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Blue Key Selects Sixteen Men in Chapel; Formal Initiation Set for Monday Night

Vogel Addresses Local ROTC Unit; 4 DMS's Named

By John Schuman

The Mercer ROTC unit held its third annual day Wednesday afternoon with Brigadier General G. H. Vogel, Commanding General of the Atlanta General Depot, delivering the feature address.

John G. Ethridge, Clifford E. Carrol, Shelton M. Harp, and Bert D. Schwartz were designated Distinguished Military Students, the highest honor that an ROTC man can have.

Rifle Marksmanship awards were made to Jesse R. Hallman, Bernie L. McFather, Carl E. Lancaster, Andrew J. Hunnicutt, Lewis L. Cox, Edward E. Davis, George W. Huckaba, Elyin A. Kimble, Electus C. Ryals, and John W. Thomas.

Manual of arms awards winners were Bennis S. McFather, first year basic; Charles A. Pippin, second year basic; F. F. Thomas, first year advanced; and Douglas F. Birch, second year advanced.

Platoon competitive drill was won by the first Platoon of Company I, commanded by Lt. Billy Fallin.

The squad representing company A won the squad competitive drill.

"E" Company, fourth regiment, National Society of Pershing Rifles, put on a drill demonstration consisting of many special movements, after which the outstanding company award was made to Company B of the first battalion.

Outstanding ROTC student awards were made to James I. Gatliff, first year basic; James W. Buckingham, second year basic; Chn G. Ethridge, first year advanced; and James E. Carroll, second year advanced.

Campus Capers

The tear that fell and splashed unnoticed at the recent tapping for Cardinal Key.

The ROTC boys drilling by tossing pennies to a group of colored children to hear them sing "Hambone".

Plans Underway For Senior Day

The wheels were set in motion Tuesday for Mercer's graduating seniors to have a class day Friday, May 30, as part of their graduation activities.

At a meeting of the class, they decided that they would inaugurate the weekend with a trip to a nearby picnic spot for a last day of fun and fellowship before leaving Mercer for the last time.

Emory Wilson, president of the group, stated that approximately 65 people had already shown an interest in the affair, and that others were expected to fall in line.

Tentative plans call for the class to congregate at Lakeside for the festivities. Wilson said that the students will provide their own food through group projects.

In impressive rites held yesterday morning in Willingham Chapel Blue Key Honor Fraternity tapped fourteen students, a faculty member, and one University official. Larry Lowe, fraternity president, presided.

Formal initiation ceremonies will be held on Monday night, May 19. Students tapped for membership and some of their activities include:

William H. Crisp—president, Kappa Alpha Order; IFC; Ciceronian; Cluster staff; secretary, Scabbard and Blade; business staff, Cauldron; FBLA; Alembic Club; Press Club; Distinguished Military Student; and honor student, ROTC.

William B. Fowler—Phi Delta Theta fraternity; varsity track; cheer leader; Gamma Sigma Epsilon fraternity; Phi Eta Sigma Ciceronian; intramurals.

Ronald Galloway—president, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity; Gamma Sigma Epsilon fraternity; Alembic club; Press Club; associate editor, Cluster; staff, Bearskin; Sigma Mu fraternity; and IFC.

Wallace Harrell—Scabbard and Blade editorial staff, Mercer Law Review; court of honor, law school; president, Sigma Nu fraternity.

Wilmer Holloway—Alpha Phi Omega fraternity; Scabbard and Blade; IFC; Alembic Club; Press Club; FTA; Distinguished Military Student; Cadet Lt. Colonel, ROTC; honor student, ROTC; treasurer, Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Roy Johnson—executive council, BSU; social chairman, Alpha Phi Omega; cartoonist, Cluster; art staff, Cauldron; art staff, Bearskin; Ciceronian; Alembic Club; Kappa Sigma fraternity; and greater council, BSU.

Don Lewis—president, freshman class; cheer leader; glee club; Scabbard and Blade; Distinguished Military Student; varsity baseball; captain, ROTC; "M" Club; intramurals; president, Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Max R. McGlamry—secretary, president, law school student government; freshman justice, chief justice, law school court of honor; Mercer Law Review; clerk, vice-justice, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity; intramurals; American Legion.

Seab Miller—business manager, associate editor, Bearskin; treasurer.

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Hardman Library To Be Extended In Near Future

By Howard Bennett

Tentative plans for the construction of an extension to Hardman Library were disclosed yesterday by Charles Stone, head of the library department.

The proposed addition, to extend from the rear of the present building to Adams Street, will be a four-story fireproof structure.

Although it will eventually house the thousands of volumes that now overflow the existing library stacks, only the first floor of the new wing will be completed inside at the present time.

