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Graduation Exercises Announced; Ogburn to Address Commencement

By Alvin Shackelford

President Spright Dowell announced this week the plans for the forthcoming commencement exercises, which will begin on May 31, the annual Alumni Day.

Weekend Is Set For Guest High School Seniors

A deluge of high school seniors from all over the state is expected to disembark here Friday afternoon for a visit on the campus under the auspices of Blue Key, Cardinal Key, and the University.

The high school students have been mailed invitations by the Dean's Office and acceptances are being returned every day.

They are slated for a full weekend of parties, meetings, and tours arranged by Peggy Wood, coordinator of the schedule.

The youngsters are expected to arrive in time tomorrow to eat the evening meal in the school's cafeteria. As soon as they have finished, they will attend special vespers program in Willingham Chapel.

To Open House

After that service, they will be feted at an open house in the Porter Dormitory parlor. The major part of the open house will be a singspiration.

Saturday morning they will be conducted on an extensive tour of the campus, inspecting the buildings and getting an idea of the layout here.

They will be whisked to the Indian Mounds and to other high points in Macon after lunch Saturday. Abe Crosby will take charge of this trip.

Night will find them in Willingham Chapel for free movies.

Waddy Wins in Run-Off Ballot

Charles Waddy, Jonesboro, won a substantial victory for a position on the Student Activities Committee over Hewlette Connell in the election last Thursday. Waddy received 151 votes to 90 for Connell in the light vote.

The runoff was necessitated by a tie in the recent Student Government elections. Both candidates received 311 votes in the regular election.

The graduation exercises will begin Monday morning at 11 a.m. in Willingham Chapel. Charlton Ogburn, a Mercer graduate of 1905 and a prominent lawyer in New York, will deliver the commencement address.

Dr. Hal M. Davidson, Atlanta, will address the alumni Saturday morning in Willingham Chapel.

The Mercer Board of Trustees will meet Saturday afternoon, and the day's activities will end with a reception at Dowell's home for the graduating seniors. This is scheduled for the hours of 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Thomas Stokes will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday morning, June 1. He will make his sermon at the First Baptist Church at 11:30 A. M.

The annual missionary sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. Elton Johnson, Missionary to Brazil, in the chapel building Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

Johnson is the father of two Mercer students, Ettie Jean and Elton.

He will be introduced by Emily Lansdell, former missionary to the Orient, who is now president of the Women's Missionary Society Training School. This school is a part of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Conner Attends Voters League

Jerry Conner, ex-officio president of the Mercer student body, will attend a meeting of the Georgia Active Voters League May 9, it was announced this week.

Conner will represent Mercer at the conclave sponsored by the Atlanta chapter of the League, whose avowed aim is to teach students how to prepare themselves for democracy.

The conference will present a round of panel discussions, with student government processes in colleges and universities as its major topic.

The Saturday night program will consist of a banquet followed by after-dinner speeches by persons close to the political situation.

Crowning of King and Queen, Campus Sing To Highlight Today's May Day Festivities



KING LEC RYALS AND QUEEN CORLISS AARON
... Rule Today's May Day Festivities

Mercer rolled out all her pomp and pageantry this afternoon for the annual May Day festivities, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on the lawn behind Porter Gymnasium. They will be concluded this evening in Willingham Chapel by a campus sing of many of the organizations on the campus.

Queen Corliss Aaron and King Lec Ryals initiated the afternoon session when they made their grand processional march to the throne. They were accompanied by the queen's court and the court jester.

The royalty was elected by popular vote of students last month.

They were accompanied by June Wood, Maid of Honor; Betty Moyer and Rheta White, senior representatives; Mary Nell Johnson and Billie Jo McDonald, junior delegates; Sylvia Reeves and Lucile Fortuna, sophomore nominees; and Carol Adams and Barbara Senft, freshman maids.

Royalty Crowned

Their majesties were crowned in impressive ceremonies after they had mounted the throne.

Dancing girls, tumblers, and jugglers came forth to entertain the court, as well as a large gathering of students. The dancers swayed to the lyrics of different countries to represent good will for foreign nations.

The afternoon's program was concluded by the maypole dance.

Lynn Banks furnished the narration as the entertainers went through their motions. Crown-bearers were Rickie Burts and Peggy Geren, offspring of faculty members.

