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Ogburn Addresses 298 In Commencement Exercises

200 Men Set New "Pantie" Record, Raid Three Campuses in One Night

Two hundred mob-governed male students at Mercer added a new twist to nation-wide "pantie raids" Wednesday night when they staged three such moves, one on this campus and two others on female schools nearby.

The first gathering of students occurred around Mercer's Mary Erin Porter Hall, where men began shouting and forming into a tight knot at 11 p.m.

Unsuccessful in their first attempt, the students formed into two groups, one of them converging on Wesleyan Conservatory, the other directing their attack on Wesleyan's Rivoli campus.

Admittance was gained only at the Rivoli campus, where students went through a door, ran to the second floor, and conducted a raid on the lingerie of female students there.

Approximately fifteen students were successful in the Rivoli entrance. They were met by Wesleyan's waging war with brooms, water buckets, and anything else handy.

Girls at Porter Hall apparently were expecting the visitors, for they had unlocked first floor windows. They stood in windows above the ground floor shouting encouragement at the milling mob below.

Macon police and school officials formed a tight cordon around the porter entrances, denying entrance. They continually flashed spotlights into the girls' windows, attempting to get them to move away and be quiet.

The group dispersed after forty-five minutes of threatening. They moved away to the voices of coeds calling them "chicken."

The men were likewise held in check by local police as the Conservatory. Bluecoats stood belligerently around the building, and they scared the collegians away.

An incomplete check could find no evidence of injury to any of the persons involved.

Cops almost had a field day at the Rivoli campus, where they rode straight into the center of a milling bunch of men. The men took refuge in nearby woods, waiting until they considered them-

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Recognition Day Honors Students

The annual Recognition Day was observed in Willingham Chapel Tuesday morning.

Students who attained outstanding achievements outside the scholastic scope as well as those who have excelled in academic fields were honored.

Social organizations, honor societies, and members of the faculty joined in the presentation of awards and trophies.

Wachtel Awards were presented to Betty Jo Bernard, Dent Bostick, and Ree Cunningham by Tau Kappa Alpha, the local chapter of a national debating fraternity.

An essay committee awarded Eleanor Davidson \$50 for her prize-winning essay on "The Separation of Church and State." Earl Sires received \$35 for placing second and \$15 went to third place winner, Marvin Pulliam.

In the field of drama, Best Actress, Lynn Banks and Best Actor, Eddie Trent received silver cups from Alpha Psi Omega.

Alpha Delta Pi received the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Trophy and the Inter-Fraternity Scholarship cup was presented to Alpha Tau Omega.

Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, announced Edmund Farar its outstanding member.

For campus athletic participation, the Kappa Sigma fraternity received the "M" Club trophy and the Press Club presented the McDonald Cup to Judson Moss, recently voted the outstanding journalist of the year.

The Chi Omega Social Science Award was received by Irene Haga.



BLUE KEY initiated fourteen men Monday night. They are, front row, Don Lewis, Seab Miller, Wallace Harrell, Dr. Ralph Newton, Harry V. Smith, Sr., Alvin Shackelford, Clarence Streetman. Second row: Roy Johnson, Wilmer Holloway, William Fowler, Max McGlamry, William. Back row: Brown Nickolson, Jr., Ronald Galloway.

Mercer Museum Holds Open House; Valuable Collections To Be Shown

By Howard Bennett

Open house will be held in the museum of the Mercer library from two until four o'clock this afternoon.

This will be the last opportunity this year for students and faculty members to see a rare collection of Baptist material and many interesting items dealing with the long history of this university.

The old Jesse Mercer family Bible will be displayed along with several early bibles from the Dr. Newman collection. The bibles are written in several languages and two are incunabula editions printed in 1497.

The Penfield campus plan with photographs of buildings, the first report of trustees, and the original rules for Mercer students will be exhibited.

Several pieces of furniture to be shown, include the Penfield chapel pulpit, and the chair and desk that was once used by Jesse Mercer.

One of the most prized possessions in the showing is an original letter from General Robert E. Lee accepting an honorary Mercer degree.

Visitors at the museum today will also view a time-worn Mercer grade report. The yellowed sheet records a student's grades in Greek, Latin, Astronomy, Moral Philosophy, and other subjects taught at this institution over a century ago.