This will provide space for books that now occupy the fourth floor stack room of the old building, an unfinished section which will be remodeled and equipped with steel stacks and electric lighting. The library basement will be waterproofed during the renovation.

"Plans for the extension grew out of an urgent need for more space," declared Stone. "The library now contains between 65,000 and 70,000 volumes and the number is continuously growing," he added.

The exact cost of the project and date of construction are not known at this time.

Spring Concert Set for Tuesday

The Macon Symphony Orchestra will present a spring concert in Willingham Chapel Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Members of faculty families, as well as several Mercer students, are included in the group. The string section of the Air Force Symphonette, together with many prominent Macon musicians are featured in the aggregation.

The program is composed of various selections well-known to the general public.

The event is open to everyone, and Mercer students will be admitted free.



MERCER PRE-MEDICAL students talk over their acceptance into medical school. They are, front row, Virginia Savage, W. A. Spears, Ronald Galloway, Zenas McDonald, back row, Robert Hamilton, Ralph Jackson, Benjamin Taylor, Gus Boothe, Ed Stevens, Billy Fowler, and Jeffrey Jones.

Twelve Pre-Meds Are Accepted; One Woman Listed in Ga. Group

Twelve students now enrolled in southern medical schools, it is reported to the various medical centers to begin training for degrees in the fall.

The Medical School of Georgia claims the largest number of these students, according to the Cluster's compiled list. Five men and one woman will go there.

The students accepted are William Boothe, Duke; William Fowler, Bowman-Gray; Ronald Galloway, Georgia; Robert Hamilton, Georgia; Ralph Jackson, Maryland; Jeffrey Jones, Georgia; Francis Lindsey, Georgia; Zenas McDonald, Tulane;

Virginia Savage, Georgia; W. A. Spears, Georgia; Edward Stevens, Bowman-Gray; Benjamin Taylor, Emory.

Savage is the only woman student to be admitted. She is following in the foot paths of her father, a practicing physician.

Many of the men are also the sons of doctors.

the university have been accepted was announced this week.

BSU Fund Drive Concludes Today

The drive by the Baptist Student Union to obtain funds for a new "Lucy" and to support missionaries ends today. A goal of \$1000 dollars has been set for these two projects.

The present "Lucy", which came to the Mercer Campus, is in bad need of repair. It is hoped that enough money will be raised to provide the worn-out bus with a new chassis. The bus has been used by the B.S.U., as well as by social groups for transportation during the past six years.

The second part of the drive concerns the support of student missionaries. Each summer the Georgia B.S.U. sends out college students.

IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

Russell, One-Time Governor, Wins But Not Favored by Mercer Students

By Carolyn McElveen

Former Georgia governors are really going places these days—or hoping to go places. Ellis Arnall was recently appointed Director of the Federal Office of Price Stabilization, and senator Richard Brevard Russell is now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

Russell, born in 1897, expressed his political intentions at the age of nine when he said that he would be governor some day. The defeat of his father in the governor's race of 1906 served to strengthen his resolution, and, in 1931, he did become governor.

Wanted To Be Governor

Russell's mother, who has reared 13 well-known Georgians successful in many fields, says her eldest son had always possessed a greater desire to be governor than president. But she staunchly states that he is good at anything he tries to do, and that he would make a fine president since "he's made for that kind of work."

Russell has been progressively more in Democratic administration for 20 years. In fact, he is so devoted to serving his country that he is the only one of the 13 children who has not married.

His homefolks and neighbors in Macon, Georgia, are not his only wholehearted supporters. He has gained almost solid Southern support. Although Estes Kefauver and he are both senators, not a single Southern senator is supporting Ke-

fauver, whereas every single one who is not a candidate himself is supporting Russell.

Russell has solid support from Mercer students, also. In the recent "Gallup Pole" conducted here, he won a decisive first place in a 284-127 count, over General Eisenhower, in spite of his popular Democratic rival, Kefauver, who gained 96 ballots.

Second Place Undecided

Truman, Taft, Stevenson, Stassen, and Barkley followed with negligible votes. However, Russell supporters seem to have split over their second choice. The Democrats won a 137-130 Kefauver-Eisenhower race. Russell gained 106 votes, trailed by Truman, Stevenson, Taft, Warren, and Barkley.

National prospects for Russell still remain dim, according to the latest Institute Poll, which finds Kefauver ahead of his two nearest Democratic rivals, Stevenson and Barkley, 4-1. Here, opinion varies as to Russell's actual chances, rated poor by 170, fair by 155, and good by 148.



DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL accepts the Burns replica on behalf of Mercer. Pictured here are Dr. Stone, Mr. McDonald, Dr. George Sparks, Dr. Dowell, Dr. Highfill, and Mr. Burah. On the table is a bust of Bobby Burns.