

The Mercer Cluster



HONORS DAY RECOGNITION came to these and other students in chapel exercises last week. First row, left to right, Betty Jo Bernard, Wachtel award; Malcolm Lunceford, fraternity scholarship trophy for ATO; Barbara Castleberry, sorority scholarship award to AD Pi; Lynn Banks, best actress; and Wade Hiltabidel, best actor. Second row, Glenn Pelham, Wachtel Award and Wachtel Achievement Certificate; Harriet Jones, social studies prize; Emory Clay, McDonald trophy as outstanding journalism student; Jack Cowart, outstanding freshman in scholarship; Louise Keese, softball trophy for Chi Omega sorority. Third row, Jim Thompson, outstanding first year basic ROTC student; Abe Crosby, Tau Kappa Alpha membership certificate and key; John Ethridge, outstanding second year basic ROTC student; and Henry Warnock, special trophy as debating coach.

Bears Assured Tie For Dixie Honors

By REG MURPHY

Big inning baseball was the order of the day Tuesday as the Mercer Bears were assured of at least a tie for the Dixie Conference championship with double wins over Mississippi College's Choctaws 12-9 and 8-3.

These two triumphs gave Mercer a six-three record in the Dixie Conference, and the same percentage as Howard College, who also has an average of .600, with record of four wins and two losses.

However, it has been the past policy of the conference to declare the team who won the most tilts the champ. If that should happen, Mercer would be the holder of the two major sport trophies, baseball and basketball.

After the Bears had taken a seven run lead in the early innings, the Choes tallied five runs in the fifth, and four more in the sixth to go ahead 9 to 7. Then the Mercers came back with two runs to tie the game, sending it into extra innings.

Mercer, after being forced to go into an extra inning to win the first tilt, scored five runs in the fourth inning, two in the seventh, and three more in the eighth inning to rack up a winning margin. They had scored one run each in the first and sixth innings.

Cliff Powers led off the fourth, singling to left. He advanced to second on an error. Vassell Hoffich bounced a fielder's choice to second, and beat it out. Bob Reeder walked, as did Glenn Cassell, allowing Powers to go home. Cochran also walked, scoring Hoffich. Harry Lockhart, Bear third sacker, promptly blasted a double to center, driving in Reeder, Cassell, and Cochran.

Cochran punched a single to right field to drive in Powers and Tom Keown with the tying runs in the do-or-die seventh. Powers had singled to right, and Keown had drawn a base on balls.

Mercer tallied the three runs to untie the score, and give Mercer a shot at the conference championship.

Patrick led off the eighth with a single to left, and Billy White singled to right, driving Patrick to third. White promptly stole second, and Powers was hit by Choc pitcher, Burl Benson, who

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Chi Alpha Gets Ten Members

Chi Alpha Omega ministerial fellowship initiated ten men into the organization at ceremonies held Monday afternoon.

Those initiated include Dr. Lewis Batts, faculty advisor; Bob Thompson, Augusta; John Harris, Washington; Pat Harrison, Albany; Harold Rickert, Macon; Charles Wray, Union Point; Fred Gibson, Selma, Ala.

Alvin Shakelford, Carrollton; Marion Skelton, Hartwell; and Leland Bailey, Augusta. Those yet to be initiated include Durwood Davis, Macon; and James Hawkins, Macon.

Morgan Is New REA President

Jim Morgan, Augusta, was elected Monday night as the new head of the Religious Education Association for the coming year. He succeeds Jim Wynn, Atlanta.

Kenneth Bookout, Powder Springs, was chosen to serve as vice-president and Bonnie Pearce, Ashboro, N. C., was elected secretary.

Plans were discussed for continuing the organization through the summer session and Ed Lilly, Savannah, was named to head the group on through the summer term.

Cousins Speaks At Shorter College

Dr. Paul M. Cousins of the English faculty will be the featured speaker at the commencement exercises at Shorter College in Rome on June 4.

Dr. Cousins was for a time president of Shorter, Georgia Baptist college for women.

