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Group Asks Removal of Freshman Advisor Post

by John Kaufman

An amendment, signed by fifty students to abolish the office of Freshman Advisor was presented to SGA President Buddy Moore last Tuesday evening. The amendment was circulated by Ronnie Richardson, brother of the present Freshman Advisor, Woody Richardson.

The amendment is required to be published for two weeks and then discussed and voted on in student chapel the following Tuesday.

When Richardson was questioned about the amendment he said, "I feel that there are a reasonable amount of people for abolishing the office of Freshman Advisor as there are for retaining it." When he was asked what he based the statement on he replied, "From the talk of the people on campus." When pressed further for particular indictments he was non-committal but said, "For the good of the student body and student government, I think a student body mass discussion and voting on this amendment should be held."

When approached on the subject Moore said, "I think it is a good idea to bring the amendment before the people." Moore added that the new constitution being prepared by the SGA had omitted the office, and this would allow the Student Government the opportunity to find out the student body's opinion.

The text of the amendment is

printed below

AMENDMENT IV

Abolition of Office of Freshman Advisor

Section 1. Abolition

We do hereby abolish the office of Freshman Advisor and strike it from the Constitution.

Section 2. Assignment of Duties

The duties assigned to the Freshman Advisor in Article II, Section 1, (d.): "The duties of Freshman Advisor of the Student Government shall be to see that the freshman are properly organized, and to advise them in any capacity possible."; and in Article VIII of this Constitution: "The election of officers of the freshman class be held on the second Tuesday in October of each school year or within one week thereafter at the discretion of the Freshman Advisor." are hereby assigned to the Sophomore Class Officers, who shall function as a committee to discharge the aforementioned duties.

Section 3. Date of Operation

This amendment shall become operative at the next general election following its passage.

Dean Johnson To Retire; Batts Named Chairman



Dr. Hansford Johnson



Dr. Lewis Batts

Cauthen Joins Department

Dean Hansford D. Johnson of the department of Christianity at Mercer will retire at the end of this academic year, and Dr. Henry Lewis Batts, Curry professor of religious education, will succeed him as chairman of the department.

At the special request of the University administration Dr. Johnson, a professor emeritus, will continue to teach and serve as dean of the chapel for an additional year.

President George Connell has announced that Kenneth Cauthen will join the faculty of the Christianity department next year as assistant professor of Christian ethics.

Dr. Johnson will retire after heading the Roberts Department of Christianity for 18 years. In 1945 he was designated dean of the department.

Before coming to Mercer, Dr. Johnson served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woburn, Mass.; as pastor of churches in Eastman, Sylvania, and Valdosta, Ga.; and the Broadway Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky.

A native of Aiken, S. C., he is a graduate of Mercer and received the bachelor of divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological School. He also holds the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mercer and the honorary doctor of laws degrees from Georgetown College.

Dr. Batts will assume the position of chairman of the Christianity department with a rich background in educational and denominational affairs.

Born on a farm in Early County, Ga., he received the bachelor's degree from Mercer in 1911. He studied in the Harvard University Graduate School, later going to Hartford Seminary in Connecticut where he attained the degrees

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MU Glee Club Gives "Elijah" On March 5

The Mercer University Glee Club will present as its winter performance Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah", Tuesday evening, March 5, at 8:30 p.m. in Willingham Chapel.

The part of Elijah will be sung by Mr. James Woodward, associate professor in the music department. Mrs. James Woodward will sing the roles of The Widow and An Angel. Mr. David Cistine, minister of music of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi, will sing the part of Obadiah. Miss Ruth Anne Rich will take the part of The Youth, Miss Naomi Clevenger will sing the part of Queen Jezebel, and Miss Nancy Bruner will sing the role of the contralto Angel.

Other roles such as King Abab, two angel octets, the angel quartet, and the angel trio will be selected from members of the glee club. The members of the chorus will fill several roles as The People of Israel, The Priests of Baal, The Mob, and the Angelic Host.

A committee headed by William Knight, John Kaufman and Clay Manley will produce and direct the lighting and staging phases of the oratorio. The performance will be under the direction of Dr. Arthur Rich with Mrs. Rich at the organ.

Cobb Named BSU Queen

Jane Cobb, a Phi Mu and member of the junior class, was crowned "Queen of Hearts" at the Sweetheart Banquet held by the Baptist Student Union Tuesday night.

Marcus Leger, president of the organization, was crowned "King of Hearts" by First Vice-president Guy Wade. The honor was extended to Leger in appreciation for his works in the BSU this year.

