obtain an application blank," says Captain Webb C. Hayes, USNR, Director of Recruiting. Previously, Waves and Spars were able to enlist only through Naval Offices of Officer Procurement.

"Waves and Spars are now permitted to marry men in their own branches of services upon completion of indoctrination and training courses," Captain Hayes stated.

Additional training schools have also been opened. "Waves and Spars are needed in great numbers to perform a wide variety of jobs and the demand for women in these services is a real war need," Hayes said.

School Buys 'Jeep' With Bond Sales

A jeep costing \$1,000 has already been bought in War Stamps and Bonds by Mercer students and faculty this week.

Cardinal Key began its campaign for the sale of War Bonds and Stamps in a chapel program Monday morning.

Mr. Arthur Cheatham, head of bond sales in Georgia, in a brief talk presented the financial situations of all our wars, "but," Mr. Cheatham said, "the cost of the last war was 39 billion dollars and in the short period of 8 months this country has already spent more than that amount."

Mr. Cheatham pointed out that the public debt may reach 300 billion dollars by the time peace is declared but that the government had a very strong financial plan for this World War II and this can be attributed to the War Bond Plan.

"A Fight to the Finish"

Lt. Col. Wittam, of Camp Wheeler, and also a guest speaker, added a grim and realistic note when he gave his personal experiences in the horrors of war. "We can't sit back and be idle because we've got a fight to the finish. You civilians have got to wake up and realize there is more to a war than troops, flags, uniforms and parades. For soldiers on the fronts there is starvation, loss of youth and loss of life."

Lt. Col. Wittam concluded that through the loyal and honest support of civilians at home, by the money we lend the government by purchasing War Bonds and Stamps, we can hasten the end of this present "horror."

Glee Club Gets Credit Hours

Members of the Mercer Glee Club will now receive credit for a two hour course to be known as Music Appreciation, it has been announced. In order to receive credit for this course, a member must be a regular attendant at Glee Club rehearsals. Exemption from one day of Physical Education will be given to students taking this course.

Rehearsals to Be Held

Because of this new plan, rehearsals will be held three days a week instead of two as in the past. Personal tests will be given as in other courses, Gus Verdery, president and business manager, has announced. This course will not take the place of any other but will be a fourth or additional course.

Mr. Ralph Ewing, director, states that additional members will be accepted now, but those desiring to get credit for the course this quarter will have to do extra work for a certain period of time.

It has also been announced that a spring concert by the Glee Club will be held at a future date.

Army and Navy to Give Qualifying Examination

Boys Selected to Be Sent to College With Pay to Train as Future Officers

Prospective students for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Training Program will take qualifying examinations at Mercer University at 9 A.M. on Friday, April 2nd, Dr. Knight announced today. Dr. Knight and Dr. Downum will serve as supervisors for the examinations.

"Most boys accepted for either the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy College Training Program will eventually become commissioned officers in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard," Dean Knight said. "The Army and the Navy will pay all expenses at the colleges of students selected on the basis of the tests on April 2. Since there will be no further tests for some months, all high school students or recent graduates will have to take the April 2 examinations to qualify for this training. This is an excellent opportunity for every ambitious boy, especially for those who are likely to be drafted within the next year."

Red Cross War Drive Planned

An emergency Red Cross war drive is being launched at Mercer by a committee of campus leaders headed by Dr. Highsmith and Dr. Downum. March has been designated as Red Cross month at Mercer, but no definite quota has been set.

"This will be a nucleus committee which will serve as a radiating center and will contact all students and faculty," Dr. Highsmith stated. "This is not a membership drive, but everybody is asked to contribute and wear emblems."

The nucleus committee is made up of W. T. Booth, Mike Warr, Billy McCowen, Ellen Jane Sams, Jack Jaudon, Nat Kaderley, Polly Sullivan, Elaine Taylor, Julia York, and Pauline Parham.

More definite plans will be announced in the near future as Wednesday is the final day.

Gray Walls

Fugitives Flee 'Eormatory; Frolic, Find Furtive Fun

By AN INFAMOUS REPORTER

It happened one night last week. We had come up from our meager meal, and, as it was not quite time for the guards to lock the cell doors, we congregated in the corridors. Subdued protests could be heard, and angry mutters were growing louder and louder.

What was happening? Were the inmates of this institution daring to complain? Where was the "esprit de corps" for which this prison was so famous? Yes—I soon discovered that the prisoners were "very much exercised" about a certain situation that had arisen. It seemed that The Warden had taken away some privileges that were supposed to be included in the sentence to this house of detention. The last straw had come tonight, and we poor girls, better known as Mercer students, decided that we had had enough of this. We were tired of playing the game the warden's way—we wanted our turn at bat.

The controversy had arisen when we were forbidden to attend the basketball game between faculty members and the Co-ed "M" club. This game is an annual affair and is sponsored by a campus organization. The prisoners—pardon me! I mean Mercerians—decided that they had a right to attend campus activities, so about 25 of the bravest marched out of the prison—pardon me! I mean dormitory. There wasn't anything underhanded about it—they signed out for the game, went to the

game, and returned immediately after the game.

Surprisingly enough, the belligerent Bo—I mean Warden—was very calm when her charges came in—ominously calm. We soon knew the reason—all rebellious prisoners were to be placed in solitary confinement—pardon me! I keep getting my vocabulary twisted—what I meant was—we were all campused. Our kind-hearted warden couldn't stand to see her little girls (she loves every one of us dearly) so unhappy, so she lightened the sentence, giving us only two major call-downs apiece. But believe me, fellas—it was worth it!

And the result of one night of freedom? We all liked it so much that we decided to make it a permanent thing. Not at Mercer, of course—our once-beloved Alma Mater is too far gone for that—but we don't have to stay here. Don't forget—we're paying to be imprisoned.

You see—we think that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are important. We don't want to forget their true meaning.

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