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Owens Heads Cast of 'Womanless Wedding'

Junior Auxiliary Will Sponsor "Anything Goes" Production

Comedy and laughs galore await those who plan to attend the play entitled "Womanless Wedding, and Anything Goes", which will be presented at Willingham chapel at 8:00 on the night of October 18.

The all-male cast will consist of 33 Mercer men. The bride's part will be played by Pop Owens, the groom's by Doc Hilburn, and Esley Burdine will officiate at the ceremony.

Editor Smalley Announces Plans For '50 Cauldron

Plans for the 1950 Cauldron are now ready to be carried out, June Smalley, editor, has announced. Three contracts have been signed by Smalley, the business manager, Forrest Hagan, and Mr. Fred Hatrich, business manager of the university, including the publishers, Bowen, Long, and Young; the printers and engravers, Photo-Process Co.; and the photographer, Gasper-Ware Studio. All of these companies are located in Atlanta.

Beginning Tuesday, October 18, the photographer will be on the university campus for a period of two weeks to make class portraits and organization pictures. Students are urged to sign promptly for appointments and to meet them on time since our enrollment is over 1,000 and the photographer's time is limited. A schedule will be placed in the Co-Op a week in advance so that everyone will have time to sign up.

Staff editors for this year are Charles Cureton, associate editor; Ronald Eason, art editor; Bobbie Bobo, organizations editor; Anne Mintz, make-up editor; Harriett Rardin, photography editor; James Milwain, law editor; Ann Burkhalter, general class editor; Myra Gaddy, senior class editor; Glenn Ford, junior class editor; Ruth Flowers, sophomore class editor; Emory Clay, freshman class editor; Marion Barfield, faculty editor; James Fuller, Greek editor; Charles Culver, copy editor; and Anne Nickerson, advertising editor. The sports editor has not yet been chosen.

John B. Hunter, Mercer Graduate, Is Director of Religious Activities

By C. V. WILLIAMS

Professor John B. Hunter, who is our new Director of Religious Activities, hails from LaGrange. He received his A.B. degree at Mercer in the class of '42.

When asked whether he thinks Mercer spirit has improved in the past few years, Mr. Hunter said, "Yes! I can actually feel the finer spirit of loyalty, friendliness, and integrity which prevails among the Mercer student body and the faculty of today!" He pointed out Mercer's newly-established Education Extension Department as having "wonderful possibilities."

Mr. Hunter stated that he prefers to be called "John" or "J. B." to "Professor." He also reveals a sense of humor and joviality. When asked about his age, he laughed and replied, "I'm on this side of thirty." (Confidentially, he is only 36).

Since attending Mercer Mr. Hunter has attained his Th.M. degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught

at West Texas State College as a Baptist State Teacher, having been appointed by the Baptist State Convention of Texas.



JOHN B. HUNTER

Brewster Has Been Ill

Ray Brewster, past president of the student body and beloved and outstanding campus leader, has been quite ill during the summer. The Cluster staff and Mercer students wish for you a very speedy recovery, Ray. We will not forget your past endeavors and accomplishments in the interest of all Mercer students.

JCAC Day Set For October 8

Sunday, October 8, is Join the Church at College day. Every Mercer student is urged to affiliate with a local church for the time that he is in school here. Programs at Vespers have been built around this theme, and special emphasis has been placed on it in most of the churches.

All Denominations

Churches of all denominations are offering a spiritual home to anyone who wishes to take advantage of the opportunity to become affiliated with them. Those churches which are attended by most students are: at Tattnell Square, Tattnell Square Baptist, Centenary Methodist, and Tattnell Square Presbyterian; downtown, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, St. Joseph's Catholic, Christ Church, and Mulberry Street Methodist; others are St. Paul's Episcopal on College and Forsyth Streets, Vineville Baptist on Vineville Avenue, Second Baptist on Second Street, and First Christian on Vineville Avenue. The churches which are not situated on bus routes send special buses for the students who wish to attend.

Several Ways

The several ways for a student to join the church are: profession of faith, moving one's church letter, or placing oneself under the watchcare of a church, which allows the student to have a part in church affairs while leaving his actual membership in his home church.

Of course, one may unite with a church at any time which is most convenient to him, but this special effort is being made to encourage and remind students that participation in church affairs is important and that spiritual guidance is available whenever it is needed.

