



## MU Adds Sixteen To Faculty, Staff

Sixteen new faculty members are on Mercer's staff this year. The appointees in ten different departments have been named as part of a new program to keep Mercer staffed with highly qualified personnel.

The new faculty members for this year are:

Barbara Cade, part-time instructor in German; Sherwood F. Ebey, Associate Professor of Mathematics; Joseph Howe Hadley, Associate Professor of Physics; James O. Harrison, Assistant Professor of Biology; Rudolph Christopher Hassel, Instructor in English; Ronald Wood Hill, Instructor in Music; Hera T. Leighton, Instructor in English and German; Lauren G. Leighton, Instructor in Russian; Marvin Gardner McCollum, Jr., Assistant Professor of Education; Michael B. Minchew, Instructor in Speech and Drama; Jose Ortega, Instructor in Spanish; Lawrence Jefferson Stump, Assistant Professor of Education; Milton Allen Swenson, Instructor in Music; Marion Trentham, Head Cataloguer, Library; J. Thomas Trimble, Jr., Instructor in Philosophy; John Patrick Waters, Instructor in English.

"The key to excellence is faculty, and we are seeking in the College to provide the best available faculty," said Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Dean of the College.

Mrs. Cade, a native of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois, where she was a teaching assistant in German. She has also studied at Southern Methodist University, Illinois State Normal University, and Auslands und Dolmetscher Institut in Gernersheim, Germany.

Dr. Ebey, a native of Pontiac, Michigan, received his bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton College in 1954. He was graduated summa cum laude, with a major in mathematics and a minor in physics. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University.

Ebey began his teaching career in 1958 when he became an instructor in mathematics at Wheaton College. He rose to the rank of assistant professor in 1960. He has conducted research in the field of modern algebra and is particularly interested in the study of power series rings and local rings.

Hadley, a native of Loxley, Ala. (Continued on page 4)

## Election Dates Set

Election of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Freshman class and President of the Senior Class will be held October 17, it was announced by SGA President Hugh Lawson.

The election will be held in the Connell Student Center.

Qualification time for the election will be Wednesday, October 10 between 1-5 p.m. in room 322 of the student center. All candidates must qualify in order to be eligible to run for office. The qualification fee is one dollar.

## Receptions In Offing

The faculty, trustees and administration staff will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Rufus C. Harris at a reception Saturday, October 13. The reception will be held at the President's Home 1309 Adams Street from 8-10 p.m.

New students at the University are invited to another reception the following day, Sunday, October 14, from 4-5 p.m.

## Mercer Players

The Mercer Players will hold tryouts for "Ring Around the Moon," a French play, on Monday October 8th at 7:15 P. M. Anyone interested may go to the Green Room of the Chapel at that time or see Clayton Stevens.



DR. JOHNSTON LEADS CONVOCATION PROCESSIONAL (Staff Photo by Bob Hurt)

## University President Cites Need For Growth

Neotony—a word most Mercer students had never heard before—was used by Dr. Rufus C. Harris Tuesday morning to describe a condition which "could be our greatest national peril."

Dr. Harris in his address before the student body and faculty at the formal University Convocation opening the academic year, cited the significance of the moment of college entrance to society as well as to the individual.

The President of the University emphasized the vast adjustment which must be made by a person entering college:

"If one cannot change, he cannot grow. If he cannot grow, he cannot learn," said Harris. "The inability to grow is the principal condition interfering with attainment of peace and happiness. Such a condition is called neotony—meaning a determination to remain fixed on an infantile level."

Harris said that the present generation of college students is confronted with a grotesque example of neotony in dehumanized race hatred, such as in Mississippi where the Governor, Mr. Ross Barnett, has "bluntly notified all the world that Mississippi clings to an ancient, outworn denial of equal educational opportunity for Negroes and that it will resist an order of the United States."

"It is obvious," stated Harris, "that if any state in the American union can successfully flout Federal authority, there is no longer any Federal authority. The union must crush the rebellion or there is no union."

Harris expressed astonishment at a statement attributed to Senator Richard Russell, which expressed approval of Governor Barnett. Harris described the Governor of Mississippi as acting with "Lilliputian dignity."

"The whole spectacle of interposition is symptomatic of a dehumanized sentimentality—a condition of neotony," said Harris. "It is a basic confusion of nostalgia with fact."

