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BSU Council Nominations Are Posted

A slate of candidates for the Baptist Student Union's Executive Council was released by the nominating committee of the BSU last Tuesday.

Woody Richardson was nominated to head the slate and Branan Thompson, Sally Hawkins, and Teena Bland were nominated as first, second and third vice-presidents respectively.

Mary Ann Clegg was nominated for recording secretary and Iris Balcom was on the list for corresponding secretary. John Kaufman was nominated for treasurer and R. L. Guffin was on the slate as extension director.

Other officers nominated were: Dave Blankenship, promotion director; Drayton Sanders, publicity director; Buddy Hurt, Gantlet editor; James Stevenson, Sunday School representative; Sara Cordell, Training Union representative; Emily Hughes, library and film club representative; and Doug Davis, music director.

Also included in the Executive Council will be the heads of the YWA, CSF, REA, and Ministerial Association. A transportation chairman will be appointed by the director of religious activities.

Elections will be held in Vespers next Tuesday night and nominations can be made from the floor.

Mercer Receives \$700 Donation

Mercer was one of nine Georgia colleges which received a \$700 gift from National Dairy Products Corp. through the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

Divisions of the corporation operating in Georgia include Kraft Foods Co., Breakstone Foods Division, Sugar Creek Creamery Division, and Southern Dairies, Inc.

Besides Mercer the eight other colleges to whom this gift will be distributed are: Agnes Scott, Brenau, Emory, LaGrange, Oglethorpe, Shorter, Tift, and Wesleyan.

A total of \$5,700 has been given by national and state industry to member colleges through the foundation. Prior contributions have been made by Plantation Pipeline and Union Carbide and Carbon Corp.



WALTER F. GEORGE
... Noted Statesman



SEN. RICHARD RUSSELL
... Commencement Speaker

Four Honorary Degrees To Be Awarded In June Senator Russell Named As Graduation Speaker

By John Kaufman

Mercer will award four honorary degrees at commencement exercises June 3 to three Mercer graduates and one University of Georgia graduate.

The doctor of humane letters degree will be awarded to former Senator Walter F. George for whom Mercer's law school is named. The

degree of doctor of laws will be given to Senator Richard B. Russell, who will also deliver the baccalaureate address at the commencement exercises on June 3.

Doctor of divinity degrees will be awarded to Dr. James P. Wesberry, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and to the Rev. Coleman D. Clark, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan.

Sen. George, whose home is at Vienna, Ga., received the bachelor of science degree from Mercer in 1900 and the bachelor of laws degree in 1901. In 1920 Mercer awarded him the honorary doctor of laws degree. The name of the Mercer Law School was changed to the Walter F. George School of Law in 1947.

Sen. George was appointed special advisor to the President on North Atlantic Treaty Organization affairs last year by President Eisenhower when he retired after 34 years of distinguished service in the upper chamber. At the time of his retirement he was the senior member and president pro tempore of the Senate. Before being elected for his first term in 1922, Sen. George had served as a Georgia circuit court judge, a judge of the State Court of Appeals, and as a judge of the Georgia Supreme Court.

Sen. Russell, a native of Winder, Ga., is a graduate of Gordon Institute in Barnesville, and received the bachelor of laws degree from the University of Georgia in 1918. He was elected county attorney shortly after he opened his law office in Winder in 1919, and in 1921 was named to the Georgia General Assembly. He remained a member of the state legislature for ten years, serving as its speaker from 1927 until his inauguration as governor in 1931. In 1932 he was elected to the United States Senate to fill an unexpired term and since has been re-elected for four full terms. At present he is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and a member of the Appropriations Committee, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and the Democratic Policy Committee.

Dr. Wesberry was elected president of the Georgia Baptist Convention last November, less than a year after he had been elected president of the Southern Baptist Factors Conference. Born in Bishopville, S. C., Dr. Wesberry holds the bachelor and master of arts degrees from Mercer, where he was given in 1930 the recognition of being elected Master Mercerian by the faculty and student body. He also has the bachelor of divinity and master of sacred theology degrees from Andover Newton Theological School, and has done special work at Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary. He received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from the Atlanta Law School.

Dr. Wesberry was named pastor of the Morningside Baptist Church in 1944 after an 11-year pastorate at Bamberg, S. C. He had held numerous positions of leadership since coming to Georgia, including president of the Atlanta Christian Council, president of the Atlanta Baptist Ministers Conference, trustee of Mercer and professor in

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MU Shares In Union Gift

Mercer will share in a gift of \$2,000 made to the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges by Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation. Eight other Georgia colleges will benefit from the gift.

