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Festivities Planned For Mercer Alumni

First Big Reunion Since War To Be Held Commencement Week

Commencement week-end at Mercer University will be the occasion for "unprecedented alumni festivities" as Mercer sons and daughters from afar come back to the "old campus" for their first largescale reunions since the war, May 31-June 2.

BUSINESS LEADERS ELECT RAY HARRIS TO PRESIDENCY

The Mercer Chapter of the Future Business Leaders, at a meeting held Tuesday, May 6, elected officers for the ensuing school year. Ray Harris succeeds W. J. Williams as president; Betty Kline succeeds Amy Tison as secretary; Amy Tison is the treasurer. Committee chairmen named are: Herbert Kasner, Program; J. Walker Whittle, Publicity; and Frank Kemp, Project. Installation for these officers will be held May 20.

The project adopted by the organization for the coming year is a "survey of Macon and vicinity for job possibilities for part time or full time employment for Mercer students and graduates." The club hopes to establish a placement bureau as an employment service to Mercer students.

Plans are being made for the state conference to be held at Mercer May 17, 1947, of the Georgia Federation of College Business Students Associations. This Federation was organized April 19, 1947 at Georgia Teachers College, Statesboro. Officers of the Federation were elected at that time, including:

President—James Rouse, Jr., Georgia Teachers College; Vice-President—Charlie Royal, University of Georgia; Secretary—Vonnice Baber, Mercer University; Treasurer—Miss Lore, G. S. C. W.

The purpose of this Federation is to coordinate the work of the college business clubs of the state and bring employment opportunities to Mercer students.

Gainer Bryan, Jr., alumni secretary, in making public this announcement said that Mercer's newest dormitory is expected to be open to accommodate out-of-town home-comers, Saturday and Sunday nights, May 31 and June 1.

All members of the Senior Class of '47 and of the Mercer faculty are cordially invited to participate in these alumni events, Bryan stated.

In addition to the usual Alumni Day program on Monday, June 2, featuring class reunions for all the '2 and '7 classes, a Victory Reunion for the last ten consecutive class years will be held on Saturday night, May 31, at Baconsfield Club-house.

Baccalaureate Exercises

On Sunday, baccalaureate exercises will hold the focus for alumni as Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, delivers the annual sermon at First Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m.

An innovation this year, the Victory Reunion, Saturday night, in honor of Mercer veterans of World War II, will provide the first opportunity for classmates who served around the world to reunite each other on the campus of Alma Mater.

Victory Reunion Committee

Hal Bell and Evelyn Neel Stallings, of the sponsoring class of '42, who are chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of the Victory Reunion Committee, reported that a good orchestra and a novelty program await all comers. The party will begin at 8:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner to be served by ladies of the Macon women's clubs.

Charlie Walker, chairman of the Alumni Day arrangements committee, announced that the annual



WALLY BUTTS

BUTTS TO GIVE MAIN SPEECH AT SPORTS BANQUET

Athletic Director Jim Cowan announced today that he had received word from Head Football Coach Wallace Butts of the University of Georgia that he would be on hand May 22, 1947 to deliver the principal address at the Mercer All-Sports Banquet. "Wailing Wally" as he is known in sporting circles is one of the nation's outstanding football coaches. In the short span of six years at the University of Georgia he has had three bowl teams; going to the Rose Bowl in 1941, the Oil Bowl in 1946, and last year to the Sugar Bowl. All three bowl appearances have yielded victories to the "Bulldog" elevens.

At the banquet the Adam Hat Company's "Outstanding Athlete" trophy will be awarded to the Mercer athlete considered by the students to have done the most in athletics during the academic year '46-'47. Also letter certificates and other minor awards will be presented for the spring sports of baseball, track, golf, and tennis.

Major George Connell will be Master of Ceremonies.

NOTICE

All Pi Kappa Phi's on the campus contact John M. Selser at Phone 3343.

Morgan Stresses Unity On Campus

Students Defeat Amendment To Limit Campus Activities

A motion to reconsider the freshman-sophomore vote in favor of the adoption of amendment number one to the student constitution was carried by a vote of 241-42 on Monday, May 12. Upper-classmen voted for reconsideration on Wednesday. Future consideration on the amendment to limit each student to a specific number of campus activities will probably be tabled for student action until next fall.

On May 5 the freshman-sophomore classes had voted 286-13 in favor of limiting the holder of a major office, to not more than two other offices, and limiting any student's participation to not more than five groups. Student objections to the vote of May 5 resulted in the move for re-consideration on Monday and Wednesday of this week.

