



Von Braun

America's foremost authority on rockets and missiles, Dr. Werner von Braun, will speak at Mercer's Alumni Day activities, May 13.

The scientist will fly his own plane from Huntsville, Alabama, where he is director of the George C. Marshall Space Center. Dr. von Braun and 102 of his associates and their families received American citizenship in 1955. Von Braun led 100 of his fellow scientists to the west in the closing months of the second world war.

Other activities included the production of one of Moliere's plays, class reunion dinners and open house programs by fraternities and sororities on campus. Additional plans will be announced later.

Ambassador's Son Served Mercer As War President

A son of William H. Crawford, one-time candidate for the presidency of the United States, was a faculty member and a president of Mercer.

This son, Nathaniel Macon Crawford, came to Mercer as a professor in theology in 1847. He continued in his capacity until his election to the university presidency in 1854.

Crawford was reared a Presbyterian, graduated at 18 with first honors from the University of Georgia, started teaching at the school, Oglethorpe, became a Baptist in 1843, and was ordained to the ministry a year later.

Crawford was president of the university during the War Between the States. Mercer stayed open during the war, one of the few colleges to do so; however, enrollment dropped to 12 in 1863. By the middle of the year, nine of these were enlisted in Confederate service.

Crawford resigned from the Mercer presidency in December, 1865, for the presidency of Georgetown College in Kentucky. He later died at Tunnell Hill, Georgia, in 1871.

Today the Hardeman Library contains a number of volumes in French bearing the autograph of the senior Crawford, William H. These books were probably acquired by Crawford while he was ambassador to France and were donated to the library by his son.

Allen Heads REA

The Religious Education Association recently elected Barbara Allen president. Also on the slate of officers to serve in the 1961-62 year were Ginger Faulkner, program vice-president; Otis Andrews, membership vice-president; Joanne Croy, social vice-president; Nancy Edwards, secretary; Carol Williams, publicity and Betty Goble, music chairman.

SENIORS

Are you ready for graduation?

Have You

- filed for application for a degree?
- taken all tests required before graduation?
- had your records cleared by the academic dean's office? (if you have filed application for a degree, your records are being checked now.)

If You Haven't See Registrar Walton

WAA Elects

The Women's Athletic Association (WAA) elected Connie Shaw president for the coming year at a recent meeting. Elected to serve with her were Fredonia Patterson, vice-president; Gail Norris, secretary-treasurer and Jean Fulwood,

publicity chairman.

Chapel Speaker

Dean Robert H. Spiro, Jr. will lead the Wednesday devotional in chapel next week. There will be no chapel Friday when state high school meets will be held there.

HiFi Opens Tonight Til 10

The hi-fi room, 306 student center, will be open Friday evening, April 14, from 6:30 until 10 p.m. Again on Tuesday evening, the room will remain in operation until 10 p.m., according to Dan Boone and Jerry Powers.

The additional opening on Friday and the extension of hours on Tuesday is an experiment to check the response of the students. If students show interest in longer hours on these nights, the hi-fi room will be open during the weeks and for longer hours.

Students wishing to bring records of their own choice may do so. APO is working on the extended hours for the hi-fi room to give the students additional recreational benefits from the room.

Sportscope

WELL, THE TIME has arrived. It has been said that in the spring the young man's fancy turns to the thing that young ladies have been thinking about all winter long—baseball.



This should be an interesting year. The American League has ten teams but it doesn't have Casey Stengel or Ted Williams. The National League doesn't have but eight teams but still has the old guard of Stan Musial and Red Schoendienst. And the Southern Association has Macon, and still only has seven ball clubs. (Take this as you will—Macon will win ball games this year.)

And Mercer—What does Mercer have? "Good question!" said the professor as he rattled through his text, diligently searching for a different subject. Mercer has a good team, potentially, that has been hurt by a late start. Things that would have been solved in practice became a menace in their games. Mistakes which a junior would only make once a freshman

repeats. Timing and control a pitcher would have acquired in spring training come only as they dodge base hits or watch men trot to first on a free pass.

And they will, by season's end, be a team to be reckoned with, and under the Dog (Red, I think—or would that be subversive? Anyway, it is better than Black.) they could jell at any moment. They have the hitting. Stepleton, Veal, Rodgers, Edwards and Johnson have all shown ability with the stick. They have good fielding. These same men have shown this, with few exceptions. Their pitching has been steady (for the first three games) and they have a good freshman to thank for that.

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MIMA Installs

Outgoing MIMA President Ed Farley recently inducted ten new officers for the coming three quarters.

They are Brooks Coleman, president; Roy Head, first vice-president; Jero Key, second vice-president; John Laney, secretary; John Tucker, treasurer; Benton Gunter, athletic director; Dan Boone, publicity chairman; Jerry Poole, sergeant at arms; Burt Sheffield, social chairman and Bill Scarborough, music director.

Britisher on Campus

C. R. E. Brooks, second secretary to the British Embassy in Washington will participate in a seminar at the Hardman Library's special reading room Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. His campus visit is being sponsored by the Mercer International Relations Club and the history and government departments.

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