Mercer's President George B. Jonnell, who is the foundation president, said "Union Carbide is one of the first corporations to set up a program to assist independent institutions of higher learning. Such assistance has been in the form of direct grants and scholarship grants to individual institutions and to federated college groups."

The Union Carbide gift is the second one made to independent colleges through the Georgia Foundation. The first grant, made by Plantation Pipe Line, was \$3,000.

The Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges was incorporated in October 1956 as the 8th such state association of colleges in the nation.



COLEMAN D. CLARK
... Missionary To Japan



JAMES P. WESBERRY
... Baptist Leader

Frosh Adviser Abolition Amendment Defeated

The student body in an almost unanimous vote in student chapel on March 12 defeated the proposed fourth amendment to abolish the office of Freshman Adviser.

SGA president Buddy Moore opened the meeting by calling for a motion to limit the discussion and thereby allow adequate time for the voting. After the motion had been made and seconded and voted upon by a standing vote, someone demanded a count be taken. Moore appointed tellers to make the head count and the motion passed by a large majority.

When the discussion on the amendment was called, no one appeared to speak either pro or con. The author of the amendment didn't even rise to speak in favor of it. When it appeared there was no discussion, the question was called for.

Less than ten people stood in favor of the amendment which had to have at least fifty signatures before it could come before the student body. Moore called for those who opposed the amendment and immediately everyone rose and adjourned to the Co-op.

ROTC To Honor Presidents, Dean

Mercer's ROTC cadet corps will hold its annual president and dean's parade next Monday on the ROTC drill field at 10:00 p.m.

Those receiving honors will include Dr. George D. Connell, president of Mercer; Dr. Malcolm Lester, dean of Mercer; Dr. Hansford D. Johnson, dean of the chapel; Dean Richard C. Burts, Jr., dean of men; Dean Kathryn L. Brown, dean of women; and Colonel William D. Smith, Jr., professor of military science and tactics at Mercer.

The cadet regiment will be under the command of Cadet Colonel William T. King.

TODAY IN CHAPEL

Professor Tony Stansfield will address the chapel this morning. Professor Stansfield is an art instructor at the University every spring quarter and spends the rest of the year in Mexico.

Stansfield was born in Balcombe, England and now spends most of his time in Tlayacapan, Chacalan, and Jausco, Mexico.

He studied in Stowe, England, in Preugia, Italy; and at Christ College, Oxford University.

Official Notice

DEPARTMENTAL TESTS for seniors will be given on April 15, 1957 from 1:45 to 5:00 P. M. All seniors who expect to be graduated in June are required to take these tests, if they have not already done so.

All seniors must register for SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL TESTS with Mr. P. E. MAFFEO at the Mercer University Guidance Center in the Co-op Building by Tuesday, April 2nd.

P. E. MAFFEO
Test Co-ordinator.

SGA Bookstore Needs Additional Text Sources

By Bob Steed

Mercer's Student Bookstore was the fulfillment of a plank in the 1953 Progressive party campaign platform. Joe Hendricks, the Progressive party candidate that year ran saying that if elected he would organize a Student Bookstore to regulate the sale of used books on the campus.

Hendricks contacted Bobby Cooper and asked him to manage the store. Cooper has been in charge of the project since its beginning in winter quarter of 1954. The Student Government Association, with the approval and help of President Connell, moved into the Oandron

office in the Coop and began the operation of the store.

Sales have continued to increase since the opening of the store and it affords a great service to Mercer students with a minimum of expense. The Bookstore receives no profit from any sale of books and the manager of the Bookstore is paid by the University.

"The main obstacle for the Bookstore," said Cooper, who is a senior this year, "is the fact that the Student Government Association is not allowed to purchase need books from outside sources, but can receive books from Mercer students only." He

went on to say that the store could become a much better service to the students if the administration would allow the purchase of other books from outside agencies.

Cooper said, "If authorized to purchase books from off campus used book companies, the SGA would have to appropriate an initial amount of \$1,000 to the Bookstore. If this was done the bookstore's stock would be large enough to operate at a profit, it could pay off the \$1,000 and become self-sufficient." He added that until these, or similar steps, are taken

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