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BSU ELECTS LAMAR BROOKS PRESIDENT; MILLARD HUNT NEW GAUNTLET EDITOR



Lamar Brooks

Lamar Brooks, Edison, a ministerial student and a junior at Mercer, was elected president of the Baptist Student Union at a mass meeting of all members of the B.S.U. Greater Council March 30.

Other officers chosen to serve for the coming year were Mimi Timmerman, Macon, first vice-president; Alabel Trapp, Macon, second vice-president; Anne Wood, Coral Gables, Florida, third vice-president; Hilda Harris, Atlanta, secretary; Wallace Dusal, Edison, Treasurer; Millard Hunt, Sanford, Florida, Gauntlet editor; Pete Nunn, Covington, extension director; Reba Hamilton, Cordele, librarian; Irb Howard, Augusta, publicity director; Tucker Singleton, Edison, chorister; Joe Clements, Savannah, reporter; and Marian Epps, Augusta, pianist.

Dr. Paul Cousins To Join Faculty Next September

Dr. Spright Dowell, President of Mercer University, has announced that Dr. Paul Cousins, President of Shorter College, will relinquish that post in order to join the Mercer faculty next September. He will be associated with the English department here, having done extensive work in the field of American literature. Dr. Cousins is a Mercer alumnus holding the Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Learned Law degrees from here, and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University.

Dr. Cousins has been president of Shorter for the last fifteen years, and during that time has led her to the forefront among women's colleges in the South. He is leaving this post because he prefers teaching to the administration field.

Two College Choirs To Sing On Campus

Two visiting university glee clubs will appear on the Mercer campus on the coming fortnight. Saturday evening, April 10, the 42 voice chorus of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, will give a sacred concert in the Tattnall Square Baptist Church auditorium under the joint sponsorship of the Mercer University Choir, Tattnall Square Baptist Church and First Baptist Church. The members of the chorus will be entertained in the Mercer dormitories over night and will leave the following morning for cities in North Carolina, Virginia and the North.

On Monday, evening, April 12, the choir of Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina, will give a sacred program in the Willingham Chapel under the sponsorship of The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. This choir is on tour from South Carolina to Florida.

There will be no admission charge for either of these programs, but a free will offering will be taken to help defray the expenses of the choirs. Mercer students and staff members are cordially invited to attend both programs.

Actors And Singers Stage Comic Opera

The Mercer University Glee Club and Dramatic Club will combine forces to present Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "H. M. S. Pinafore", Thursday and Friday evenings, April 22 and 23 in Willingham Chapel.

Rehearsals are under way with a double cast of singers and actors. The staging is under the direction of Miss Mary Brooks Popkins, the solo cast under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Rich, and the chorus under the direction of Dr. Rich. A small orchestra is being assembled to accompany the production. Elaborate plans are being made for scenery, costumes and lighting. Mercer students and staff members will be admitted without charge, but there will be a gate charge for all non-members of the Mercer family.

The comic opera is based on British Naval life in the nineteenth century and the action takes place aboard the battleship "Pinafore." Sailor's manners and morals are delightfully satirized as are class distinctions between enlisted men and officers. The plot revolves around the attempts of a common sailor to elope with the Captain's daughter. The music and the lines are sparkling and witty.

14 Law Students Make Dean's List

The Walter F. George School of Law recently announced the names of students on the Dean's list for the winter quarter. They are Griffin Bell, Amiens; Albert Reichart, Macon; William Stanford, Valdosta; John Miller, William Hemingway, F. M. Hardeman, Joseph Gladin, George Sims, all of Macon; William Crawford, Savannah; John Hemingway, Macon; Michael Dean, Macon; Alvin Gilmore, Milledgeville; Thomas Morton, Queen's Village, N. Y.; and James A. Leggett, Macon.

Students attaining the Dean's List must have a grade of 80 or above for the quarter. Dean F. Hodge O'Neal stated, that this group comprises the highest ten per cent in scholarship in the law school.

Campus Politicos Present Platforms; Chapel Programs Initiate Campaigns

Polls for Student Government elections will be held in the Co-op Tuesday, April 13.



