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Focus Week To Begin Monday

Dr. Wallace Bassett To Lead Exercises

Dr. Wallace Bassett, speaker for Religious Focus Week, January 23-27, will arrive Monday in time to address the student body at the regular chapel session. The noted pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will speak each day at the chapel service and each evening at 7:30.

The services, which will conclude Friday morning, will be conducted by student leadership. Various organizations will be recognized at each evening session.

Monday evening the service will be sponsored by all unit organizations of the Baptist Student Union; Tuesday evening by the faculty, administration, and the campus independent organizations; Wednesday by the fraternities and sororities; and Thursday by the Law School, honor and professional fraternities.

Has Held Meetings

During the past week, a steering committee, comprised of sub-committee chairmen handling plans and schedules, has held meetings to map programs and related activities.

Paul Bobbitt, Fayetteville, W. Va., Mercer Baptist Student Union president, is chairman of the steering group. The Rev. John B. Hunter, director of religious activities, is faculty advisor for this committee.

A regular program group is organized under Hunter's direction. Bobbitt, Willis DuVall of Edison, Anne Fleming of Macon, and Harry Smith, Jr., of Macon, student body president, are members of the program committee. Other sub-committees are hospitality, publicity, and music.

Special Music Planned

Jerry McGhee, Gainesville, will be in charge of the music for the week, and there will be special numbers at each service.

Group seminars will be conducted each afternoon Monday through Thursday at 4:00. The place and individual leaders will be announced later this week. Leaders of the campus participating are Dr. J. E. Sammons, retired minister from Vineville Baptist church, Dr. and Mrs. William Denham, First Baptist church, and Dr. C. Dewitt Matthews, Vineville. (Continued on Page 2)

Expansion Plans Are Announced

Plans for the establishment of a Mercer school of education and for the expansion of university facilities for women students were announced by school officials here after the regular Founder's Day trustee meeting Friday.

The board of trustees approved a campaign program to raise \$600,000 as endowment for the proposed education school and provided a promotion committee to work with Georgia Baptist Convention officials on the program.

The program for increased women's facilities calls for the enlargement of Mary Erin Porter Hall with the addition of an estimated \$100,000 wing to the dormitory. This wing is to accommodate approximately 100 additional co-eds.

To Begin At Once

Construction of the new building is to begin at once. The wing is expected to be opened to new students at the next fall quarter. In the past the university has had to turn away co-eds because of lack of facilities for them.

Dr. Spright Dowell, university president, in his annual report to the trustees, announced that the proposed school of education, in its period of transition, would be supported by current funds until the permanent endowment could be raised. He stated also that steps have already been taken to add two more faculty members to the present department of education to further increase the scope of work.

Services Held

Services were held earlier in Willingham chapel to celebrate the 117th anniversary of Mercer's founding in 1833. Speakers for the occasion were Dr. George Sparks, president of the Atlanta division of the University of Georgia, and Dr. J. I. Allman, a member of the (Continued on Page 2)

Eleven Students On Dean's List In Law School

The Walter F. George School of Law has announced the name of eleven students who made the dean's list for the fall quarter.

Students attaining the dean's list must have a grade of 80 or better for the quarter. Dean F. Hodge O'Neal said that this group comprises the highest 10 per cent in scholarship in the Law School.

Students on the list are Patrick M. Bass, Axon; Willard H. Chasoo, Cairo; Jerry E. Conner, Harlem; M. Dale English, Macon; Peter Zack Geer, Colquitt; Jule B. Greene, Dublin; Frank C. Jones, Macon; Paul J. Jones, Dudley; James B. O'Connor, Chauncey; George E. Saliba, Macon; and William L. Slaughter, Columbus.

IMAGINE!

Nine dusty co-eds coming out of Shorter basement, proudly holding battered title targets.

Macon woman calls police when three anatomy students cage her gray tom-cat.

Co-ed, after discovering lack of funds, has \$2.99 sweater put on lay-away plan in downtown store.



Dr. Wallace Bassett

Honor Sorority To Hold Initiation Services Tonight

Mercer chapter of Cardinal Key, national honorary society, will initiate into its membership tonight Frances Gartenhaus of Atlanta and Marion Barfield of Macon. The formal services are the first to be held this school year.

At a recent meeting Carol Moore, Waycross, was elected secretary of the organization to fill the unexpired term of graduate Jackie Ward.

Statistics show that co-ed leadership on Mercer campus has greatly declined during the past year. Most of the small group of Cardinal Key girls will graduate this year, and members have stated that more girls on the campus should realize the need for more co-ed leadership. Selections for membership are made upon a point system based upon activity leadership, academic achievement, and personal qualifications.

After initiation ceremonies tonight, the group will have a banquet at the Southern Manor.

Nicholson and State B.S.U. Staff Hold Meet Here

Dr. D. B. Nicholson, state secretary of B.S.U., and his staff held a conference here Tuesday afternoon.

