

BILL MIDDLEBROOKS Aims of BSU

The BSU at Mercer, just as on any college campus, has as its primary purpose the encouragement and development of the spiritual lives of students. Its further purpose is to serve as a link between the college and the local church. Realizing the drastic change which is usually made in a student's religious life and activities when he comes to college, the BSU seeks to direct the student into new channels of service for God. It also seeks to keep alive in the student's heart and mind, his own personal devotion to God.

In order to carry out these general aims of Baptist Student Union work, and in order to make the work of the Mercer BSU more effective next year, I suggest three other more specific goals.

The first is to include more students as members and workers in BSU, or in other words, to have more students from all phases of campus life thinking of the BSU as "we" instead of "they".

The second aim, which is an aid to the enlistment of more students into the Baptist Student Union, is to publicize the activities and opportunities for Christian service presented by BSU. When students are made aware of the projects carried on by BSU, and they see that their services are wanted and needed in the executing of these projects, more of them will be engaged in the activities of BSU.

The third goal will perhaps be reached simultaneously, if the other two are accomplished. It is to continue to contribute toward a spirit of unity and harmony among Mercer students. The BSU should be the means whereby students in all phases of campus activities and courses of study get to know each other personally and thereby understand the situations and attitudes of every campus group.



Sylvia Smith (left) and Carolyn McElveen, recent winners of Peabody and Vanderbilt Fellowships.

Smith, McElveen Receive Graduate Fellowships to Nashville Schools

Two Mercer University seniors have been awarded fellowships for graduate study at Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College for Teachers, both in Nashville, Tenn.

Carolyn McElveen of Atlanta will be one of 30 U.S. students participating in the second year of a three-year cooperative teacher education program developed by Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College for Teachers. Her grant is worth \$1200.

Sylvia Smith of Albany has received a Carnegie fellowship of \$1000. Her studies, to be done solely at Peabody College, will lead to a Master of Arts degree in physical education. Only 20 such fellowships were awarded in the South.

The joint Vanderbilt-Peabody experiment of which Carolyn will be a part involves a program to select capable prospective secondary school teachers through a plan of fellowship awards.

The Peabody-Vanderbilt program is experimental in that it is seeking to prepare liberal arts graduates for teaching with a concentrated program in education on the graduate level.

The Fund for the Advancement of Education, a subsidiary of the Ford Foundation, has granted \$300,000 to the two institutions to finance the program.

The degree of Master of Arts in Teaching will be awarded jointly by Vanderbilt and Peabody to graduates of the program.

In addition to references, Miss McElveen had to write an essay on her interest in teaching and her activities in general. She was recently interviewed by Dr. Robert C. Province, director of the program.

The two girls who roomed together one year while at Mercer plan to be roommates again at Peabody. Both have been very active in Mercer extra-curricular affairs.

Sylvia attended Georgia Southwestern College, where she was president of the BSU, president of the Future Teachers of America. She is vice-president of MICA, secretary-treasurer of the senior class, a member of Cardinal Key, and a member of Sigma Mu honorary scholastic fraternity, among other things.

Carolyn has been a member of Women's Student Government, the BSU Executive Council, and the Cluster staff. She was secretary-treasurer of the Mercer student government, editor of the Cauldron, and secretary of KDE.

Debaters Attend National Meet

Members of the Mercer debate team returned Saturday from Fredericksburg, where they participated in the Grand National Debate Tournament. Representatives from colleges and universities from all over the United States attended the debate meet. The subject for the debate this year was Resolved that the United States should adopt a policy of free trade. Dr. Helen Thornton, head of the department of speech and dramatics and adviser to the debate team, accompanied the four debaters on their trip.

Jane Carol Adams Waynesboro, and Carswell Hughs, Moultrie, entered individual contests. The former was in the poetry reading contest and the latter took part in the impromptu speaking.

Debaters from Mercer who attended the national meet are Carswell Hughs of Moultrie, Sidney Johnson of Vidalia, Jane Carol Adams of Waynesboro, and Hilda Bell of Whigham.

Sing Is Slated For May Fourth

"Nautical" is the theme of this year's campus sing, according to professors E. P. Haines and Graydon L. Ware, sponsors of the annual sing. This event will take place on May 4.

Campus organizations planning to enter the sing must have in competition at least 12 members active and pledged in good standing. Singing must be a capella.

The IFC, the Pan-Hellenic Council, the Independents, and the two sponsors will select one person each to judge the contest.

Mercer Alumnus Is Commissioned

F. Barry Ricketson was recently graduated from the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, R. I.

Ricketson received his A.B. degree from Mercer in 1953. He majored in economics and was a member of K.A.

Rear Admiral Charles B. Momen, Commandant of the First Naval District, presented the new ensigns with their commissions and was the principal speaker at the ceremonies.

All applicants for Officers Candidate School must be graduates of accredited colleges or universities with a baccalaureate degree. Unrestricted Line and Staff Corps Candidates must be between the ages of 19 and 27; specialists for Restricted Line billets between 19 and 33.

ATO To Observe Founder's Day

Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega will observe its Founders' Day on Thursday, April 22, by a banquet at the Massee Apartments.

Eugene Cook, attorney-general of Georgia and alumnus of Mercer ATO chapter, will address the group.

ATO was founded in 1865 at Richmond, Va., and the first chapter was established at Virginia Military Institute that year. It was founded by three Confederate veterans.

Cook will be introduced by Edward Sell, Macon attorney Eddie Trent, president of ATO, will be master of ceremonies.