Ray Brewster

Ray Brewster And 'Bird-Dog' Thornton Vie For Presidency Of Student Body



"Bird-Dog" Thornton

The campus political pot began simmering last Tuesday as candidates for Student Government offices registered. It came to a full boil the first of this week as each party presented their platforms and candidates in two student chapel programs.

The president of the student body, Cloud Morgan, strongly urged full student participation in the coming election, stressing the fact that only about two-thirds of the students took part in last year's election.

Richard "Bird-Dog" Thornton, Representative Party candidate for the presidency of the student body, based his opening address on his party's slogan: "We will continue to keep our promises." Ray Brewster, Progressive Party presidential candidate, in his first address, reflected his party's slogan: "The party with a conscience."

Others announcing their candidacy for student government offices were as follows:

Vice-President, (Representative) Buck Melton, (Progressive) Frank Kemp; Secretary-Treasurer, (R) Jackie Ward, (P) Frankie Thompson; Freshman Advisor, (R) Tommy Mathews, (P) Broadus Wiloughby; Cheer Leader, (R) Malcolm Davis, (P) Ruth Dunwoody; Cluster Editor, (R) Jim Cowan, (P) John Herring; (John Hyde, Independent candidate with draw.

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Pictured above are the new and old members of the Walter F. George School of Law Editorial Board. Membership on the board, which is one of the highest honors in the law school, is awarded on the basis of outstanding achievement in law school work and the preparation of material of a quality suitable for publication. The new members were announced yesterday by F. Hodge O'Neal, Dean of the Walter F. George School of Law.—(Photo by Bobby Elrod.)

Students Receive Appointments To Law School Editorial Board

by Bill Wheeler

Dean F. Hodge O'Neal yesterday announced the appointment of seven new members to the Editorial Board of the Walter F. George School of Law. One of the most distinguished honors in the law school, appointment of the new members was made on the basis of outstanding achievement in law school work and the preparation of material of a quality suitable for publication.

Students receiving the honor were William A. Crawford, Savannah; Noble C. Do'ss, LaGrange; Joseph A. Gladin, Macon; William R. Tribble, Candler, Arizona; William W. Hemingway, Macon; William P. Tyson, Ashburn; and Durwood B. Mercer, Macon.

Through work on the Editorial Board members gain valuable experience in the use of proper techniques of legal research and acquire skill in the preparation of concise and persuasive legal composition. Material prepared by the Board is published in the Georgia Bar Journal and other legal periodicals and is distributed throughout the country in leading law libraries.

Oscar Marsh, chairman of the Board, told the new members at their first meeting that in order to remain active in the work of the organization they must maintain a good scholastic standing, as well as having an article published in the Bar Journal at least two quarters. Marsh stated that only those students who had completed two or more quarters in the law school, while maintaining an average of 75 for the quarter preceding the acceptance of his article for publication, might become a member of the Editorial Board.

Organized in 1947, the George Law School section of the Editorial Board has a total membership of 16. Leonard Conger is secretary and James Quarles is the faculty adviser.

Honor Fraternities Pledge 15 Students

Four students were initiated last night into Alpha Psi Omega, honorary professional dramatic fraternity following a pledge period of one week.

The new members are: Harold Storey, Ashburn; Albert Mullis, Eastman; Tommy Ward, Atlanta; and Jim Cowan, Albany.

The members are selected on the basis of their outstanding work in all phases of dramatic productions at Mercer.

Eleven students were formally pledged to Alpha Psi Omega, the service fraternity composed of former Boy Scouts.

After a trial period of three months the following will become brothers in the fraternity: Glynn Hill and Jack Perry, Atlanta; Buice Wallace, Buford; Hank Cason, East Point; Weston Plymale and Charles Evans, Macon; Carleton Barnes and Joe Clements, Savannah; Ham Kellum, Dublin; James Jones, Rome; and Jim Little, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The Cluster urges you to vote! It is your right, your duty, to cast your ballot for the candidates you believe to be the most qualified. Don't fail to vote!