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NEW CARDINAL KEY members pose with Vice-President Betty Ann Hulsey, left, and President Peggy Wood after Tuesday's tapping. New members are, left to right, Ettie Jeanne Johnson, Irene Haga, Barbara Crawford, and Joanne Eckels.

Four Women Tapped by Cardinal Key in Chapel Exercises Tuesday

Tuesday morning in Chapel exercises, four Mercer women were tapped for membership in Cardinal Key, national honor sorority for women.

Peggy Wood, Dalton, presided over the impressive ceremonies. Those tapped and their accomplishments follow.

Joanne Eckels, Decatur, secretary, Mercer Players, A Capella choir; organization editor, Cauldron; society editor, Cluster; Alpha Psi Omega; WAA; treasurer, Chi Omega.

Barbara Crawford, Lyerly, Alpha Delta Pi, Alembic club, Mercer Players, Women's Student Government; WAA; YWA.

Irene Haga, Charlotte, N. C., A Capella choir; Mercer Players; MICA; secretary and vice-president, Religious Education Association; YWA; BSU greater and executive councils; vice-president and president, World Mission Band.

Ettie Jeanne Johnson, Conyers, president, YWA; World Mission Band; Life Service Band; BSU executive council; Alembic Club; A Capella choir; MICA.

BSU to Conduct Services Sunday

The Baptist Student Union will have student deputations to five churches this Sunday evening. They will have complete charge of the service and will go on "Lucy", the BSU bus.

Students who are in charge of the deputations include Mac Lipsey, Albany; Buddy Ridley, Columbus; Fred Barnes, Shorterville, Ala.; and Lewis Lowe, Atlanta.

Churches to be visited will include Shiloh; Central Baptist, Americus; Ellaville; Buena Vista; and Rehoboth.

Chaperones for the trip will be Dr. and Mrs. Gus Verdery.

Cauldron To Honor Harry Smith

The class of '52 voted Tuesday morning in Chapel to dedicate this year's Cauldron, student annual, to Harry V. Smith, Sr., alumni secretary.

Smith became alumni secretary here in February, 1948, succeeding Galner Bryan, Jr. He graduated from Mercer in 1924 with the A.B. degree. During his senior year he was president of the Mercer Ministerial Association.

He has served several pastorates in Georgia and was president of Blairsville Collegiate Institute from 1926-27. He has served as a member of the Executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Smith entered the army as chaplain in 1942 and later was promoted to the rank of captain. He saw service in the states and on Ie Shima in the Pacific theater.

SMITH

Dixie Conference Play Begins Here on Monday; Bears Favored

By Reg Murphy, Cluster Sports Editor

The Dixie Conference basketball tournament, replete with rivalry, color, and pageantry, begins Monday night at 7 p. m., in Porter Gymnasium.

The tourney boasts five teams, each of them a contender for the conference crown. All are primed, and have kept their powder dry just for this meet.

The teams, Florida Southern, Howard, Mercer, Millsaps, and Mississippi College, will hold drawings for opponents in the first round Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the athletic offices at Mercer.

Bears Top-Seeded

The top-seeded Bears will play in the second game Monday night, although their opponent has yet to be named. The first game will be between the team that is seeded second and the team they draw. The remaining team will receive a bye for first night action.

Tuesday night the team that drew the bye will play one of the teams that win Monday night for the right to face the other winner in the finals Wednesday evening.

Losers in first night play will tangle Tuesday night, with the winner moving into the consolation finals Wednesday night against the loser of the Tuesday night fray.

All the clubs will be going for the cup symbolic of Dixie Conference supremacy, and in so doing will furnish color and excitement galore. The pageantry will consist of programs improvised by the Mercer Athletic Association, including the singing of the Star Spangled Banner before each contest.

Mercer Favorite

Mercer's Bears, seasonal conference champs, will be an odds-on favorite to capture their second title in a row. Last year they were pushed to the wire by Florida State, who did not re-enter the league this year because of conflicting views of compensating athletes.

The Bears have handed all of the teams in the conference at least one defeat, thereby establishing top billing.

However, it would not surprise a lot of veteran observers to see a darkhorse sweep the tourney. They are pointing to either Mississippi or Howard as a possible. Mercer did not go into the games a favorite last time.

Choir to Make Trip Sunday

The Mercer A Capella choir, directed by Dr. Arthur L. Rich, will make its first trip of the season Sunday, visiting churches in Atlanta and Gainesville.

On Sunday morning the group will sing at the Gordon Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, and on Sunday night at the First Baptist Church, Gainesville.

Some 38 students will make the trip and will present a program that will include spirituals, "The Holy City," "The Lord's Prayer," "Hallelujah Chorus," and others.

The accompaniment will be provided by Mrs. Arthur Rich.

Connell Speaks To Faculty Club

"The University in The Community" was the theme of the dinner given Tuesday night in MEP by the Faculty Club and Mercer Auxiliary in honor of Macon civic organizations.

Presidents of 19 local civic groups were present to hear Vice-President George B. Connell speak on The Role of Mercer in Macon.

Special music was rendered by Larry Lowe and Nell Westbrook. Professor W. T. Smalley pronounced the invocation and the welcome was given by President Dowell.

In addition to the civic representatives, other guests included Macon members of the Board of Trustees, members of the President's Council and Mayor and Mrs. Lewis B. Wilson.

Trophy Given Local Center

The Booker T. Washington Center, a Negro community center, was presented a trophy on Monday February 18, by members of Mercer's Ethnic Minorities class. This trophy is to be given to the winning team in the center's city-wide basketball league.

Upon receiving the large attractive trophy Mr. Sheftall, director of the center, declared, "This makes tangible the words inscribed on the trophy—'in the spirit of Christian brotherhood.' You know kids have difficulty understanding all this talk about better race relations, but when they see this trophy day after day here in the Center the words will take on meaning in their lives."

The class presented this trophy as one attempt to promote Christian brotherhood among the races.

Seniors Should File for Test

Seniors who plan to take comprehensives in March were reminded this week that application for the tests must be made by March 1 in the office of the Dean of Men.

It was also announced that seniors planning to graduate in June must file application for the degree in the office of the registrar immediately.

Gezork Guest At Tea Today

Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and chapel speaker this morning, was guest at a tea held this afternoon in the special reading room of the library.

Officers of student government and members of Cardinal Key and Blue Key were invited to call between 3:30 and 4 p. m.

According to Mrs. Zeb Vance, this was the first in a series of informal "seated teas" honoring out-of-town chapel speakers and other prominent guests.

Morgan Heads Alembic Club

Lib Morgan, Vienna, was voted president of the Alembic Club Tuesday night at its regular meeting in the Biology building.

Other officers for the coming year are Jimmie Brown, vice-president, Macon and Norma Jean Sayer, Secretary-treasurer from Atlanta.

Cluster Staff Goes to Athens

Five members of the Cluster's editorial staff, together with the faculty adviser, will journey to Athens this afternoon for a dinner meeting of the Georgia Collegiate Press Association tonight.

College newspapers from over the state will be represented at the annual meeting which is held in conjunction with the Georgia Press Institute. An outstanding journalist will address the group.

Those making the trip include Ronald Galloway, associate editor; Reg Murphy, sports editor; Alvin Shackelford, feature editor; Julian LeRoy, columnist; Judson Moss, editor; and Dr. Gus Verdery, faculty adviser.



MERCER STUDENTS are shown presenting a trophy to Mr. Sheftall, director of Washington Community Center. Reading left to right are Norma Vining, Ebb Kilpatrick, Sheftall, Bob Floyd, Trammell Buckalew, Woodrow Wilcher, and Caroline McGahee.