

AAUP Here Sees Tenure Importance

The Mercer chapter of the American Assn. of University Professors has been told of the significance of an AAUP censure of a college. Marshall Daugherty, art professor, speaking for and to the group said that if AAUP is forced to blacklist a college administration the action "states to the entire academic world, that the college is unsuited to the normal exercise of academic freedom and tenure, or that the administration is arbitrary and dictatorial."

The prepared statement follows the controversy at Wesleyan over the pending dismissal of Dr. Thomas F. Gossett.

Friends of the English professor claim he was dismissed summarily without hearing. The Wesleyan dismissal was not referred to directly during the Mercer meeting.

But the danger of a move of censure of Wesleyan by the American Assn. of University Professors has been mentioned.

The Mercer administration was praised in the statement for its "responsiveness to our studies and proposals, which resulted in trustee-approved standards of tenure, retirement, salary schedule and rank."

Blacklisting an institution "is as severe in its effects as withdrawal of accreditation would be," reported Mr. Daugherty. Summary dismissal when the facts are in dispute is impossible when a college is operating under the tenure system such as ours at Mercer," the statement further said.

In addition to the Daugherty statement, the Mercer AAUP distributed at the meeting copies of its academic freedom and tenure principles and a statement of procedural standards in faculty dismissal proceedings.

Several Wesleyan College faculty members attended the meeting.

Time, Method Set For Rescheduling

Any students wishing to make course changes for winter quarter must do so Monday through Thursday or not at all.

The proper procedure, as specified by Dean Malcolm Lester, is:

A student wishing to make a course change must obtain a release slip from the professor whose course he is dropping.

He must then present the release slip to the professor teaching the course for which he did not pre-register in September.

Faculty members will be available in their offices at the time indicated on schedules posted on their office doors to advise with students wishing to make changes.

TV Set In Use

The TV set donated to the Mercer student body last spring went into general use this week, under the sponsorship of Alpha Phi Omega.

The service fraternity said the set would be operated daily from 2:45 p. m. until 10 p. m. in the Student Lounge.



DR ELMER WEST
Chapel Speaker

West...

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Navy's chaplain training program. He was graduated from Colgate-Rochester with the bachelor of divinity degree.

The secretary has studied sociology and psychology at the University of Chicago and served an internship in pastoral counseling at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by the University of Richmond in June, 1958.

Special morning watch services at 7:45 a.m. and vesper programs have stressed "Missions Emphasis Week" at Mercer. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions was taken during the week.

Owens Will Head Honor Group

Ten appointees to the Honor Committee were announced by the Student Senate last week. The newly formed committee elected Ken Owen, sophomore from Calhoun, as their chairman.

Other members of the Committee are Robbie McEver, sophomore from Decatur; Lamar Couey, sophomore from Smyrna; Beth Hughston, freshman from Milledgeville; Gennie Greene, freshman from Decatur; Barbara Burkett, sophomore from Rome; Tom Bowden, freshman from Manchester; Diana Shropshire, sophomore from Rome; Bobby Halstead, freshman from Americus; and John Page, junior from Macon.

The Honor Committee is also composed of the Chief Justice of the Honor Council, Jim Holliday, and the Clerk of the Council, Bob Stephens.

IFC Looking For Frat Property

The Inter-Fraternity Council is asking for information leading to the location of stolen property belonging to two Mercer fraternities.

Missing is the charter of Kappa Sigma fraternity, a museum item worth at least \$300. The charter was issued in 1874 on notebook paper and is one of the three original Kappa Sig charters in the country.

Also, the Hon "Leo" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was stolen several weeks ago.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the Kappa Sig or EAE property is asked to get in touch with the IFC or The Mercer Cluster.



photo by John Robinson
GIRL OF THE WEEK—A 19-year-old sophomore from Atlanta, Gail Woodbury, is The Mercer Cluster's "Girl of the Week." Standing five foot and one inch in height, Gail is a brown-haired, blue-eyed beauty. She is a biology major at Mercer and plans to teach high school. Her hobbies: All kinds of athletics. Gail is a member of Phi Mu sorority and the Women's Athletic Assn.

Film Club's 'Rebel' Seen As Highly Effective Show

by Haywood Ellis

Again the problem arises of attempting to review a film that has already been proved by critical and public acceptance. I don't remember exactly what the critical reaction to *Rebel Without a Cause* was at the time of its original release, but I would guess that it was not as favorable as the public's reaction.

This is the sort of picture that, no matter how well it is done, just will not be accepted by the critics, because they realize that for the public, this sort of entertainment serves as an escape mechanism.

For example, "Rebel" took all the problems of today's teen-age generation, actual or imagined, and spread them out in front of them in CinemaScope and color. This is going to bring in a crowd of cheering, crying teen-agers.

