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MRS. MARY BROOKS HICKS

## Mrs. "Brooksie" Hicks Leaves Faculty; Cluster Dedicates Issue to Her

Mrs. Mary Hicks of Arlington, Virginia, will leave Mercer's faculty at the end of this quarter after several years of devoted work for students here.

She directed the plays each quarter for the last four years and has played a great part in the Operas and other campus gatherings. She has also taught all speech courses and has been head of the Department for the last four years.

This issue of the Cluster is dedicated to her in appreciation of the many hours and wonderful entertainment she has given the students here. To you Mrs. Hicks the student body says "Thanks".

## Activities Room To Be Repaired

Student Government voted yesterday to enter students from Mercer in The National Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities this year.

A committee headed by Dean Daughtrey and composed of faculty and students will decide on the candidates.

Also plans were completed for the student lounge which will be the Co-op where the Faculty Club is now located. A student activities room will be on the right in the Co-op, and also a Student Government Room will be next to the activities room.

## Military Ball Staged Tonight

The Mercer Military Club will hold its second annual Military Ball honoring the ROTC students tonight at the Robbins Air Base Officers Club. The Ball is being sponsored by the Alumni of the Military Club.

Cadet Lieutenant Emmett Bowers disclosed that the Ball will begin with a reception in which cadets and their sponsors will be presented to the PMS&T. Music for the dance following the reception will be provided by Jesse Duckworth and his orchestra.

The climax of the Ball will be a leadout in order of rank of the Mercer ROTC cadet officers and their sponsors. The selection of the cadet officers from cadet colonel through cadet captains will be made by Colonel Wiley B. Tonnar, PMS&T.

All cadets are encouraged to attend the Ball.

There will not be an issue of The Cluster next week due to finals. The Christmas issue will be out on Dec. 14.

## Bears Play Oglethorpe In Basketball Tilt Monday

The Mercer Bears will open the local basketball season this Monday night when they face Oglethorpe at 8:30 p.m.

The B team will take on the Byron Athletic Club from Byron in the preliminary game at 7 p.m.

Last season the Mercer quintet defeated the Atlanta team twice by scores of 125-54 and 82-46. Coach Jim Cowan, who begins his fifth year as local mentor, would not make a prediction concerning the game, but he is not expecting any such pushover as occurred last year.

The Oglethorpe Petrels will be minus A. Z. Johnson, former coach and star performer, when they invade the local court. They will, however, bring several returning varsity men including Godkin, Shelly, and 6 foot three Marvin Packer, all trouble makers in anybody's league.

Coach Cowan, in announcing his probable starting line-up, said, "We are sacrificing height under the basket for speed," admitting that the starting team would not have exceptional height.

Lamar Clements, 6 foot-five inch captain of the Bears, will probably be the choice at center. Clements, ministerial student, improved greatly during last season and should hit his stride this year.

Forward positions, Cowan indicated, will no doubt go to Nathan Webb and Bobby Wilder. Webb saw much varsity action last season and the aggressive Alabamian is expected to be a distinct asset to the Bear's aggregation.

Bobby Wilder, a new comer to the squad, was a standout for Brewton-Parker College last year.

Cowan expects to start Glenn Cassell and Richard Reid at guard. Only last Monday was Cassell assured of service this year when he was notified of his exemption from military service. The blonde Kentuckian is a delight to all who

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## John Harrison Wins Award

John R. Harrison, a senior, has been named one of the outstanding science students in Southern colleges and universities.

In a program involving every major college and university in the 14 Southern states, the Southern Association of Science and Industry has selected the top 200 college seniors majoring in scientific courses for appointment as honorary members of the association.

The honor came to Harrison on the basis of his scholarship and accomplishment in the field of science. He is a pre-med student here at Mercer.

A total of 14 students from 12 Georgia colleges received the award. The Georgia appointments were announced by M. L. Wilson, Atlanta, vice president of the Southern Association of Science and Industry. Mr. Wilson stated that each student would receive a certificate of membership and would receive an invitation to participate in any of the affairs of the SASI.

The purpose of the program, it was pointed out, was to encourage science students to remain in the South after completing their work.

## Debating Team Enters Tourney

The Mercer Debating team left yesterday morning for the Dixie Debating Tournament at Charlotte, North Carolina, which is sponsored by the Strawberry Leaf Society. The tournament is under the joint direction of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and Wingate College.

The debaters are Glenn Pelham, Cairo, who is the chairman and will debate negative and Betty Jo Bernard, Springfield, Tenn., debating on the negative while Dent Bostick of Gainesville and Abe Crosby of Macon will debate the affirmative on the question, Resolved: That The Non-Communist Nations Should Form a New International Organization.

Last Monday four members of the debating team engaged with the team from Emory at Valdosta in a practice debate here on the campus.

## Alec Templeton To Appear Here

The Student Activities Committee voted this week to present Alec Templeton, famous pianist-humorist, as the second attraction of its 1950-51 Artists Series. He will appear in Willingham Chapel on Thursday evening, April 19, 1951.

This concert has been arranged in response to popular demand by the student body following the very successful appearance of mezzo-soprano Gladys Swarthout earlier in the fall. Students will be admitted without charge to this concert.

## O'Connor Heads Phi Alpha Delta

James O'Connor was elected last night justice of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Other officers elected were Jerry Conner, vice-justice; Bill Wisser, clerk; Clarence Streetman, treasurer; and Wallace White, marshal.



PAUL KAYLOR

## Kaylor Is New Frosh Adviser

Paul Kaylor has been named Freshman Adviser by the Student Council.

Mr. Kaylor succeeds Don Reeves who has resigned after being president of the Student Body.

Besides being the new freshman adviser, Paul Kaylor is a member of Student Government, M.I.M.A., The Life Service Band, the B.S.U. Greater Council, and the Ministerial Association.

## Blue Key Society Enjoys Banquet

Major George Cornell spoke to the members of Blue Key national Honorary Fraternity, last night at their banquet at Pine Brook Inn.

Preceding the speech fourteen were initiated into the fraternity. They were Emory Clay, Charles Cureton, Ronald Eason, Gene Etheridge, Lamar Clements, Frank Bass, Joe Davis, Walter Lawery, Malcolm Lunceford, Marion Hall, Glenn Pelham, Seale Hipp, Dr. Gail Carver and Coach Claude Smith.

Plans were also made for the National Convention which is to be held in San Antonio, Texas during the Christmas holidays.



Ready for the opening tilt against Oglethorpe University Monday night in Porter Gym is Coach Jim Cowan giving the starting lineup their final instructions. Pictured from left to right is Bobby Wilder, Glenn Cassell, Captain Lamar Clements Coach Jim Cowan, Wat Webb and Richard Reid.