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Student Activities Budget Fixed; Carver Answers Student Criticism

By Mayo Hartley

In a recent meeting the Student Activities Committee discussion was given to the financial needs of the various student organizations.

Since the administration of President Weaver, each student has paid a yearly assessment of \$9.00 for a Student Activities fund. This fund is divided among the departments such as athletics, music, dramatics, publications, debate, health, and Ciceronian Literary Society.

Each organization or department is asked to give an estimate of its probable operating expense for the year plus advisable additional appropriations for special purposes and to submit an "ideal suggestion". These estimates and suggestions are aired by the committee, composed of six students and eight faculty members. Then an allotment is made.

Dr. Dowell's administration has brought about a two-dollar increase of the activities fee. The money taken in by this increase is held in reserve until an emergency arises. It is then used to cover the emergency.

This year's allotments have been distributed with much care. The "Cluster" allotment remains the same as last year. There is a total of \$1300.00 set aside for production of "The Messiah", "The Bearskin" get \$900.00. The junior varsity basketball team is given \$600 with Law Day receiving \$303. One hundred dollars is placed in the hands of WAA for use in the May Day festivities. Additional information may be had by those who will ask Dr. G. L. Carver or Mr. J. W. Holding.

In answer to student criticism, Dr. Carver said, "There has never

been a time when students could not have all the information they wanted about Student Activities." He pointed out that the students are well represented on this committee. "If you aren't satisfied, don't criticize; go to a member of the committee and discuss your view with him," Dr. Carver stated.

Cast Prepares For Fall Play

Under the direction of Dr. Helen Thornton, a three-act comedy—"Brother Rat"—will be staged in Willingham Chapel, Nov. 20-21.

The play, written by John Monks, Jr. and Fred F. Finklehoff, is centered around the adventures of three VMI cadets and the problems presented when two young ladies visit the strictly male campus.

The cast includes Mary Louise Kilmer, Charles Hoffender, Marlene Timmerman, Mac Flowers, Jane Coppedge, Eddie Trent, Helen Faulkner, Nancy Stone, Wade Hiltabidel, Noah Lindsay, Bobby Holliday, Joe Wilman, Grady Newberry, J. C. Adcock, Jr., Bill Winfield, and John Rabun, Allie Calloway is prompter and Mayo Hartley is assistant director.

Both cast and stage crew have been working for approximately two weeks. Much practice is in store for the cast during the remaining period before staging.

All Mercer students will be admitted free. The public is invited.

Dr. Monroe F. Swilley To Speak Here In Chapel for World Conditions Week

By Gene Hamilton

Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, will conduct Mercer University's World Conditions Week November 10-12.

World Conditions Week is an annual observance on the campus, during which time a series of lectures is delivered dealing with current problems of world-wide significance.

Dr. Swilley will deliver his addresses each morning at 10 in Mercer's Willingham Chapel. The public is invited to attend.

Only recently Dr. Swilley returned to this country after an extended visit to Asia. He traveled in several countries on that continent as a representative of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

On Monday afternoon Nov. 10, Dr. Swilley will attend the regular meeting of the Mercer faculty and in the evening will be entertained in Mercer's Mary Erin Porter Hall. On Tuesday morning he will be the breakfast guest of the Mercer student body, Blue Key, Cardinal Key, Woman's Student Government Association, Walter F. George School of Law student body, and the Baptist Student Union.

On Wednesday morning Dr. Swilley has been invited to breakfast with women students who are members of his church in Atlanta. Later in the day he will speak to the regular weekly meeting of the Macon Rotary Club.



DR. MONROE SWILLEY

Plans Announced For "Messiah"

The ninth annual performance of Handel's oratorio The Messiah by the Mercer University Glee Club will be presented in Willingham Chapel Tuesday evening December 2 at 8 o'clock.

Suzanne der Derian, prima donna of the San Francisco Opera Company, and of the Philadelphia La Scala Opera Company and who is also in constant demand for important oratorio performances in the musical centers of the North, will head the solo cast.

By popular request, Eleanor Knapp has been invited to return as contralto soloist. Since her appearance at Mercer last Christmas, Miss Knapp has been singing in opera in Central and South America.

Also by popular request, Paul Knowles will return as tenor soloist. This is the first time that any soloist has been asked to sing more than two seasons.

Chester Watson, the sensational bass soloist of the Bach Bethlehem Festival last spring, will serve in a similar capacity here. Dr. Rich has made efforts for several seasons to secure Mr. Watson for the Mercer performances as he is regarded as being at the very top of the list of oratorio basses.