Student secretaries participating in the conference were: J. B. Hunter, Mercer; Henry Greer, secretary of all Atlanta student unions; Aubrey Hawkins, University of Georgia; John Swint, Statesboro; Florrie Coffee, Abraham Baldwin; and Delores Wheeler, acting secretary at G.S.C.W. Others present were Marian Atkinson, state B.S.U. office secretary, and Eddie Ort, state B.S.U. president, Statesboro.

Plans were made for the spring retreat which will be held March 31 through April 1 at G.S.C.W. At the retreat a committee from this group will present a project for sending a Chinese girl through college in the United States.

The Rev. James Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Forsyth, will be one of the main speakers at the spring retreat.

Beard Appointed To Fill Office On Cluster Staff

Carl Beard, senior from Macon and active participant in campus activities, was appointed by the Student Council last week to serve as business manager of the Cluster to fill the unexpired term of Tommy Olmstead.

Olmstead was elected by the student body in elections last April, and served until recent illness caused him to resign.

Beard has appointed as his advertising manager, Lillian Patton of Macon. Miss Patton has requested that anyone interested in working on the staff get in touch with her immediately.

Woolf Will Speak At Press Meeting

Carl J. Woolf, announcer of station WMVG, Milledgeville, will speak to the Press Club tonight in room 17S. He will talk on the problems of radio announcing.

Woolf, a former Mercer student, has been associated with the Milledgeville Broadcasting Company for a year and a half. He had formerly been announcer for the Cedartown radio station.

A native of Cedartown, Woolf is a Mason and a member of the Milledgeville Junior Chamber of Commerce. While at Mercer he worked on the Cluster, Bearskin, and Cauldron, and was a member of Mercer Independent Men's Association and Future Business Leaders of America.

The Press Club will also make a final selection on organization keys at the meeting. President John Lewis has announced.

Struby Chosen Committee Chairman Of University Alumni Association

The executive committee of the Mercer University Alumni Association, which met this past week, has announced the appointment of Bert Struby, executive editor of the Macon Telegraph, as committee chairman.

At the same time the committee announced that several groups and subcommittees have been named and plans outlined for alumni work next year. The group voted to support Mercer's campaign for endowment of the newly announced School of Education.

In discussion of meetings Harry Smith, Sr., secretary, referred to regional or county alumni meetings which could be held during Founder's Week, 1951. He explained that such a program is part of the more progressive alumni organizations. Meetings of this nature would be conducted by local groups with backing from the general office.

Mr. Smith reminded those present that Mercerians have contributed over \$1800 to the Loyalty Fund during the present school year. A total of \$4,341 was given to the fund in the year 1948-49.

In connection with the Alumni Loyalty Fund, reference was made to the new class-agent plan. In an interview following the meeting, it was learned that 155 alumni are already writing approximately 2500 other alumni.

Players to Sponsor Radio Programs Again This Year

Mercer Players will again sponsor this year a series of radio programs. President Aubrey Heflin has announced.

The series will include plays, debates, forums, interviews, and music, he said. The programs will be presented 15 minutes weekly.

A committee composed of James Henneey, Clyde Moody, and Lavonia Fuqua, is to work on securing radio time. Heflin said he hoped that the programs can begin within two weeks. Miss Jo Ellen Cureton, language instructor, will be faculty sponsor for the series.

Tryouts for the winter quarter production of "Waiting for Lefty" will be held at 4 and 7 p.m. next Thursday. Rehearsals for the play will begin January 30.

Eight Percent of Student Body Make Fall Quarter Dean's List

Eighty students were listed on the dean's list for the fall quarter.

In order to be on the dean's list a student must have a 2.58 average. Those listed are: Oliver Lawrence Addison, Johnnie Andrews, Harold Bates, Carl Beard, Davis Blanks, Bobbie Bobo, Argin Bogus, George Boyd, Jeannine Brice, James Brooks, John Allen Buchanan, James Burnham, James Cason, Barbara Castleberry.

Wildred Cauthen, John Clark, Jerry Clegg, Edwin Cliburn, J. Henry Cofer, Mary Conway, Robert Harold Cox, Billie June Curl, Herbert Joseph Darrah, Harvey Davidson, Woodrow Davis, Clifton Dillman, Donald Dunlap, Joanne Eckels, Anne Fleming, Glynn Ford, Beverly Forsman, William Fowler, William Godwin, John Griffin, John Harrison, Frances Hawkins, Betty John

Henderson, Justin Hill, Robert Holland, Wilmer Holloway, Annie Marie Howell, James Robert Ivey, Harriett Jones, Mary Eunice Jordan.

Aulbert Kinsaul, William Landress, Malcolm Lunceford, Nel-loise Mabry, John Mathews, John May, Einar Michaelen, William McClellan, Velma McCosh, John James McCreary, Anne Nickerson, Joseph Nixon, Reva Odom, Jack Perry, Leland Leon Pool, Martha Powell, Warner Raines, Katherine Ramsey, Grover Robbins, Virginia Savage, Dorothy Scruggs, Clarence Sessions, Lamar Sheldon, Milledge Smith, Moses Streetman, Archie Swymer, Robert Taylor, Mildred Timmerman, Bertha Janice Toler, Jacquelyn Ward, Mary Jim Williams, William Williams, Henry Ford Wilson, John Worsham, and James Young.