The entire student body will convene on the lawn at 5:30 p.m. to consume barbecue. This is an age-old tradition at Mercer.

Campus Sing

Various organizations on the campus are scheduled to meet in Willingham Chapel at 7 p.m. to compete for the Haines-Ware cup with group singing.

Today marks the first time the trophy has been offered for competition. The two men who donated it, T. P. Haines and Graydon Ware, said that they hope this is a means of reviving group singing on the campus.

Library Acquires Valuable Burns Collection of Rare Books, Plaques

By Howard Bennett

One of the largest and finest Robert Burns collections in the Southeast, including over 500 rare volumes, several plaques and scrapbooks, a life-size bust of the poet, and other rarities, recently became the property of the Mercer library.

The valuable collection was gift of Edward Shorter, a graduate and benefactor of this university.

Many of the books have hand-tooled bindings worked in gold and some date back to the early seventeenth century. Although the complete works of Burns are included, many of the volumes are by his contemporaries and deal with certain aspects of his life and his native Scotland.

The books occupy one complete section of shelves on the second floor of the library.

The multi-colored plaques are enclosed in two large glass cases in the library museum. They depict "Cotter's Saturday Night," "Tam O'Shanter," "Highland Mary," and several other immortal poems by the son of Ayrshire.

One of the most interesting items in the collection is a life-size bust of Burns. The realistic figure is carved from white stone. Charles Stone, head of the library department, disclosed that the bust would probably be mounted on a pedestal and placed in the special reading room.

Several large scrapbooks containing sketches, maps, and photographs will be displayed on tables.

The collection was accumulated by the late Joseph Jacobs, prominent Atlanta pharmacist and Burns Club member, and was sold to Mercer by his son, Sidney Jacobs.

According to his son, Jacobs spent most of his summers in Scotland, buying a few volumes of Burns each year.

Male Students Reserve Rooms

Richard C. Burts, Dean of Men, announced Tuesday that male students wishing to reside in dormitories on the campus next year should make reservations in the near future.

He said that May 14 will be the deadline for reserving rooms which the individual now occupies, and May 23 the last day for rooms now occupied by someone else.

Cuties Cutting on Cat's Carcass Called Crazy by Curious Cohorts

By Carolyn McElveen

The twangy smell of formaldehyde is not as romantic to most female college students as it is to the more scientifically-minded premed student of the fairer sex. Experiments in comparative anatomy must go on, however, even if the ardent medical student apparently seems to be solely bent on converting the atmosphere of the entire dormitory into that of a hospital.

Easily tracing the pungent whiffs to their source, we see the pajama-clad scientist laboriously dissecting two scented heaps of anatomy which she identifies as belonging to the feline species.

Other curious females cautiously peer in (obviously having been so affected by the odor as to translate the study sign on the door as meaning Ether-by order of the council). The reactions are sudden and violent. Who wouldn't shriek at the shock of finding an indescribable mass of entrails instead of the usual clutter of books covering a desk?

But our valiant dissector happily continues her study, silently gloating over increasing intervals of quiet. Suddenly she is interrupted by a phone call from the only

other anatomical object which could distract her at the moment.

In her absence the mice will play, especially when cats are involved. A few bolder spirits of the mousier sex decide that it is time all dead cats were in bed. Quickly deciding that this thoughtful gesture would only please our female doctor, a more delicate-minded female, better versed in her girl scout motto, "Be kind to animals" is selected.

True to her feminine nature, she exceeds all expectations. Even hall classe of calisthenics are disrupted by the rumor.

The fun is topped off when "Tiger Rag" is dedicated to our scientist, who, in self defense, is now experimenting with a substitute for formaldehyde.



MAJOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS cluster around Emory Wilson just after being installed. Second row, left to right, are Reg Murphy, Cluster Editor; Winkle Harris, Vice-President; Gladys Evans, Secretary-treasurer; Lucile Fortuna, Cauldron Editor; Reuben Yancy, Cauldron Business Manager; and Wade Hillabidel, Cluster Business Manager. Back row, Alvin Shackelford, Freshman Advisor; Furman Lewis, Ministerial Representative; Jim Thompson, Bearskin Business Manager, and Hayden Bryant, Bearskin Editor.