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## MU to Honor Founders; Pageant Set At 11 A. M.

### Honor Council Gets OK; Publication Bill Defeated

By Mill Clyburn

Amendment III was approved by an overwhelming majority and Amendment IV suffered a close defeat by 33 votes before the entire student body in Chapel Tuesday, January 11.

The amendments, which were prepared by a committee composed of Joe Hendricks, president of the student body, Nancy Yates, Roy Thornton, and Judson Moss, representing the faculty, were read by "Bodip" Sparks, vice-president of the student body. President Hendricks then allowed time for discussion.

The lack of discussion on Amendment III foretold its near unanimous victory. Heated debate punctuated by applause from the various factions marked the discussion period on Amendment IV and when the final vote had been tallied the proposal had failed to carry by a narrow margin 308-341.

Amendment III which replaces Article II, section 2 of the constitution specifies that there will be an Honor Council "to act as an advisory board to the president of the student council". To this Council will accrue sole responsibility for initiating and regulating the Honor System. It will be composed of seven students and one faculty member.

#### Number 4 Falls

Amendment IV, which failed to pass, concerned the selection of editors and business managers of the Cluster and the Cauldron. It was to have replaced Article VI.

Selections for Honor Council (III) will be made by a special committee consisting of students and faculty members. The following requirements will be observed:

(See newly adopted Amendment III on page six.)

1) Three students from senior class two from junior class, one each from the sophomore and freshman classes. 2) To be eligible students must have a 2.0 average for preceding quarter 3) Must be engaged in two areas of extra-curricular activities.

### RFW Group Begins Work

A committee of 17 students met last Monday to begin plans for this year's Religious Focus Week. Co-chairmen of this year's Focus Week are Joe Hendricks and Bobby Joe Porterfield.

Each of the 17 students will head a committee to carry out details of the Weeks' observance. These chairmen, in turn, will be assisted by other students, heading sub-committees.

Committee chairmen and their respective committees are: Gene Bishop, classroom visitation; Sam Wilborn, escorts; Dan Cline, dormitory discussions; Ernest Mason, music; Bob Hammond, publicity; Buddy Moore, follow-up; Jo Womack, promotion; Don Singleton, ushers.

Nancy Brunner, book display; Diane Owen, arrangements; Nancy Attaway, printed programs; Jo Kidd, personal conferences; Alice Tate, hospitality; Jane Carol Adams, visitation; Weldon Thornton, seminars; and Dean Burts, faculty.



JESSE MERCER, for whom Mercer University is named. The painting from which this picture is taken hangs in the back of Willingham Chapel.

### Thornton Writes Historical Playlet

By Emily Hughes

Highlighting this 122nd anniversary of the founding of Mercer will be the presentation of "The Mercer Story," a pageant with a cast of more than 250 students and faculty members at 11:00 today in Willingham Chapel.

Other events will be an inspection tour of landscaping improvements on the campus with Dr. W. G. Lee as guide, luncheon in Mary Erin Porter dormitory for visiting dignitaries, and a meeting of the board of trustees and president's council.

Dr. Helen Thornton, head of the Mercer speech department, wrote "The Mercer Story" especially for today's presentation, assisted by Miss Louise Pollard, physical education instructor. The 17 scenes based on significant events will develop the school's history from its beginning in the mind of Adiel Sherwood about 1830 to 1955.

Dr. Spright Dowell, president

emeritus, Mrs. Dowell, and President and Mrs. George Connell will portray themselves in the production. The wife of a former acting president, Mrs. A. P. Montague, library assistant, will play her real-

#### CHANGES MADE IN SCHEDULE

As a result of the moving of the chapel hour today from 10 to 11 a. m., the third period class will be moved to 10. The pageant lasts for over an hour, thus eliminating the fourth period class. All class and chapel absences will count as double cuts.

