

Journalism Professor Has Newspaper Position Also

By Jane Carol Adams

Twenty six years with the Macon Telegraph, over ten years of teaching at Mercer, and a background of Louisiana as a home state makes Donald M. McDonald one of the most interesting of the Mercer faculty members.

Mr. McDonald attended Tulane University, worked on the Mississippi river, and was messenger boy for many of the great men of our country before he even began his career as a journalist.

For a period of approximately four years, Mr. Mac, as he is called by his students, lived and worked in Washington. There, he got much of the background information that has been of such value to him as a newspaperman.

Came 26 Years Ago

After leaving Washington, he worked in several states before coming to the Macon Telegraph twenty-six years ago.

A varied repertoire of experiences is of great value to one in the newspaper business. It is of even more value to those who teach of the newspaper business. It is of vital importance that journalism students learn what is behind the news as well as how to secure and report it. Mr. McDonald shows his students just that.

Must Know Whole Story

"A newspaperman must know about everything that goes on," says Mr. McDonald, "and I intend to teach you at least how to find out about everything that goes on."

This much-loved teacher's sharing of his experiences with his students has meant a great deal to them. Many Mercer students have done well in the field of journalism and a lot of the credit goes to Mr. Mac, who is more than a professor; he is a friend and counselor as well.

Need Integrity

"There is no place in our society that calls for more integrity than that of the newspaperman," said Dean Carroll Weathers, who visited a class of Mr. McDonald's. We his students believe that he is a good example of what a man in such a position should be.

A member of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. McDonald is president of the men's Sunday School Class and is active in other church activities.

There will be no Cluster next week. The next issue, the last for the winter quarter, will be published early week after next.

One reason for this issue missed is the marriage of Hubbard O. Bird. (Puzzle: See society section, Macon Telegraph, February 23, to find out why.)



PROFESSOR DONALD M. McDONALD is newspaperman by experience and training. He has been in Macon 26 years, during which he has done newspaper work here and, for the last ten years, also taught at Mercer.

Local Spanish Instructor Given Rotary Fellowship

Miss Louise Sand, Mercer Spanish instructor, has recently been declared winner of a Rotary International Fellowship for a year's graduate study in South America at her first-choice university, La Universidad de Chile.

She will fly to Santiago in February, 1956, when the fall quarter begins, below the equator. Accord-

ing to Miss Sand, this will be her first experience of entering a fall session in February.

As an "estudiante" at the university, Miss Sand will study Chilean history, life, and literature. Her most important extra-curricular activity will be speaking in Spanish to Rotary Clubs throughout the country as an ambassador of American good will.

Senorita Sand emphasizes that her plans include "muchas otras" extra-curricular sight-seeing activities during her leave of absence from Mercer, such as a cruise around the continent to picturesque cities of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. She looks forward to a trip up the Amazon river to the settlement of Manaus, a fashionable resort in the heart of the equatorial rain forest, too.

Miss Sand, a graduate of Florida State University, was one of the first American students to be awarded a scholarship by the Mexican government for a year's study at La Universidad Nacional Autonoma in 1951. Later she toured Mexico; and last summer she studied at La Universidad de Havana.

Miss Sand was recommended for the Rotary Scholarship by her hometown club in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Phi Deltas to Stage Party at Ingleside

Ingleside Community Club will be the scene of a party for Phi Delta Theta.

There will be a spaghetti supper. A skit will be given by Bob Steed and Tommy Patten. In charge of the affair are Bob Steed and Ben Whitaker.

Income Tax Bill to Permit 30% Deduction for Tuition

NEW HAVEN, CONN. (I. P.)—A bill which would give parents of college students a reduction in their income tax payments and help more young people get a college education will be introduced in Congress during the current session. The idea behind the present bill originated with the Yale Alumni Board about 18 months ago.

The proposed legislation would grant an income tax credit of 30 per cent of the tuition charges or educational fees paid for students above the 12th grade. Based on a formula suggested by the Resolutions Committee of the Taxation Section of the American Bar Association, it would provide the same benefits to all tax-payers supporting college students, regardless of their income.

Assuming a charge of \$500 for tuition or education fees, the taxpayer would deduct \$150, or 30 per

cent, from his federal income tax bill. Similar legislation proposals in the past were based on a plan of making the cost of tuition and fees deductible from income. The new plan about to be introduced by several Congressmen this year is believed to be better as it provides identical benefits to all taxpayers, and is of particular advantage to those in low-income brackets.

The new bill limits the tax credit to tuition and educational fees on the assumption that other costs, such as room, board, and travel, are covered in part by the \$600 deduction now allowed for a dependent by income tax law. A ceiling of \$150 for each student would be placed on the amount of tax credit allowed under the bill. Thus, that portion of any tuition charge above \$1,500 per year would not count in any further tax credit.

Scholarships, fellowship grants, or education and training allowances would reduce the maximum amount on which a person could obtain income tax credit. Thus, if the tuition charges were \$1,000 a year, toward which a student received a scholarship of \$400, his income tax credit would be 30 per cent of \$600, or \$180.



