

Faculty Approves Self-Study Proposals

13 AREAS

Thirteen proposals for self-study of the university were unanimously approved by the Mercer faculty at their November meeting.

The proposals were formulated to evaluate Mercer's position and position in a college by a self-study committee appointed by the faculty.

Dr. Ed Johnston is chairman of this steering committee, composed of Dr. Hayden Bryant, Dr. Harold McManis, Dr. Willis B. Glover, Dr. Nancy Stewart, Dr. Ben Griffith and Mrs. Helen Plymace.

The deans of the college and the graduate school are ex officio members of the committee, and several Mercer trustees will be selected to advisory capacities by the new president of the university.

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Actually conducting the study of the thirteen areas will be a number of sub-committees made up of faculty members. The steering committee is presently formulating

the personnel for these committees as professors indicate their interest in particular areas of study. The proposals are for surveys of the:

1. Nature, purpose, philosophy and objectives of the institution; its relationship to Georgia Baptists; to the Georgia Baptist Convention.

2. General administration; the organization of the university (including the role of the faculty) and how it functions; the Board of Trustees; the channels of authority.

3. Financial support and management; budgetary procedures and policies; operational expenditures, including percentages for administration, instruction, research, plant, and auxiliary enterprises; provision for capital improvements.

4. The curriculum and instruction; what they should be in terms of the objectives; requirements for degrees.

5. The faculty: training; instructional competence and artistic and scholarly creativity; teaching load; salary schedule; tenure; retirement; sabbatical leave; faculty-student ratio.

6. Physical plant and equipment: efficient use; immediate needs; future developments.

7. Student personnel program: testing; counseling and guidance; alumni contacts and records; orientation procedures; encouragement of graduate study.

8. Student activities and organizations.

9. The library.

10. The graduate school.

11. The size of the college (this to include also the matter of the selection and admission of students).

12. Religious ministry.

13. Program of visiting scholars and artists.

The contents of the proposals will be defined more extensively as they are taken up for study. Areas one and five will probably be given priority in order of study.

Predicting that all study should be concluded in 1961, Dr. Johnston submitted two probable effects of the research. He said, "the faculty will understand better their tasks and there will be some change in the curriculum of the future."

'Messiah' Soloist Named

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Award. She has appeared in concert with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra and on tour. Last summer, Miss Hood held a scholarship to Bayreuth Festival Master Classes for the study of Wagnerian roles and appeared in opera at Bayreuth, Germany, during the summer season of 1959.

Frederick Mayer of New York is presently tenor soloist of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church. He is currently completing the requirements for his doctorate in music from Columbia University.

On his tour of military duty, he was tenor soloist with the Naval Aviation Cadet Choir. He has appeared on television on many network shows including Omnibus, Seven Lively Arts, Ed Sullivan, Ted Mack Show and others. He was done the tenor leads in Columbia University and Hunter College opera workshop productions and in summer stock has had leading roles in current hit shows.

His vocal work was with Maestro Luigi Contomi of the La Scala Opera, Milan; and with Edgar Schofield of the Metropolitan Opera and Julliard School, New York. In 1958 he won a William Mathews Sullivan Award.

Jay Thompson of the Mercer University staff will be bass soloist for the performances. Although a newcomer to Macon and

to Mercer, Thompson has already added much to the local music scene. His debut recital, earlier in the fall, was well attended and created a very fine impression. He has been heard at many programs at Mercer and by various Macon gatherings of musical people.

He holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan where he was a pupil of Harold Haugh and of Chase Barrone. He was a member of the staff of the American Opera Workshop under the sponsorship of the University of Michigan at Interlochen, Mich., last summer, in which capacity he sang in some twenty operas.

The chapel doors will be open at 3:15 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All reserved seats which are not occupied by twenty minutes before the performance will be opened to those who do not have tickets.

Because of the solemn nature of the occasion and the great demand for seats, no infants or children under high school age will be admitted. Also, because of contractual arrangements with the visiting artists and the religious nature of The Messiah, no tape recording or flash bulb pictures may be made during the performance.

Decorations, set and lighting will be under the direction of Dr. Porter, president and manager of the choir, assisted by Del Preskott, Elbert Coleman, John McKelvey and Tommy Storey. Ushers for the program will be members of Alpha Tau Omega.

Publicity and ticket work will be handled by Frances Floyd and Buddy Hurt. Rehearsal accompanists were Barbara Burkett and Jess Marshall. The Mercer Art Department will have a special exhibit display in the entrance and second floor of the chapel building.

Col. Sewell . . .

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Georgia, and has received the degree of bachelor of science in civil engineering there.

But, says Col. Sewell, he does not leave without a sense of regret. "I wanted to come here and I've enjoyed it thoroughly," he said. "I've enjoyed the association of the faculty and townspeople and I sincerely hate to leave."