### SGA Slates Bear Day For Feb. 11-13 Weekend

The annual Bear Day festivities will be held the week-end of February 11-13, it was decided in Tuesday night's Student Government meeting. The program will begin with the interfraternity dance on Friday night and run through the church services at Willingham Chapel Sunday morning.

On Saturday the fraternities and sororities will enter floats in the annual Bear Day parade. There will not be a selection of the best car in the parade this year as before because of the lack of participants in past years. A committee to set the theme for the parade was appointed at the SGA meeting. Gene Temple is chairman.

#### Barbecue to be Held

The barbecue after the parade will be held as usual. The Student Government had originally planned to move the barbecue from this week-end to Founder's Day week-end. After some discussion it was pointed out that many students would probably go home over the coming weekend. The group decided to leave the barbecue in its regular time.

The Saturday night of Bear Day week-end, there will be a basketball game with Howard College.

The float winners will be announced then. Homecoming is held simultaneously with Bear Day, and the "M" Club has charge of that phase.

#### Other Actions

In other action Monday night, the Student Government made final plans for the amendment vote which was held the next day in chapel. Gene Bishop was in charge of counting votes.

A report on the Student Book Store was also made. The store lacked only \$24 paying its own expenses this quarter. President Hendricks expressed the hope that it will pay its own way next quarter and that perhaps it may soon begin to buy and sell outright all books. Total sales were over \$200.

The March of Dimes drive was endorsed by the SGA and a committee to plan a special effort was named. Plans are in the making.

life part, and Dr. H. Lewis Batts re-creates the role of himself as a college freshman.

Producing "The Mercer Story" with Dr. Thornton is Miss Audrey Needles, speech and drama instructor. Mr. Marshall Daugherty of the art department prepared the scenery, and Dr. Edwin Johnson, professor of Greek and Christianity will act as narrator. Annette Roberson is student director.

The Mercer choir under the direction of Dr. Arthur Rich with Mrs. Rich at the organ will furnish the musical background for the

#### TRUSTEES TO MEET

The Board of Trustees of Mercer will meet this afternoon at 2 in the Faculty-Trustee Room to hear the report of President Connell on conditions and anticipated needs. This meeting is held each year in connection with Founders' Day.

production and Mr. T. P. Haines, head of the biology department, will show slides he took to be used in the pageant.

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—Staff photos by Jay D. Post

IN THE FIRST picture on the left, part of the one-hundred-plus cast for "The Mercer Story" gather during rehearsal. At the left, seated, is Dr. Edwin Johnston, who is narrator for the production. Dr. Helen Thornton, director, and Miss Audrey Needles, assistant director, in the picture at the right, flash broad smiles as they survey progress on the Founders' Day pageant.

### 'Law Review' Names Two

Two students have been added to the staff of the Mercer Law Review of the Walter F. George School of Law. Professor James C. Quarles, faculty advisor for the Mercer Law Review, announced that Stanley R. Segal, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, and Ray Patterson, Macon, Georgia, have been named to serve on the Law Review staff.

Professor Quarles stated that members of the Law Review staff are appointed on the basis of academic background and scholastic average in law school. He pointed out that Segal, who is a native of Pennsylvania, has consistently made the dean's list in law school. Segal attended the University of Puerto Rico prior to coming to Mercer, and at the present time has the highest scholastic average in the Law School.

Patterson, a native of Macon, received his undergraduate degree from Mercer in 1949 and received a master's degree in English literature from Northwestern University in 1950. He returned to Mercer to study law after his discharge from the army.

The Mercer Law Review is published in the fall and spring quarters of each academic year. The fall issue is customarily devoted to a review of developments and changes in Georgia law, thus providing a record of easy access for practicing lawyers, students, and legal writers.

The Mercer Law Review has received wide acclaim from practicing attorneys in Georgia since its first publication in 1948. It is the only publication in Georgia which gives an annual survey of Georgia law and is designed not only to give law students an opportunity to gain experience in research and writing, but also to provide a valuable source of information for all persons dealing with Georgia law.

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