



New ROTC Staff. From left to right: Richard L. Brantley, Gerald R. Knolls, John W. Watterson, Floyd Hunt Sanders, Lucian Asbell and William O. Nobles.

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 A. Torrance, Company Executive Officer—W. P. Addy; 1st Platoon—L. C. Collins; 2nd Platoon—W. O. Sims; "B" Company Commander—E. J. White; Company Executive Officer—P. M. Walden; 1st Platoon—J. R. Petticrew; 2nd Platoon—W. W. Curl; "C" Company Commander—C. A. Jordan; Company Executive Officer—W. L. Etheridge; 1st Platoon—T. F. Miles; 2nd Platoon—G. T. Brown; "D" Company Commander—W. L. Sentell; Company Executive Officer—J. L. Key; 1st Platoon—J. S. Whelan; 2nd Platoon—R. H. Baer. Floyd Hunt Sanders, Commander, holds the rank of Cadet Colonel of the Mercer University ROTC Battle Group.

His appointment was announced by Lt. Col. Robert L. Pitts, Professor of Military Science.

Ralph L. Brantley, Jr., named executive officer, holds the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel.

Others named as staff officers William O. Nobles, Aragon; Lucian Asbell, Macon; John W. Watterson, Eatonton; and Gerald R. Knoll, Jacksonville, Fla., hold the rank of Cadet Major.

Sanders is a senior at Mercer. He is chief justice of the Honor Council, president of the Kappa Alpha Order, member of Seaboard and Blade, honorary military fraternity; Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic fraternity; Blue Key, honor fraternity; Beta Beta Beta, biological fraternity; and Alembic Club, scientific society. Brantley is a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Asbell is executive editor of The Cluster. Gerald Knoll is corresponding secretary of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity. Watterson is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Sanders, Brantley and Asbell are graduates of Lanier High School, Macon.

'Crucible' Try-outs

Try-outs for parts in the Mercer Players production of Arthur Miller's *Crucible* were held Wednesday, September 27, and will be held this evening at 7:30 p.m. in Willingham Chapel. Eleven males and 10 females are needed for roles in *Crucible*, and many persons will be needed to work with construction of the set, technical stage preparations and on various committees.

Mercer players urge that all students interested in dramatics participate in the production by the Mercer dramatic department and Mercer Players regardless of major field. Also, freshmen or upperclassmen lacking previous experience in dramatics are encouraged to participate in the fall productions.

Mercer Players is the student organization which assists in the production of plays under the direction of the Drama Department. The Players is in charge of all technical aspects of productions on the Mercer stage.

Crucible will be presented November 9 and 10. Arthur Miller's play based on documentary records of the Salem witch trials opened on Broadway in 1956.

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Those interested should report to Room 204 of the Economics Building at 2:40 p.m. today or Monday.

Danforth . . .

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Woodrow Wilson, Fulbright, and National Science Foundation. Winners will become Danforth Fellows without stipend until these other awards lapse.

Further information concerning the program may be obtained in room 207 Administration building from Dean Spiro who may nominate up to three candidates. Nominations must be submitted to the Foundation by November 1.

The Danforth Foundation, one of the nation's 10 largest educational Foundations, was founded in 1927 by the late William H. Danforth, St. Louis businessman and philanthropist.

CHAPEL TUESDAY

The first Student Government Chapel Program of the new year, Tuesday, was designed to formally introduce the ten international students to the student body.

After brief announcements by Dean Joe Hendricks and Tommy Martin, President of S. G. A., Dean Robert Spiro officially introduced and welcomed the foreign students.

Tommy Martin then welcomed them on behalf of the student body. The program was appropriately closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Second Annual BSU Retreat October 6-8

The Second Annual Baptist Student Union Fall Retreat will be held October 6-8 at Roosevelt State Camp, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

Highlights of the retreat program will include an address by Dr. Willis B. Glover, Bible Study periods led by Dr. Harold McManus and Dr. James Holloway, and discussion periods conducted by Miss Georgia Christopher, Mr. Roy Carroll, and Dr. McManus. Mr. James Clegg, Jr., will conduct the worship service which will close the retreat on Sunday morning.