Socially Speaking

By Beverly Irvin

A jaunt around the campus last Saturday morning was a hilarious sight for any non-Mercerian. Down in the coop sat weary-eyed students trying to grab a bite to eat before going back to their work on the floats. While enjoying a morning cup of coffee, faculty members sat grinning at the comical appearance of students dressed in their oldest clothes, a smear of paint on their nose, or evidence that they had sat down on a freshly painted board.

Pedestrians walking by M. E. P. decided they "shouldn't have" as they saw Phi Mus chasing pink elephants that had been blown from their float. They were elaborately decorating their float entitled Mardi Gras. Alum supervisors were Lucile Carter and Mary Lee Greene.

Behind the girls' dorm the Chi Omegas were piling up boxes, smearing on paint, and making a cupid to form their float about Valentine's Day. Audrey and Lynda Shaw, visiting their sister Eva-Claire Shaw, were looking on the procedure and couldn't help but laugh at Mary Lou Wood as she sat barefooted, still working on the float, and trying to balance herself to stay on, as the driver and about twenty Chi Omegas were trying to maneuver the 32 foot truck into the street. Through it all visiting alums smiled at the familiar activity and talked of old times. Those visiting were Mary Wilder, Carolyn Fretwell, Marilyn Money, and Sylvia Johnstone.

Evidently those building the B. S. U. float didn't believe in the saying that it's better to be safe than sorry. They had to go back to the same place seven times to buy more paper. The trouble really began early for them when they didn't know until Friday afternoon if they would have a truck upon which to build their George Washington float.

The Sadie Hawkins' Day Float, built by M. I. C. A. was the conglomeration of many brain storms. At the last minute they decided to change the method of carrying out the idea, but the end result was humorous and interesting. Their visiting alums were Mary Bims, Sara Dell Carter, Joyce Abbey, Helen Lenkerd, Dot Dodson, and Norma Jean Sayer.

A trip around Macon would have revealed other floats such as the Kappa Sigma float about Iwo Jima being built at Bobby Simmon's house. It was hard to say whether they were building a float or having a party with the many Wesleyan girls who were there. Meanwhile Causey discovered a rival in cracking jokes... a Wesleyan she, Kappa Sig alums such as Bob Wilton, Emory Wilson, Lamar Clements, Bill "Snake" Harris, and Jimmy Lewis made their appearance on the scene this Bear Day.

"Where's the key to the place?" was the outcry over at Baconfield, as Kappa Alphas arrived to work on their airplane for their float on Aviation Day. Their plane almost made its test flight on Spring street as a gust of wind challenged the strength of the K.A.'s. A Kappa Alpha alum, Robert Dahgreen, was visiting the campus this week-end.

Be it known that the Sigma Nu float featured the Mercer Bear and not "cat" as the Macon Telegraph so erroneously stated. The McCord Motor Co. lot was the scene of the birth of this bear and it was witnessed by Carl Buice and Don Carter, visiting alums.

Over at Connie Aldon's house ADP's could be seen making napkin flowers until they felt like they would turn to ones. On the way to town napkin flowers and Easter egg balloons blew helter skelter and were returned to the Easter Float by motorists, and building occupants.

It wasn't mummy walking around behind Dr. Stokes house Saturday, but Phi Deltas who were covered with white paper mache. Mac Smith and Billy Lee were full of questions as to just what the float was supposed to be, but to all who saw the parade it was obvious that the New Year's theme was carried out quite nicely. Visiting Phi-Delt alums were Richard Johnstone and Jordan Henry.

Jim Hull was given the honor of balancing himself on a swing 20 feet high, while he meticulously placed the napkins which made up the scroll on their Independence Day float. After his laborious task he was left suspended in air by his willing helpers. Can't help but wonder if there were any napkins left in Macon after the S. A. E.'s finished their float.

Everything was on the truck. They were ready to roll... but the truck wasn't ready. It wouldn't start. But the Lambda Chi's coaxed the engine a little bit and it decided to haul the Memorial Day float.

In the line-up that afternoon five Kappa Sigma pledges from F. S. U. made their debut. All morning they visited the locations where floats were being built in an attempt to fulfill the list of things for their initiation. The list required that most of their time be spent at M. E. P.

You have only to walk through the dorm halls to be reminded of the float parade as you see the litter of used decorations. The question comes to mind... was it all worth it? But whether it was or not the real fun was had while all the work was being done, and it is inevitable that there will be a repeat performance next year.

MEANWHILE... Lehman Lindsey and Bobby Graham were forming a new organization called the G. C. O. Club. It is hard to decide if the letters stand for "Girls Counted Out" or "Girls-Come-Op". Lehman and Bobby are seeking new members but they warn that the membership requirement is stiff... a strong will power. (Perhaps that will give you some hint as to what the letters stand for.)

Eddie Trent and John Jewett were visiting with the A. T. O.'s and Ronald Galloway and his wife were visitors with Lambda Chi.

SPOTLIGHTING CHARLES "RED" McDANIEL whose work on Bear Day prevented it from being a "bare" day. Red was responsible for the entire election of Home Coming Queen, the line up of the floats, the service on Sunday morning, and many other duties which he carried out successfully. Red is the boy with a smile for all, who hails from Columbus, Georgia. He is vice-president of the senior class and a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

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