

# Mercerians Journey to BSU Meet

by Patsy Little

"God does not have a double standard for the person in the pew and the person behind the pulpit," a Southern Baptist Convention told the Georgia BSU Convention at Rock Eagle last week.

"God has called us to complete responsibility for the world in which we live," Dr. Kearnie Keegan of the Sunday School Board said. According to Dr. Keegan, the greatest mission field in the world is on the academic campus.

The Georgia State BSU Convention was held last Friday through Sunday. Around 700 college students from all over Georgia attended. Nearly 100 of these were from Mercer.

Theme of this year's convention was, "Disciplined for Today's Demands." The Friday evening session opened with an interpretation of the theme by University of Georgia students under the direction of Mrs. Bob Ashworth.

Mrs. J. O. Williams of the Sunday School Board was in charge of Bible study.

Speaking on the subject "Our Task", the Rev. Aubrey L. Hawkins said that many people think that it is more difficult to be a maximum Christian today than ever before. "This is not so," he asserted.

The Rev. Mr. Hawkins is secretary of student work for the Georgia Baptist Convention.

According to the Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Christians have thought that if they ignored the world it would go away. For this reason they established monasteries.

Christians cannot relate themselves to the present social order by ignoring it, he said.

Dr. J. Winston Pearce of DeLand, Fla., a featured speaker, noted that the "world doesn't like for a person to be different. "It is

At the fellowship hour Mercer's director of religious activities, the Rev. Heslip "Happy" Lee was one of the contestants in the talent show. He entertained the crowd with his rendition of "I'm in the Jailhouse Now" and yodeling.

Farrar Atkinson of Mercer was in charge of the evening devotional.

On Saturday, Mercer was again in the spotlight at the morning service. Special music was presented by the Vineville Youth Choir under the direction of Jim Woodward, Mercer music professor.

Highlights of Saturday night's program:

(1) Slides of Israel shown by Dr. and Mrs. Donald Branyon.

(2) Reports on summer missions were given by participating students.

(3) Address by W. L. "Wimpey" Smith, missionary to Argentina.

Mercer students were in charge of the campfire service that evening.

The convention ended with morning worship Sunday. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Robert S. Denny of the Baptist World Alliance.



**CHEERLEADERS READY FOR ACTION**—Mimi McMahan, co-captain of this year's cheerleading squad, leads the girls as they prepare for a cheering season. The new cheerleaders are (top row, left to right) Richardean Hatcher, Linda Watson, Jimmie Blackwell, Freida Strauss (co-captain) and Nancy Otwell. Bottom row, left to right, are Pat Bellamy (alternate), Beth Herrin, Patsy Couch (alternate) and Carolyn Robertson. The cheerleaders are making plans for Homecoming and pep rallies.

## Virginia Professor Named Mercer Choir For Lamar Lecture Series Sets Concerts

Dr. Bernard Mayo, internationally acclaimed biographer of Henry Clay and Thomas Jefferson, has been selected to deliver the Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar Memorial Lecture series here.

A professor of American history at the University of Virginia, Dr. Mayo is an authority on the middle period of American history, Jefferson, Clay and the biographical approach to history.



His biography of Clay was selected by a panel of 125 outstanding professors of American history as one of the 25 best American biographies for the period 1920-1950.

Dr. Mayo's book, Jefferson Himself, has been described by the historian Allan Nevins as, "Henceforth, the most useful introduction to Jefferson in print." Dr. Mayo is also the author of Jefferson and the Way of Honor.

Before joining the faculty of the University of Virginia in 1940, Dr. Mayo was a member of the faculty at Georgetown University and at National University. He has also served as lecturer at Columbia University and as a visiting professor of history at Harvard University.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Mayo received his AB and MA degrees from George Washington University and his Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University. Born at Lewiston, Me., in 1902, Dr. Mayo has lived in the South since 1922.

High point of the lecture series will be the public lecture on Nov. 20 at 8:30 p.m. in Willingham Chapel. Dr. Mayo will speak on the subject, "The Living Jefferson."

The Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar Memorial Lecture series is an annual Mercer event supported by a legacy left by the late Mrs. Lamar "to provide lectures of the very highest type of scholarship which will aid in the permanent preservation of the values of Southern culture, history and literature."

The lectures will be delivered Nov. 19 and 20.

The Mercer University Choir has a busy series of concerts scheduled for the fall quarter.

The full choir of 100 singers will give a short program for the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting in the First Baptist Church of Atlanta next week.

### Handel's Messiah

The choir will present two performances of Handel's oratorio, The Messiah, in Willingham Chapel Dec. 7-8. This time the entire Messiah will be presented by the choir and a corps of professional soloists from New York.