Sigma Mu Initiates Twenty-Three; Lester Named President for '54-55

By John Rabun

Twenty-three students were initiated into Sigma Mu, senior scholastic honor fraternity, on Friday, April 9. This is the largest number to be initiated at one time in the history of the fraternity, according to Dr. Phil Smith, retiring president of Sigma Mu.

Dr. Judson Ward, Jr., Dean of Emory University, delivered the main address Friday in the chapel program at which the new members were presented. His speech applied to the needs of the South and the opportunities which the South offers today.

A banquet honoring the new initiates was held Friday evening at Pinebrook Inn. Dr. Henry King Stanford, president of Georgia State College for Women, delivered the main address of the evening.

Mr. Malcolm Lester, professor of history, has been elected president of Sigma Mu for the coming year. Mr. Lester will return to Mercer for the summer session after having been at the University of Virginia working toward his doctorate for the last two years. He will receive his Ph.D. this spring.

Mr. Henry Warnock, professor of journalism and history, has been elected vice-president of the fraternity for the coming year. He succeeds Dr. Hoy Taylor, Dean of Mercer. Miss Bobbie Bobo, secretary to President Cornell, has been re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Membership in Sigma Mu is awarded those seniors who have at least a 2.5 average and to those juniors who have an "exceedingly high average", according to Dr. Smith.

Seniors inducted include: Barbara Baxley of Milledgeville, James Callan of Norman Park, Lucille Fortuna Carter of Atlanta, John Etheridge of Macon, Raphael Graves of Lawrenceville, Mary Lee Greene of Macon, Jerry Jacobs of Nashville, Monerief Jordan of Atlanta, Mary Elizabeth Knox of Gray.

Theron Ledford of Gainesville, Cynthia Evelyn Lyda of Covington, Carolyn McElveen of Atlanta, Charles Moore of Jonesboro, Columbus Posey, III, of Moultrie, Cynthia E. Powell of Macon, Sylvia Smith of Albany.

PROGRESSIVES WIN

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Phil Taylor, Macon, took the business manager's position over Carswell Hughs, Moultrie. He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and the Interfraternity Council. He has held several offices in Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Named to senior class offices were the following: Joe Watson, Atlanta, president; Charles McDaniel, Columbus, vice-president; and Betty Holland, Macon, secretary-treasurer.

In the junior class election, John Peterson, Atlanta, was elected president; Janet McLaughlin, Chattanooga, vice-president; and Jo Kidd, Newnan, secretary-treasurer.

The new sophomore class officers are as follows: Gene Temple, Macon, president; Royce Hobbs, Lumpkin, vice-president; and Shirley Wheeler, Buford, secretary-treasurer.

Student council representatives named include the following: Willard Baxter, Bremen, the lone Co-operative winner, senior class; Sidney Johnson, Vidalia, junior class; Gene Bishop, Vero Beach, Fla., junior college; and Mason Olds, Cordele, ministerial group.

New student activities committeemen include: Hugh Hodges, Ludowici; Arthur Rich, Macon; Delano Maurice, Savannah; Cindy Sartin, Augusta; Nancy Attaway, Statesboro; and Allen Williams, Thomaston.

These were named to the athletic committee: Tommy Mixon, Macon; Ann Coggin, Macon; John Binns, Atlanta.

via Smith of Albany, Patricia Ann Woodward of Griffin, and Charles H. Wray of Union Point.

Juniors inducted include: William Edmond Farrar, III, of Macon, William Middlebrooks, Jr., of Selma, Ala., Homer Nelson of Adel, and Weldon Thornton of Albany.

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reviews, and human interest sketches will be included.

All this will not take place overnight. I feel that you want an improved school paper, for you expressed that desire by your vote earlier. I intend to give it to you, so long as you cooperate with me. Notice that I used the pronoun "we" several times above; that is because the Cluster will not be the editor's paper, but the student body's. I know we have a job, but I do not have personal gain in view. May I borrow a motto from an organization to which I belong—MERCER, FIRST, THEN SELF.

YATES—ELECTION

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you are now reading is exemplary of that fact. Each officer from Joe Hendricks on down feels the great surge of confidence which has been placed in him and realizes that he must begin immediately to justify it.

These are the two explanations I offer for the day-after-election feeling. It was encouraging to note how many people voted. I take this as a sign that students are becoming more interested in campus politics and student government. Either this, or the organizations to which they belong pushed them a little harder this year. Probably a combination of the two.

And, now as to our own particular phase of the election: Here is your new Cluster. The majority of you students have elected C. C. Lynch as the editor of the Mercer campus newspaper. He has pledged himself to reserve adequate space for student opinion. It has been said that a newspaper without letters to the editor is nothing. Here is your chance to show that you like or dislike the policies of the paper. Take your stand.

As I have said in a previous editorial this year, the way we as students take our stand on the campus here will determine the way we measure up as citizens in national politics. Don't take a careless, indifferent attitude. By doing so, you are casting a vote against what is just and right.

Finally, don't think that just because you have elected these individuals to office you can leave the entire responsibility of the campus to them. They are elected merely to lead. They need either your support or your opposition. Don't be neutral.

Find out what your elected student activities committee is doing. Ask about meetings of the student council. Learn how our student government operates. Be sure you know what issues are being decided and how they affect you. Above all, express your opinions. Silence means approval, you know.

Another year in student government at Mercer University has begun. Let's be both "Cooperative" and "Progressive."

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