The same holds true for pictures devoted to expressing the problems of persons of all ages. What the critics tend to do, however, is to lump all these pictures into the same category and therefore miss any good points the film has.

Escape or no escape, "Rebel" was, overall, a darn fine show. The movie was filmed with evidently a reasonably high budget, the production was excellent, the direction was tight and as fast-paced as any other film in recent years, and some of the performances were unusually penetrating.

Even if one is not fond of the "method" school of acting, it would be hard to deny the value of James Dean's performance in this film. One could argue, as many have, quite validly, that Dean was not doing too much acting, but was merely playing himself. True or not, the finished product was highly effective.

It was unusual to see such a large crowd at a Film Club presentation. It was, however, expected, because of the film being

shown. Let's hope that future presentations will bring out similar crowds.

For anyone who has not seen it, we would recommend *Glauk*, an upcoming Film Club presentation, in which Dean also stars, as an interesting contrast to "Rebel."

Incidentally, the "cheering sections" in the audiences should be enough to prove the theory that "Rebel" was an escape picture. Fun, though.

'Blithe Spirit' Is Winter Play

The Mercer Players' plans and arrangements for the presentation of "The Blithe Spirit," Jan. 22 and 23, are rolling right along.

Already the tentative cast has been announced by Miss Audrey Needles and the actors will soon be rehearsing the comedy at a steady clip. The play, written by the English playwright, author, actor producer, and stage manager, Noel Coward is the Mercer Players' winter selection.

Visit of a Ghost

The three involves the visit of the ghost of an author's wife to her husband and his present wife. Amusing situations occur when the feminine specter and he engage in conversation and the poor second wife who can neither see nor hear the phantom is puzzled.

The tentative cast announced by Miss Needles includes Edith, the family's servant; Janice Webb; Ruth Condomine, the second wife; Charlotte Benefield; twice-married Charles, the haunted husband; Jimmy Prescott; Dr. Bradman (Gary Brantly); Mrs. Bradman (Gracie Alcock) and Madam Arcati (Brenda Storey), as friends of the Condomines; and Elvira, the first wife's ghost; Mary Leonard.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Greeks Plan Christmas Social Whirl

by Gracie Alcock

With five more minutes left in the class, I shall write to you, the chosen ones, the latest happenings of the Greeks!

Since there was not a Cluster last week we have a very exciting party to write about. The Kappa Sigma "Sweetheart Ball" was one of the most exciting things to happen in the month of November. I understand that Dee DeLoach, Chi O, was just as excited as she had ever been when she was selected as their sponsor. Congratulations to you Dee—here's hoping you make the best sponsor ever!

Seems as though the most exciting trip of the Thanksgiving holidays was taken by Gertrude Crouse, ADPI, to New York City. She says the plays and parties were "just too good for words."

How to Spend Holidays

MIMA's Haydn Howell also spent the holidays with friends in Rochester, N. Y., while MICA's Ruth Kilpatrick and Temple Hill went in the other direction to Pahokee, Florida... and I thought Chatsworth was bad!

Charlotte Benefield says, "Who needs a trip away from home?" So she comes back to the Chi O suite with a diamond from her home-town (Atlanta) flame Arno Bentley! Also Judy Jerriel, MICA, is engaged to Bennet Flounders who is a student at ABEC.

Not going into such deep water was KA's Bobby Ogden, who gave his fraternity pin to an Alabama co-ed at Huntingdon College.

Parties for Orphans

I think the nicest thing that we do on this campus is to give parties for the orphans around Christmas. This year the Chi Omega's and the Sigma Nu's, the ADPI's and the Phi Delt's are sponsoring such parties. And so are the MIMA's and the Phi Mu's.

There are a lot of big parties scheduled this weekend. Tonight the MICA's hold their annual Christmas party at Porter Ellis Community Center.

The SAE's Friday will have their "Sweetheart Party" out at Stone Creek Lodge, with the "Mad Sam Combo" playing the sweetest music this side of heaven. The SN's will have their "Hillbilly Party" also tonight. It's a costume party at Jonesco, to the music of George Fuller. And the Phi Delt's "phikeia party" will be Friday at Ingleside.

Set for next Saturday are the Christmas parties of ATO and ADPI.

YWA Collecting Lottie Moon Fund

The YWA circles in MEP, sponsors of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, have reached the home-stretch in their drive to collect \$1900 at Mercer.

All students have received notices in their mail boxes about the special offering in chapel Friday. Envelopes will be given students as they enter. These are to be deposited in boxes at the exits.

Anyone who is not prepared to contribute on Friday can put his offering in a special box in the Student Center. The box will remain in the building until Monday.

Containers have been placed in all rooms in MEP so that girls may save their money for the offering.

The money collected through the Lottie Moon Offering will be used for foreign missions. The annual Christmas offering is sponsored by the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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