Mercer Players Make Fall Plans

Plans for the fall production of the Mercer Players began to take shape Tuesday morning, September 27, as the Players held their initial meeting of the new school year.

Aubrey Heflin, president, presided over the meeting. He outlined plans of the organization for the current year to the 23 members present.

Mrs. Mary B. Hicks, head of the speech department, closed the meeting with an announcement that the Players will present a three-act comedy in November. The title of the production will be disclosed at a later date.

Mrs. Hicks urged members to invite students interested in any phases of play production to attend the weekly meetings of the group.

The Players meet every Tuesday morning at ten o'clock in the Green Room of the Chapel Building.

Drewry To Speak on Newspaper Week

Telegraph's Struby Will Present Georgia Journalism School Head

Dr. John E. Drewry, dean of the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia, will speak to the Mercer student body in chapel tomorrow on National Newspaper Week, which is this week.

Dr. Drewry is nationally known in the journalistic educational profession. A native of Georgia, he attended the university and holds three degrees from the institution. He completed graduate work at Columbia University.

Returning to Georgia, Drewry worked with the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, after which he joined the university faculty. He has written many professional articles and several books.

Bert Struby, executive editor of the Macon Telegraph and News, will introduce the speaker. Music for the program is to be furnished by the Mercer University choir.

The journalism department of Mercer is joining in the observance of National Newspaper Week. The period is devoted to stressing the importance of newspapers in the nation's life and welfare.

This year's observance will be the tenth annual week for the papers. The press uses these few days to point out the place, work, and worth of the newspaper in the United States and its duty in keeping public information free.

Mercer's journalism department, which has schooled many young men for newspaper and other journalistic work, is co-operating with the press in this annual event.

BOOK REVIEW TODAY

Dean Otis Knight will review Arthur Koestler's *Darkness at Noon* in the special reading room of the library this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Discussion will follow the review, and light refreshments will be served by the Chi Omega's, sponsors of the review.

Second Law Day Set October 14

Mercer University's second annual Law Day will be held at the Walter F. George School of Law on Friday, October 14.

The Honorable Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, is to be the principal speaker.

Alumni and school members will take this opportunity to pay recognition to two of the distinguished graduates who have recently been selected for high judicial posts.

They are the Honorable A. B. Conger, who is now United States District Judge for the Middle Georgia District, and the Honorable Charles W. Worrill, who has recently been appointed to the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Among other distinguished guests expected are members of the state and federal judiciary in Georgia, heads of the executive and legislative branches of the state government, and members of congress. Also, officers of the Georgia Bar Association and other leaders in the field of law, journalism, and business are expected to attend Law Day activities.

The School of Law has just completed 75 years of continuous operation. Officials here feel that the 1949 Law Day is especially appropriate since the school has just published its first issue of the first college Law Review in Georgia.

Bear Day Will Be On October 21, Completed Plans Are Announced

Harry Smith, Jr., president of the student body, has announced that plans for Bear Day, which will be held Friday, October 21, have been completed.

The order of the program will be as follows: floats will begin to line up at 3:00 and will leave promptly at 3:30. After the parade,

students will assemble on the lawn in back of the gym for the program which will be similar to the one last year, including a short talk by Dr. Spright Dowell; the freshmen guessing of Toby and Tot, Mercer's two bears; the awarding of the cup to the organization having the best float; and the singing of songs. A campus-wide supper will follow.

To end the day's activities Pan-Hellenic Council will sponsor a pledge dance at the Shrine Mosque honoring all sorority pledges. Ben Shorter will play for the occasion.

Every organization on the campus is invited to enter a float. The football theme, however, has been outlawed, and it is suggested that organizations try to have themes that would carry out the Mercer spirit, such as sports at Mercer, the Mercer Bear, or any Mercer idea, rather than some phase of their own organization.

All organizations entering a float must turn in their theme to Ann Starr so that there will be no two alike.

IMAGINE!

Girls retreat to the back of the biology room as king snake slowly crawls over the arm of Dr. Carver, who says, "I think the class should learn to handle snakes now."

Kappa Alpha stumbling over his shadow every few minutes as Phi Delt's march on to victory on the first day of intramural football.

Several freshmen boys searching anxiously for girls whose names began with the boy's initial at Wesleyan Conservatory dance Saturday night.

Girls turning extra special interests toward basketball and the gym as the boys begin the season's practice.

Four art students liquoring parrot with Coca-Cola in Macon Pet Shop.