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## Progressives Take Campus Election

### BSU Retreat To Be at Bessie Tift; Convention Will Name New Officers

The annual Georgia Baptist Student Spring Retreat will be held Friday, April 23, at Bessie Tift College. It begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and lasts through Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 p.m.

The program is inspirational, as well as being a work session for training new officers. Speakers include: Dr. Roy O. McClain, Dr. William Hall Preston, Dr. Howard P. Giddens, Mrs. Frank H. Leavell, Dr. Paul McCommon, and Miss Sara Stephens.

There will be a series of officer conferences and a business session. The election of the 1954-1955 Executive Council will take place at this time.

All students are invited and are requested to make reservations by April 19. "Lucy", the BSU bus, will furnish transportation for students going to the convention each day. Mercer BSU is to accommodate men from other colleges, and women will stay at Bessie Tift.

The Cluster staff will meet next Monday afternoon at Room 2 of the Economics Building. New staff members will still be admitted, and staff appointments will be made. Time: 3:00. Because of mid-term examinations, the Cluster will not be published next week. The next issue will be May 6.

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### Pershing Rifles Furnishes Squad On Memorial Day

The Mercer company of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, headed by Cadet Major Bobby B. Simmons of Macon, will furnish the firing squad for the Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies at Rose Hill Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. April 26.

Colonel Wiley B. Tonnar, professor of military science and tactics, is the faculty adviser for Mercer's company of Pershing Rifles, which was organized in 1952.

Cadet Major Bobby B. Simmons, as captain of Mercer's Pershing Rifles Company, will be the commanding officer of the rifle squad. Pershing Rifles members selected by Captain Simmons for the firing squad are: Tommy King of Macon; Cyler Garner, Dublin; Richard Andrews, Macon; Sam Wilburn, Atlanta; Benny Johnson, Warrenton; Sam Law, Americus.

Joe Deep, Macon; Thomas Clyburn, Reidsville; Jorge Tor, Puerto Rico; Arthur Rich, Macon; Gene Temple, Macon; Pat Lufburrow, Macon; Joe Lowe, Buena Vista; Herman Johnson, Montgomery, Alabama; Gene Plummer, Albany; Lester Smith, Miami, Fla.; and Mickey Bonner, Macon.



Newly elected and installed president, Joe Hendricks.

### Plans Made for Penfield Trip

Members of the senior class will make the annual pilgrimage to Penfield, Mercer's birthplace, Friday, April 23.

The morning program will be held in the old Penfield Chapel, which has recently been restored and is now being used by the Penfield Baptist Church. Dr. Howard Giddens, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Athens, will deliver the principal address of the day, with Dr. E. A. Kilgore, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, presiding over the program.

Senior class members of the Mercer glee club will present a musical program under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich.

In the afternoon, after eating lunch in near-by Greensboro, the visitors will attend a short program at the Penfield cemetery, which is about one mile from the chapel.

Jesse Mercer, founder of the university, and Billington Sanders, first president of the university, are buried in the Penfield cemetery.

### Hendricks To Head Student Body; Lone Cooperative Candidate Wins

The Progressive Party, with Joe Hendricks heading its ticket, walked off with all student government offices but one in Tuesday's campus election.

Vote-counting began early Tuesday afternoon, and the final count was displayed at 6 a.m. Wednesday. The counting committee worked almost continuously during the period.

From the first, the trend was toward a Progressive victory; and the lead was never lost as the counting continued. The happy victors promised immediate initiation of procedures to carry out platform pledges.

Joe Hendricks, Woodland, took the election from Avon Buice, Buford Hendricks is a member of Chi Alpha Omega Ministerial Fellowship of which he is retired secretary. He was training union representative to the BSU Executive Council this year, and has been on the all-star football team in intramural sports. He played for the Ministers.

Robert Sparks, Atlanta, defeated Jack Mansfield, Cartersville, for the office of student body vice president. Sparks has held a number of student government offices. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society, Elué Key leadership honor society, International Relations Club, and Alembic Club. He has held offices in SAE fraternity, ROTC, and Scabbard and Blade.