The Choir and glee club have a full list of offerings planned for the winter and spring quarters also.

### Officers of the choir are:

Norman Burnes — president; technical vice-president — Larry Boyd; personnel vice-president — Mary Jane Griffith; social & enlistment vice-president — Doug Davis; treasurer — Jack Wood; secretary — Pat Bateman; stage manager — Wallace Dorn; stage technician — John McKelvey; light technician — Elbert Coleman; librarian — Barbara Burkett; and robe chairman — Wesley Edwards.

## Rigdon to Visit Mercer Campus

Bruce Rigdon, student associate of the Student Volunteer Movement, will be on the Mercer University campus next Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Mr. Rigdon is visiting college and university campuses throughout the United States to talk about the nature of the Christian mission in the mission.



Rigdon

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rigdon is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. His junior year was spent at the University of Hong Kong as a participant in the "Junior Year Abroad" program.

Mr. Rigdon is visiting college and university campuses throughout the United States to talk about the nature of the Christian mission and students' involvement.

## Alpha Gam Pledges Take On Responsibilities Of Sisters

by Nancy Minter

There is no spunkier group of girls on the campus than the six pledges of Alpha Gamma Delta, Mercer's newest sorority.

They are engaged in the time and effort consuming job of organizing and expanding a functioning sorority without the help of resident old members.

All freshmen, the six pledges are busy adjusting to college life as well as becoming familiar with their sorority duties. The goal of the girls is to accumulate a pledge class of 20 sometime during the year so that the Mercer chapter may be installed.

Commenting on the disadvantages of not having sisters, Dale Day, AGD representative to women's student government, said, "It's rough being on our own, but in the future the outcome will be rewarding."

Judy Folk, pledge president, was quick to add, "However, we do have long-distance big sisters. Each of us has one at Auburn and one at Georgia. Corresponding with them gives us encouragement and during the year we'll exchange visits to each other's chapters. Visiting

their chapters will help us a lot in building our own."

Alpha Gam, because of its present small membership, is not participating in intra-mural sports this season, but the girls plan to offer next year.

Other charter members of the pledge group are Dean Gunn, secretary; Pat Wheaton, treasurer; Rachel Parris, and Linda Washburn.

As well as taking pledge training under the direction of their Macon pledge trainer, Kay Monroe, the girls are conducting informal rushing.

They entertained with a Halloween Party during the weekend and featured a House of Horrors, fortune teller and apple bobbing. The pledges and rushees use the newly decorated suite frequently to get together for cokes and chat.

# 20 Southern Colleges at MU Debate

by Ernest Ramsay

Debate teams from 20 Southern colleges and universities were at Mercer last weekend competing in the second annual Dixie Debate Tournament.

The first round of debate took place at 1:30 p.m. Friday, and successive rounds continued through 9 p.m. The debates resumed at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The topic for the debates this year was, "Resolved: That the further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement."

Winners were announced and trophies and certificates awarded at a luncheon held at the Davis House Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Helen Thornton, professor of speech at Mercer, announced the winners in the varsity negative were: Vanderbilt University, first place; Georgia Tech, second place; Howard College of Birmingham and the University of Tennessee tied for third place.

Varsity affirmative winners were University of Florida, first; Howard College, second; and University of South Carolina, third.

In the novice tournament winners were the University of Kentucky, first place; University of Georgia, second place; and Howard College, third. All these were in the affirmative competitions.

The negative novice winners were the University of South Carolina, first; University of Kentucky, second; and Mississippi Southern, third.

The best school awards in the varsity competitions were Howard College, first; University of Tennessee, second; and University of Kentucky, third. Best school award in the novice division include the University of Kentucky, first; South Carolina, second; and Howard College, third.

The Mercer debate team was not eligible for awards as they were the host. Even though they could not receive any awards they did enter in the debating.

## 3 ADPi Pledges Receive Honors

Three pledges of Alpha Delta Pi were selected by Mercer fraternities as pledge class sweet-hearts.

Ginger Jones was named by the Phi Delta Phi as their class sponsor. A freshman from Macon, she is also freshman class secretary-treasurer and military sponsor for "C" Company.

Lambda Chi pledges named Brenda Bush as their pledge sweet-heart, while the ATO's selected Helen Henderson to sponsor their pledges.

ADPi actives Julie Smith and Connie Parker were recently named to the Cauldron Beauty section.

In pledge class elections, the ADPi pledges named Olive McDaniel as president, Marian Rivers as secretary and Brenda Bush, treasurer.

Student Campus Representative: Jack Caldwell



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