Leavell To Be Speaker for MMA

Dr. Roland Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will be on the Mercer campus November 20. Dr. Leavell will speak to the Ministerial Association, show slides of the seminary, and make appointments to see any students interested in the New Orleans Seminary.

Any student who is interested in such an interview should contact Mr. Sidney Carswell, president of Mercer Ministerial Association.

Dignitaries Here For Law Day Tomorrow

By C. C. Lynch

Plans for Law Day, under the sponsorship of the Walter F. George School of Law, are now complete, and officials expect that a large number of prominent state and national figures will converge on the Mercer campus tomorrow for the annual event.

The day is set aside to celebrate the naming, five years ago, of Mercer's Law School for Georgia's Senior Senator, Walter F. George. The agenda is packed with speeches, discussions, business sessions, food, fun, and fellowship.

Principal speaker for the day will be Dean Samuel Prince of the University of South Carolina Law School. He is a graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C. The latest speaker to be announced by Law School Dean F. Hodge O'Neal is U.S. Representative E. L. Forrester of Leesburg, Ga. He is the representative from Georgia's third district. Active in public office, he held several important judiciary positions before going to Congress.

He is a past commander of the Lee County post of the American Legion and has been active in other civic, public, and church activities. He was recently re-elected to Congress for another term. With Rep. Forrester's acceptance of the speaking invitation the Law Day program is completed.

An important phase of the morning's program will be a seminar conducted by Charlton Ogburn and T. Baldwin Martin. The subject to be discussed will be the Southeastern Law Center Foundation, Inc., which contemplates the

placing of the Center on Mercer's campus.

The charter for the Law Center was granted last June by the judge of the Superior Court of Macon Circuit. Petitioners were Senator Walter F. George, an alumnus of the Law School, Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer, and Charlton Ogburn, also an alumnus.



Law students watch as Mayor Wilson officially proclaims Law Day. They are William Hicks, Leah Chanin, Jack Pippen, and Carl Savage.

Purposes of the Center were recently outlined and released by officials of the foundation. Among other things, they include: the improvement of local and state law and court justice; the solving of common problems of farmers, merchants, and other groups occupied in commerce and marketing; the providing for a program of legal research; the offering of complete

legal education facilities, including lectures and short courses conducted by local authorities in lawyer education the assistance of law students in obtaining a complete education; and the establishing of a legal clinic.

The Law Review, official publication of the Law School, plans to sponsor a series of displays in connection with Law Day. The displays will spotlight the effort put into production of The Review. Included in the series will be copies of the final product, galley proofs, page proofs, and other exhibits of steps which constitute student effort going into preparation of the material for the printer.

Editor of The Review is Daniel J. Pippin, and business manager is Marvin Kenmore, both of Macon.

James Lewis, chairman of the Law Day invitations Committee, states that over 3000 persons have received invitations for this important celebration. There were two types of invitations issued.

The special group, numbering about 100, included those sent to people in high governmental and judicial positions. They were sent to justices of the Georgia Supreme Court, judges of the Georgia Court of Appeals and U.S. District Courts, judges of the Superior Court in Georgia, Georgia's governor, lieutenant governor, speakers of the houses of the general assembly, and other state officials.

General invitations were sent to alumni of the Walter F. George School of Law and lawyers of Georgia.

A complete program for the day

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Honor Sorority Initiates Eight

Kappa Delta Epsilon, national honorary educational sorority, held formal initiation Monday, October 20. Those initiated were Barbara Baxley, Barbara Carrowan, Joan Grinstead, Emily Holland, Becky Reid, Suzanne Ussery, Dixie Watson, and Miss Leone Bates. A banquet was held at Pinebrook Inn immediately afterward.

Officers for the year are: President, Joan Chastain; vice-president, Dixie Watson; secretary, Anne Comer; and treasurer, Suzanne Edmondson. Miss Ruth Cheves, Miss Louise Brown, and Mrs. R. B. Plymale are faculty sponsors.

IRC Holds First Meeting of Year

The Mercer Chapter of the International Relations Club met Tuesday night for the first program meeting of the year.

The guest speaker, Miss Kathryn Johnson, member of the faculty at Wesleyan, was introduced first on the program by Miss Mary Jo Crawley, president of the Wesleyan IRC chapter. Miss Johnson, who has been on the staff of a girls' school in Hiroshima, Japan, for the past year, gave her views and interpretation of the American occupation of that country.

After the speaker, a short business meeting was held for the election of a secretary and a treasurer. Elected were Merrill Murphy as Secretary and Howard Bennett as treasurer.

Light refreshments were served members and guests.