### Installed Today

The new student government officers were installed in chapel ceremonies this morning. Retiring Student Body President Wallace Harrell was in charge of the program.



Carlisle Middlebrooks

Defeating Teeny Moody, Albany, was Peggy Carlisle, Macon, who is the new secretary-treasurer of the student body. Miss Carlisle is president of Chi Omega sorority, a member of Mercer Choir and Women's Student government, and secretary-treasurer of the conference and corporation committee. She has been Phi Delta Theta pledge sweetheart and sponsor, and has held a number of class offices.

Bill Middlebrooks, Selma Ala., won over Tolly Williamson, Atlanta, for the office of freshman advisor. Middlebrooks is the newly elected president of the BSU. He has held offices in his class, Phi Eta Sigma, Ministerial Association, World Mission Band, BSU state convention, and Chi Alpha Omega ministerial fellowship.

C. C. Lynch, Jr., Rome, defeated Dan Cline, Toccoa, for the editor-



Lynch Moore

ship of the Cluster. Lynch has held offices in Mercer Independent Men's Association, Ministerial Association, and BSU. He is a member of Chi Alpha Omega.

Running partner for Lynch, Buddy Moore, Meridian, Miss., won over Barbara Alford, Decatur, for business manager of the Cluster. Moore, a freshman this year, has been outstanding in campus activities during the brief two quarters he has been here. He is a member of Mercer Choir, MIMA, and Phi Eta Sigma. He is member of the varsity tennis team.

For Cauldron editor, Barbara Senft, Macon, defeated Freda Cagle, Chicamauga. Miss Senft is vice-president of Kappa Delta Epsilon and International Relations Club. She has been a cheerleader



Senft Taylor

sponsor of SAE, member of the business staff of the Cauldron, and secretary of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

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Scene from tonight's presentation of "Imaginary Invalid." (Left to right) Argan (Julian Franklin), his daughter's lover (Ray Neal), and Argan's daughter (Carolyn Ricks).

### Mercer Players Present Final Play Of Season Tonight and Wednesday

The spring and final production of the Mercer Players and Alpha Psi Omega for 1954 will be presented at 8:30 p.m. on April 20 and 21, tonight and Wednesday. The play to be presented is a three-act farce, "The Imaginary Invalid", which is one of Moliere's best-known and most-liked works.

The plot centers around a perfectly healthy man (Argan) who imagines himself afflicted with every sort of ailment, and who will be satisfied with no less than a doctor for his elder daughter's husband. Also, the "quacks" in the neighborhood take advantage of this opportunity to "heal" the gentleman who isn't ill at all, and one of them even offers his doctor-son as the bridegroom. But the daughter will not think of it, for she is in love with a young gentleman on her own, so complications naturally develop.

Through all the predicaments Argan's Maid, Toinette, is the sensible one among them who sees Argan for the foolish man he is and who does not hesitate to make light of him.

The sick man, who isn't sick at all, is played by Julian Franklin. This is Julian's first play at Mercer, but he handles the part like a true comedian.

Starring with him and playing

the maid, Toinette, is Annette Robertson. This is Annette's second appearance with the Mercer Players. Mercerians will remember her for her realistic performance of Mrs. Midget in "Outward Bound", the winter quarter play.

Argan's elder daughter is played by Carolyn Ricks; her lover is played by Ray Neal. Argan's wife is played by Chlo Grattigny.

Others in the cast are: Roy Green, Cecil Jackson, Jimmy Alford, Bush Gleaton, Linda Best, Earl Slappey, and James Branch.

The play is full of snappy action and comic situations. Miss Audrey Needles, the director, has proved her ability in the work of the two previous plays she has done this year.

### Play Admission

Mercer students will be admitted to the "Imaginary Invalid" upon the presentation of a student activities card. Other students must pay \$.65, and adults must pay \$1.