

Twenty-Fifth Session of B.S.U. Convention Held Last Weekend

Some 400 students from all over the state were present last weekend for the 25th session of the Georgia BSU convention. In addition, more than 100 local students attended the sessions. This was the largest convention in Georgia BSU history.

Dr. Franklin Owen, pastor, First Baptist church from Gainesville, brought the opening address Friday night in which he contrasted Christianity and Communism and showed that Christianity might well catch some of the missionary fervor exhibited by the followers of Marx.

Mrs. Edna Wong, Chinese student at Bessie Tift, thrilled her listeners as she spoke during the worship period Friday night on "The Feet of Christ". The Bessie Tift Sextet presented a message in song.

Most of Saturday's program was given over to tribute to "Brother Nick" Nicholson who celebrated his 25th anniversary as state BSU secretary. On Saturday morning several denominational leaders gave testimony to the life and work of Dr. Nicholson. These included Dr. James W. Merritt, executive secretary-treasurer, Georgia Baptist convention; Dr. Searcy Garrison, pastor, Bull Street Baptist church, Savannah.

Sam Rutland, Georgia Tech, presented "Brother Nick" with a Silver Anniversary book of letters and telegrams sent him from all over the south. Several of these were read by Betty Lewis, Teachers College. The newly-formed Mercer BSU chorus sang "Spirit of BSU". They were under the direction of Damon Taylor, Bainbridge.

Dr. Claude Broach, pastor, St. John's Baptist, Charlotte, gave the concluding message on the program Saturday morning. His subject was, "Brother Nick—Baptist Statesman."

Further tribute was paid Saturday afternoon by Dr. Duwell, Dr. J. C. Wilkinson, retired Baptist leader, and Bob Norman, Augusta attorney, spoke on the subject,

"Brother Nick—What He Has Meant to Students." A business session followed.

The choir and pastor of Wheat Street Baptist church, Atlanta, were features of the program on Saturday night. Dr. W. H. Borders, pastor of the church, spoke on "The Personal Saviour" and the choir sang several numbers and was called back for more. This feature was one of the distinctive highlights of the convention for all the students present.

Rev. W. J. Self, pastor of the Cherokee Heights Baptist church, Macon, brought the Sunday School lesson on Sunday morning and Dr. Samuel Maddox, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, brought the concluding message of the convention. His topic was, "Christ Triumphant Through Me".

Afterwards he gave an invitation and scores of students, including several Mercerians, signified their intention of giving their lives to foreign mission service.

Cardinal Key Maps Out Plans

Cardinal Key held its first meeting of the year Thursday, October 19. The group discussed various projects for the year.

The main project this year will be sponsorship of Student Weekend, when high school seniors will be invited to be guests at Mercer to learn about college life.

Other projects of the honorary sorority will be to sell address books, assist in May Day court, and to render any other service needed to the school.

Initiation will be held soon for Margaret Nelson and Laurie Shannon, who for various reasons could not attend the original initiation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ciceronian Literary Society will meet at 7:00 on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in room 22T. New members are welcomed.

Kappa Sigma Has Informal Party

The social committee of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, in an effort to promote weekly affairs for brothers and dates, held a party Saturday night, October 28, at the Macon Police lodge. The group had a fine time, dancing from 7:30 until 11.

The Sigs' party at the lodge was very informal with everyone wearing dungarees or a facsimile thereof. The evening started with hamburgers, potato chips, and cokes, ended with dancing.

Music was supplied by that fine entertainer, "Old Juke." Those who preferred bridge or canasta to the dancing formed little groups to engage in the more intellectual activities.

Later in the evening the whole group sang several fraternity songs and cheers led by Emory Wilson. The dancing was resumed until 11.

Prominent among the Alpha Beta alumni present were Garrett Thornton, Bob Caldwell, and Bob Lanyon. Dr. and Mrs. Heck served as chaperones.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

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intramural tournament in a long time. Reeves was one of the big guns in the Sig forward wall, especially on defense.