The banquet, which was held at Wilson's Restaurant, had Dr. O. Norman Shands, pastor of the West End Baptist Church of Atlanta, as its principal speaker. Dr. Shands spoke on love.

Mr. Jim Woodward, associate professor of music at Mercer, sang three songs at the banquet. He entertained the group by singing, "Night and Day," "My Boy Bill," and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

This Banquet was one of four annual social events sponsored by the BSU.



Looking like the cast from the "Pajama Game" an energetic group of coeds, with the help of Dean Brown on the left and Miss Inez Burns, mop up after the MEP "flood."

"BIG DRIP"

Coeds Don Mae Wests As Flood Perils Phi Mu's

by Buddy Hurt

A flood in the Phi Mu suite last week called for the combined efforts of Miss Inez Burns, resident counselor, Dean Louise Brown, Dr. George Connell, and four Negro workmen before it was finally stopped just short of MEP's recreation room.

The flood, rivaling the one Noah had experience with, started with an innocent leaking faucet last Jan. 26. Phi Mu's complained to Miss Burns who decided to remedy the situation.

So last Wednesday night, Miss Burns, armed with a screwdriver, went to work on the faucet. "You couldn't turn the spigot off," she said. "So I took the screwdriver and tried to turn it all the way." Unfortunately, Miss Burns turned the wrong way and the whole thing fell off in her hand.

Then the drip started in earnest. According to one report, "... water started gushing toward the ceiling and everybody screamed." Water poured into adjoining rooms, occupied by Carol Cobb, Betty Bryant, and Phyllis Faircloth.

Phi Mu's reacted to this dire

threat by attempting to sweep the pouring water down to the ADPI suite. They also used the small river to sail paper boats.

The water was swept down to the stairs where it poured like a waterfall to the first floor, threatening the recreation room. Girls attempted to protect their rooms by building great dikes of used newspapers, but the water in the two nearest rooms rose to a height of two inches.

The cry for help was sounded and Dean Brown responded. Dr. Connell was called too, and he came up to the site of the flood, looked at it, then went back home.

Finally, about 11 p.m., four negro workers came to clean up and stop the flood.

No drownings had been reported at press time.

Honor Council Tries Case

The Honor Council tried its fifth case of this session. The defendant in case 5 was found guilty and punishment of the second degree was declared.

GFIC Appoints Executive Sec.

Luther Smith has been selected as the first executive secretary for the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges with headquarters in Macon.

The foundation is composed of four-year, non-tax supported colleges which are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges. Mercer's president George B. Connell, is the president. Besides Mercer, other Baptist Schools with the foundation are Tift and Shorter.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute and has a master's degree from the University of Southern Baptist Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Junior College Tourney To Be Held Here Feb. 19

Coach Glenn Wilkes, a former Mercer court star, and his Brewton-Parker Blue Barons, boasting a spotless 10-0 conference record, were given top seeding last week as pairings were drawn for the Georgia State Junior College Basketball Tournament to be held at Mercer's Porter Gym February 19-23.

At a meeting of the junior college coaches, held at the Hotel Dempsey Sunday afternoon, conference records for the season dictated the tournament seedings. Abraham Baldwin College, with a 12-2 mark was given the second slot; Georgia Southwestern, 13-3, seeded third; and Gordon Military College, winning 6 and losing 2, placed in the fourth seeded spot.

With the exception of the Brewton-Parker aggregation, the picture is cloudier than the hard facts of season's records indicate. For example, Coach Bill Bell's second-seeded Abraham Baldwin Stallions dropped both their losses to third-seeded Georgia-Southwestern. Coach Godfrey Knight's Hurricanes trounced the Stallions by 114-81 and 88-88 scores.

The Hurricanes dropped three conference tilts: two to Brewton-Parker 94-75 and 93-74 scores, and one to unseeded Norman College by a 75-71 margin. Coach Bill Em-

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TODAY IN CHAPEL

This morning in chapel, Mr. P. E. Maffeo of the Mercer education and vocational guidance center will be in charge of the program.

On Tuesday, February 19, Bill Knight and the music club will be in charge of the services.

Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin will be the speaker in chapel on Wednesday, February 20. Dr. Guffin is a member of the faculty of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Alpha Psi Omega Gives Bids To Three Students

Alpha Psi Omega, National Dramatic Fraternity, have extended bids to three students. Those who were presented with the bids after the presentation of "The Importance of Being Earnest," are Bobby Brown, Carol Cox, and Joy Nobles.