Dr. Harris On 'Berlin'

At convocation held in Willingham Chapel, Mercer University President, Rufus C. Harris, Wednesday (9/27) called for a logical plan for total disarmament and a common faith enabling society to survive.

"Neither threats nor boasts will help," he told the Mercer student body at convocation ceremonies formally opening the 129th year of the Baptist school. The service included a full faculty processional and recessional.

Dr. Harris said that a logical plan presented to the United Nations by this country should gain not only prestige and international good will but also stir national pride.

"If the argument is valid that modern war has become impossible for both sides," he said, "then the next logical step is to plan total disarmament."

Dr. Harris questioned whether we can avoid a third world war and said: "Our capacity as a people to develop national power overmatches our ability to manage or direct it."

He also said he thinks it irrefutable that "A continuation of the present pattern of international bitterness and hostility resulting in war will produce a catastrophe in which most civilized values must perish."

"The system of organized international war as we have known it can no longer serve the social ends it once served," said Dr. Harris. "It can serve only at a price which has become intolerably exorbitant. It can no longer decide."

The educator called for a common faith to survive the Berlin crisis which now prevails.

"Our country is suffering because the decade and a half since World War II has become for us a period without much common faith," he said.

"What do we really and deeply believe?" he asked.

Dr. Harris said it is the chief task of the educators to take what we have and construct, preserve and nourish the educational pattern essential to freedom's needs and the needs of the good society.

"Somehow you people should be shown that there is really a better way than war; that force is not the great arbiter . . ." he added.

"Dr. Harris went on to say that "military victory, if possible, would avail us but little if in the process of attaining it we should permit a blind and bland ignorance of modern facts of life to make us stuffy."

"We must seek to protect the intelligence of modern youth and hence that of the generation ahead," he added.

The university president said churches and colleges must remain zealously faithful to their roles to prevent the destruction of the spiritual and intellectual life of the world.

"They must undertake everything possible to prevent the spiri-

The retreat group will leave Mercer on Friday afternoon, arriving at the camp in time for supper. The first session will be held that evening and will include Dr. Glover's address, a planned fellowship period, and a lakeside devotion period. Saturday morning Dr. McManus will discuss the Doctrine of the Church during the Bible Study period, and most of the morning will be spent in discussion groups.

Dr. McManus will lead a group in discussing the place of our denomination among others in the changing religious picture in the U.S.A. Mr. Carroll will discuss the population explosion, and Miss Christopher will choose a topic related to contemporary literature movements. All students attending the retreat will be able to attend any of these groups that he chooses, or all if he desires. The discussion periods will presuppose familiarity with the topics involved.

Dr. Holloway will speak during the second Bible Study period on Saturday evening. The worship service on Sunday morning will conclude the retreat and the group will return to Mercer in time for lunch.

Time for studies and recreation are included in retreat plans. Reservations should be made immediately at the reservation booth in the Student Center Lobby or in the Office of Religious Activities, room 322 Student Center. All students are invited to attend the retreat.

Jimmy Rachels, BSU president, is general chairman of the retreat, and many student leaders are scheduled to appear on the program along with the above mentioned personalities. Tommy Storey, BSU Music Chairman, will direct the music at the retreat, and Delores Hightower is in charge of the two lakeside devotions. Faye Rowland is recreation chairman for the outing.

Raymond, Davis, Hough, Robertson At Mercer U

Four new appointments have been made to the faculty at Mercer University, according to an announcement by Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president.

They are Dr. Doris Raymond, associate professor in classics; Charles Howard Davis, assistant professor in economics; Louis P. Hough, instructor in German; and Rob R. Robertson, instructor in chemistry.

Dr. Raymond, a native of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, comes to Mercer from the University of Mississippi, where she was an assistant professor in the Scholars' Program.

She also has taught at St. Mary College, Hillsdale College, Indiana University, University of Tennessee and Hunter College.

Dr. Raymond received her A.B. degree from Milwaukee-Downer

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ual and intellectual life of the world receiving serious and mortal wounds," he said.

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