Sonny Lane, Alpha Tau Omega end, barely nosed out Gene Ethridge, Minister end, for a berth at the other flank position. Lane was a good pass receiver and was the main reason for the ATOs going as far as they did.

Sam Register was one of the most feared linesmen in the league. He stands six-two and tips the scales at 225. He was named on the All-State high school team while at Valdosta and in 1948 he was named the outstanding lineman in the state.

Rounding out the backfield with Patrick were Jesse Duckworth, Phi Delta Theta, and Gus Pender, Kappa Sigma. Patrick is perhaps the best optional back in the league. He is just as deadly on his passing as with his running. Duckworth saw a lot of action at the center slot but his valuable backfield services at the right times enabled him to be placed on the first team backfield. Pender was a steady player for the Sigs in his tailback position and was one of the reasons for the Sigs taking the cup.

Bob Bonner, Cluster Sports Editor, presented gold footballs to the members of the first team in the chapel exercises and gave recognition to the players named on the second seven.

Those making the second seven were Madden Reid, Kappa Alpha, and Gene Ethridge, Ministers, ENDS; Judson Mayfield, Phi Delta Theta, GUARD; Harold Rowland, Ministers, CENTER; George Jones, Phi Delta Theta; Gus Rice, Kappa Alpha and Punt Walker, Kappa Sigma, BACKS.

Bonner, also presented a large trophy to the Kappa Sigma fraternity on behalf of the Intramural Department. The Sigs have won the trophy for the past two years and therefore they are able to obtain permanent possession of it. Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Alpha were the runners-up.

THE GREAT AWAKENING

People Listen to Parents

By Robert Bone

Many people today have listened to parents tell of the old revival days. They have read of Johnathan Edwards, D. L. Moody, Billy Sunday, and many minor characters who have invited people to walk the saw-dust trail. These mass evangelistic meetings seem to be something of the past. They are not dead, but living in the form of Billy Graham today. Why is the sudden interest so enthusiastic?



MARGARET NELSON



PAUL BOBBITT

Bobbitt, Nelson Cluster Students

Paul Bobbitt, Fayetteville, West Virginia, and Margaret Nelson, Atlanta, have been chosen the outstanding students of the week by the Cluster.

Paul is past president of the B.S.U. and is now vice-president of the Ministerial Association. Last year he was Freshman Advisor and is now senior class representative on the Student Council, a member of the Religious Education Association, and a member of Blue Key.

Margaret is president of M.I.C.A. She is a member of F.T.A., Glee Club, A Capella Choir, W.A.A., B.S.U. Greater Council and Cardinal Key.

There is a certain desire of man to be in fellowship with his fellows. Economics and rigid denominationalism have separated men into social and religious categories. The people are wanting a class movement and religion with an Ecumenical appeal. That is good!

One idea prevalent today is that we are becoming religious zealots because of the fear of Communism. That much is true because many people accept religion because of some type of fear. Now the emphasis is not on hell, but on Communism. This we will admit—Communism is a judgment of God. A judgment on the Christian people because we have failed to erase the corporate evil of society. This is the error of the revival because Graham is concerned with saving souls and no conception of saving personality and society.

The Church has failed to meet the anxiety of the soul that is in ultimate loneliness and utter despair. Thus the man who feels the shades of darkness creeping over him turns to the emotional source for his salvation. It is tragic to see a person accept the Christian faith through an emotional flare up or stand at the bargain counter to trade hell for Christianity.

This revival will be like the previous ones, a shallow emotional experience with fanatical devotion. Soon the glamour and the sensationalism will cool off as will the fires of hell. Man will go back to his ways and forget that unhappy experience. The first effort will be that it is the duty of the Church to corral the sheep. If people are taken by an emotional experience, it is difficult to satisfy them in the church because of the breach of emotionalism and the fellowship of the church.

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