Lassater To Give Voice Recital

Betty Lassater, soprano of Atlanta, will be presented in an informal recital Tuesday night, May 22, at eight o'clock in the Faculty-Trustee room.

The program will include a group of songs from the Italian repertory and a group of modern songs which will include a setting of Lanier's "Sunrise". The popular group will include "I'll Walk Alone" and other favorites.

She will be accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Rich, with whom she has studied this past season.

Charles Waddy will present a group of piano selections, to include Schostakovich's "Polka" and "La Comparsa" by Lecunona.

Alpha Psi To Initiate Nine

Alpha Psi Omega plans to initiate nine new members into its ranks Monday night at 6:30 in the Green Room. Alpha Psi is an honorary dramatics fraternity.

Those to be initiated include Hugh Adams, Augusta; Carolyn Benson, Macon; Hayden Bryant, Macon; Ruth Garrett, Macon; Barbara Touard, Atlanta; Larry Lowe, Warrenton, Joe Mills, Hilton; Robert McNabb, Newport, Tenn.; and George Jones.

Exams Begin On May 29

Final exams will begin on Tuesday, May 29, according to an announcement yesterday from Registrar Clark's office.

Classes will meet as usual on the morning of the 29th and the 1:45 class exam will be held that afternoon (Tuesday) at 1:45.

On Wednesday, May 30, the 10:40 classes' exams will come at 9 a.m. and the 8 o'clock classes at 2 p.m.

9 o'clock classes will hold exams at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 31, and 2:45 classes will have exams at 2 p.m.

The last exam will be for 11:40 classes, to be held Friday, June 1.

Annual BSU Picnic Slated for Lakeside Park Friday Afternoon

Lakeside Park will be the scene of the annual campus-wide Spring picnic of the Baptist Student Union tomorrow as students converge for an afternoon of fun and entertainment from three until seven.

Lucy, beloved transportation facility of the BSU, will carry students to the outing, as will cars of the students making the trip. The bus will leave from MEP at 3 pm.

No afternoon program will be planned, because of the different interests of the students. However, a Galilean vespers program will begin at about 6:30 pm. The main address, along with the special music, will be offered from the boats in the water.

Types of entertainment will be boating, swimming, and other water sports, including all the facilities of the lake.

Distinguished Military Students Named at ROTC Day Exercises

A large group of spectators and military officials were on hand yesterday for the annual ROTC Day on the drill field. The celebration was held in conjunction with Armed Forces Week.

The major address of the afternoon was given by Lt. Commander John J. Hennessy, president of the Georgia department, Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

Outstanding feature of the program was the designation of the Distinguished Military Students. Students thus honored include Joseph Bartley, Douglas Birch, Davis Elanks, George Boyd, James Carroll, William Crisp.

William Godwin, Wilmer Holloway, Hunter Johnson, Jr., Don Lewis, Jack McKay, Walter Miller, James Morgan, Jozef Senna, and Jewell Walker.

In the competitive drills, Company F was winner of the company drill and Cadet Major John J. McCrary, company commander, was presented a cup by the Macon chapter of the Reserve Officers Association.

Ray Tucker, Richard Sheridan and Reg. M. Tomlin, officers of the company, were presented medals by Major Warren Oliver of the Reserve Officers Association.

The second platoon of Company F was winner of the platoon drill and Reg. M. Tomlin, platoon commander, was presented a cup by Henry Harrison of American Legion Post 74. Earl Brigman and Fred Gineath, platoon sergeant and corporal, respectively, were given medals.

The Optimist Club of Macon presented a cup to Cadet Sgt. Douglas Birch of the winning squad, Company B. Two movie passes were presented members of the squad by Georgia Theaters. Members of the squad include Emory Griffin, Robert Jones, Jesse Causey.

James Crawford, Marvin Jackson, Julian Sparrow, Patrick Chambliss, JPr., Sidney Johnson,



NEW ALPHA PSI OMEGA officers include, left to right, Wade Hiltabidel, vice-president; Lynn Banks, secretary-treasurer; and Betty Moye, president. Not shown is Emory Clay, historian.