The Cluster feels that there is a need for greater student participation in student government. Cloud Morgan, president of the student body was interviewed on Monday in this connection. "Speaking for the council of the student officers," he said, "there is most certainly a need to spread the responsibility for student leadership." He pointed out that it was because there had not been a genuine and full discussion of the proposed amendment to the constitution that necessitated the motion for reconsideration on Monday and Wednesday. "The council of the student body," he said, "is now stressing the fact that heretofore the leadership of the student body has rested on the shoulders of a small body of Mercer men and women. All general officers—the council feels—should share in the leadership of the student government. To this end we, the council, have inaugurated a weekly meeting of all general officers of the student body. This includes all class officers and other elected representatives of the student body."

Morgan continued with the council's statement: "Henceforth any student project will be discussed and any action taken will be the action of the council in assembly. The editors of the student publica-

MRS. BOB HOLT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WIVES CLUB

Mercer Junior Auxiliary Student Wives Club was the name selected by the newly organized club at its first business meeting on Tuesday, May 6. The group elected Mrs. Bob Holt, president; Mrs. Fred Marshall, vice-president and membership chairman; Mrs. Bill Daniel, secretary and treasurer. About fourteen Mercer wives and students attended the meeting for the purpose of organization and election of club officers.

The group decided to limit its activity to social meetings for the present. It was suggested that size of membership might warrant the projection of a special field of group study and activity by the fall quarter.

The Mercer Auxiliary has offered the Junior Auxiliary the use of its kitchen in the Faculty-Trustee room of the Christianity Building for their meetings.

The club will not hold its regular meeting on June 3 due to the summer vacation period, but will meet on Tuesday, June 17. Charter members will be accepted up to, and including the June 17 meeting.

JOAN OF LORRAINE WINS MUCH PRAISE

White orchids to Miss Vivian Burton, director, and the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts for presenting the best play we have seen in many a month. The cast of Maxwell Anderson's *Joan of Lorraine* outdid themselves to bring us one of the most challenging productions of the year.

Lillian Moye, Mercer's most outstanding young dramatic actress, was superb as the immortal Maid of Orleans, a role that has tempted the powers of such notables of the theater as Ingrid Bergman and Katherin Cornell. Successively, the Waycross student has given excellent performances as Maggie Cutler in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and as Mary Cleophas in *Family Portrait*. Now, she has been presented in a role that gives full play to her superior dramatic powers. As Joan, she inspires one to face life in all its beauty and violence with uncompromising courage and renewed faith in God.

Val Sheridan, of Macon, whom we have seen in *The Barretts* and *The Late George Apley*, was meritorious as Jimmy Masters, the director of the "play within a play." Jesse DeFore, who appeared as Beverly Carlton in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, was more than adequate as the Dauphin.

DR. RANSON TO BE VISITING PROFESSOR FOR SUMMER TERM

Dr. Hansford Johnson, head of the Roberts School of Christianity, announced that Dr. Guy H. Ranson, now a Theology student at Yale University, will be visiting professor in Christianity and Philosophy during the summer session.

The courses that Dr. Ranson will teach are: Ethics, Philosophy 129, Types of Religious Philosophy, Philosophy 131, and Christian Biography, Christianity 161.

A native of Texas, Dr. Ranson was graduated at Hardin-Simmons University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He received an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Kentucky; Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Professor Ranson is a personal friend of Dr. Theron Price, Professor of Religious and Church History. His scholarship and ability are highly recommended by Drs. Johnson and Price. At the conclusion of the summer session Dr. Ranson will go to England for



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further studies at Cambridge. Mercer is indeed fortunate to obtain the services of such a distinguished instructor for the summer session.

Wrong Number?

By Christy Harp

The ministerial constitution reads as qualification for membership in the following manner. "The membership shall consist of the ministerial students of Mercer University who, upon the approval of their application for membership by the Counseling Committee, have been accepted by the Association. Women studying to do missionary work shall be honorary members."

The last paragraph of the application mentioned above reads: "Being sure of my call to the definite CHRISTIAN work described above, I promise, upon the acceptance of my membership into the MERCER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION, to so live that believers on the campus may be strengthened in the FAITH; and unbelievers may be pointed to the LAMB OF CALVARY that taketh away the sin of the world." The applicant's signature follows.

It is indeed strange that a profession which is of the highest calling, believing that a person must be called by God, has a group which deigns to sit in judgment as to whether God got a wrong number.

There has been at least one person rejected from the ministerial association because the counseling committee decided that this person had not received the proper call.

Can we as Christians sit in judgment of our Brother when he says, "I am called to preach?"

Narrowness is often ascribed to the members of the ministerial group on this campus, and such as above is adequate proof of the same.