Georgia, Harvard

He studied at Georgia from 1927 until 1927, and at Harvard from 1931 until 1936.

He has been a civil engineer in Central and South America and has taught mathematics at Georgia, Harvard and Georgia Tech.

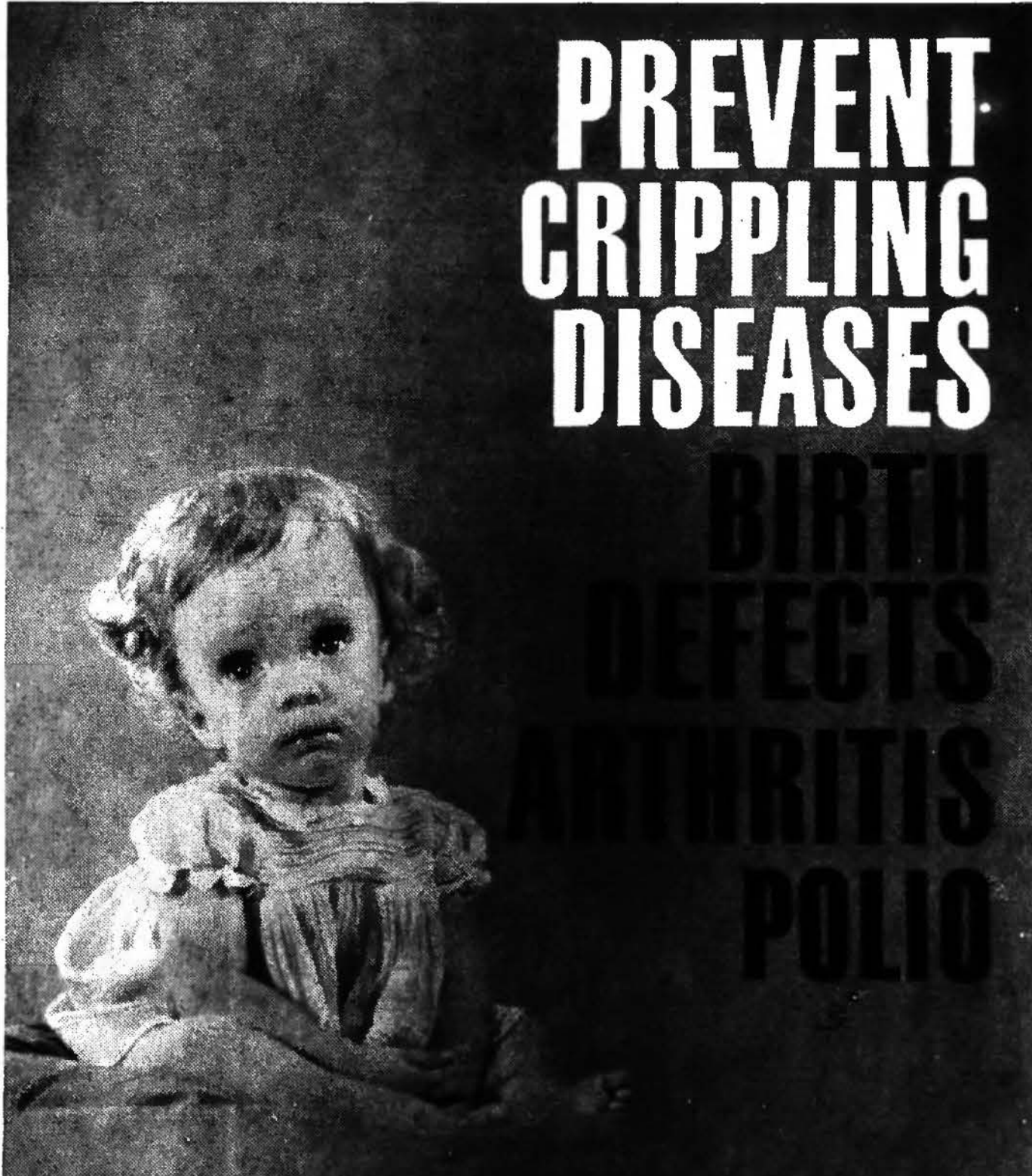
Col. Sewell was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve in 1927. He was called to active duty as an Infantry captain in 1940.

Since then he has served as military Attache in Uruguay, Paraguay, in World War II in Korea, where he commanded a division, and as PMS&T at State University of Iowa. He returned to Mercer from Fort Bragg, N.C.

International Awards
He has received awards from Brazil, Paraguay, Italy, the Philippines and holds the Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Col. Sewell graduated summa cum laude from the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi scholastic fraternities. He was a Shattuck Scholar at Harvard and studied in Europe in 1939-40 as a Julius Rosenwald Fellow.

His wife is the former Mrs. Carolyne Adams. They have a son, Walter Adams Sewell, 14.



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