Interesting items from the recently acquired Robert Burns collection and data in regard to the Atlanta Burns Club will be displayed at the museum entrance.

Campus Capers

A group of students singing hymns continuously in Sherwood Hall one evening recently were finally silenced by someone who shouted a lusty AMEN!

On tennis courts only two of eight students failed to stand at attention during the playing of the national anthem during R.O.T.C. Day!

Young man furtively dashing from building to building was intercepted because it was thought he might be a sneak thief. He explained that he was picking roses in Tatmall Square Park and had been spotted by the police, whom he was trying to avoid.

Sullivan Awards To Be Presented During Ceremony

Approximately 298 candidates for Mercer University degrees will hear the Hon. Charlton Ogburn deliver the feature address at commencement exercises in Willingham Chapel June 2 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony will climax a full weekend of activities for the seniors. Exercises will get underway Saturday morning, when alumni convene for their annual meetings.

Two Mercer students and an outstanding public figure will receive Angernon Sidney Sullivan awards as recognition of their services on the campus. They are Harold Lamar Sangster, Sarah Rebecca Hollingsworth, and Mrs. Aurelia Heath Phillips.

Mercer is one of the few schools in the nation authorized to give the honor. Recipients will receive medallions, books containing the citation, and a certificate from the Sullivan Society.

Sangster and Hollingsworth are Mercer students. Mrs. Phillips is the founder of the Bremen Opportunity School, which devotes itself to the education of the underprivileged.

Ogburn is a noted New York attorney, and he graduated from the University in 1905.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Henry J. Stokes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Macon. It will be given at his church at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

The annual missionary sermon will be in charge of the Rev. R. Elton Johnson, a missionary to Brazil, in Willingham Chapel Sunday night at 8 p.m.

President Dowell will preside over the commencement, and var-

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Cauldron Set For Late June

Copies of the 1952 edition of the Cauldron, the Mercer yearbook, will be distributed to all students approximately June 26, according to Pat Fox, editor of the publication.

Copies will be distributed from the Cauldron office in the Co-op building.

Students Plan Various Activities For Summer Fun and Relaxation

By Carolyn McElveen

Your roving reporter found that the summer plans of Mercer students are well underway. On the agenda are such things as further study, new jobs, lots of fun, exciting trips, and just plain relaxation.

Under the heading of "further study" and a "new job" are the summer plans of L. T. Buckalew. "Buck," a graduating senior from Birmingham, Ala., says that he is really looking forward to becoming the full-time pastor of the Livonia Baptist Church in Livonia, Ind. He plans to continue his studies, also, working toward a B.D. degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Approximately 80 Mercer ROTC Cadets will spend six weeks of their summer at Fort Lee, Va. There are about 1600 boys from all over the United States who will receive Quartermaster Corps orientation there.

Edward Trent, Vero Beach, Fla., is also traveling north this summer, but for a very different purpose. Eddie's father is a Florida Republican Delegate to the Presidential Nomination convention, to be held in Chicago, Ill. Eddie, who is accompanying his father, says that he is especially looking forward to hearing and seeing such nationally known figures as Eisenhower and Taft.

Mercer sorority and fraternity brethren are looking forward to

recuperating from exams with a week of sun and surf and "lots of fun" at St. Simons Island. Three Chi Os who "can't wait" for this annual summer are Jewel Bentley, Janie Coppedge, and Ann Powers, who are also the three delegates to the Chi Omega National Convention to be held in White Sulphur Springs, West Va.

Some students are receiving trips as graduation gifts. Norma Vining rates a two-week plane trip to Bermuda. Virginia Savage is traveling to Oklahoma. Ettie Jeanne and Elton Johnson plan to see the U. S. from Washington, D. C., to Washington state before the summer is over.

Margaret Caudill, who has just returned by plane from visiting her home in Havana, Cuba, and speaking at the Southern Baptist Convention, plans to spend the summer at Ridgecrest. Other staffers from Mercer include George Deadwyler, Sidney Carswell, Anne Lucy Wood, Sonny Thurmond, and Charles Waddy.

Whether you are camping, traveling, marrying, or studying here at Mercer, take time to enjoy life—its summer!



COL. W. H. VINSON, chief of the Georgia Military District, is shown congratulating Distinguished Military Students, Clifford Carroll, John Etheridge, Skelton Harp, and Bert Schwartz.