He said the function of the university today is to help students

who are looking for the opportunity to grow up.

"I declare," he said, "that a grown-up person is a humane person, and a humane person is a humble and a reverent one; that he is one who comprehends but does not accept the abundant evil in the universe."



NEW ROTC STAFF MEMBERS (Mercer University Photo by Ward Lowrance)

## Mercer Military Staff Named

This year's Mercer ROTC program got underway officially Monday with the formal presentation of colors and the year's first Battalion formation.

Lt. Colonel Robert L. Pitts, commander of the Mercer unit, said that this year's cadet corps of 244 is one of the largest in recent years. Colonel Pitts said, "I am quite happy with the enrollment and looking forward to a successful year." There are 138 freshmen in the Battalion.

Cadet Lt. Colonel Douglas Davy is the new Battalion cadet commander, and Cadet Major Richard A. Stephenson is executive officer.

Cadet Captain James Parris has been named Battalion adjutant, Cadet Captain Andrew H. Hammond, intelligence officer, Cadet Captain Jesse R. Mitchell — operations officer, Ronald H. Hair — supply officer.

## Dean Anderson Named As College President

Park Harris Anderson, Jr., dean of Mercer Denominational Extension Services for eleven years, has been named to the presidency of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Frank H. Bassett, Jr., president of the board of trustees of Bethel College, made the announcement. Anderson is to assume his duties as president November 1, according to the announcement.

Dr. Anderson has also served as associate professor of Christianity on the Mercer Faculty. Active in Baptist work for many years, Dr. Anderson has served as pastor of churches in Culloden, Fitzgerald, Newnan, and Wrens, Georgia; Baywood, Bogalusa, and Plaquemine, Louisiana, and Clover and Edgefield, South Carolina. He is also president of the Georgia Adult Education Council, a member of the Southern Baptist Historical

Society, Adult Education Association of the United States, and the Southern Baptist Association of Adult Educators.

Regret over Dr. Anderson's leaving was expressed by Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president of Mercer University. "Mercer University's deep sense of loss over Dr. Anderson's leaving is somewhat appeased by the knowledge that we are giving to Kentucky a very able, experienced and dedicated leader," said Dr. Harris.

The son and grandson of missionary parents and grandparents, Dr. Anderson was born in China and has traveled extensively in both the Orient and Europe. His

## Phi Mu Defends Cup

October 15 will open the Women's Intramural Basketball season. All four sororities and the Independents will be vying for the championship.

Last year, Jeannie Maddox and Martha Ware of Phi Mu finally captured the tennis trophy after a long, hard play-off game with Jo Ann Croy and Lynn Bradley of MICA. Nancy Morgan of MICA and Gracelyn Hawks of Phi Mu matched skills in the singles match.

Alpha Delta Pi and Chi Omega also participated. Jackie Knight Marti and Janicy Hall played doubles for Alpha Delta Pi while Mary Ann Massengale proved capable in their singles.

Chi Omega was well represented by Nell Hitchcock Brown and Harriet Norris in doubles and Elsa Ann Gaines in singles. This year Alpha Gamma Delta will also vie for the trophy.

All the teams will have at least one newcomer to the collegiate tennis competitions and some have two. Judging from the practices, there should be some well-matched games for this year's women's tennis fans.



DR. P. H. ANDERSON

father at one time served as dean of Mercer's School of Christianity. A graduate of Mercer, Dr. Anderson went to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned three degrees: the Bachelor of Divinity, the Master of Theology, and the Doctor of Theology. He returned to Georgia to serve as professor of Christianity at Tift College until he assumed his present position at Mercer.

## Archeologist To Speak

Dr. Immanuel Ben-Dor of Emory University will give an illustrated lecture on October 11, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 316 of the Student Center. His lecture will concern the underwater excavations in the harbor of Syracuse and Sicily in which he participated this summer. It was an attempt to recover evidence of the Athenian defeat by the Syracusians in 415 B.C.

An informal coffee hour will follow, when Dr. Ben Dor will answer such questions as his talk may have aroused. "Underwater archeology is a comparatively new branch of the field," said Dr. Doris Raymond, "and we feel fortunate in having Dr. Ben Dor come to show us some of the techniques involved and the results of the excavation."

All students, faculty, and friends are invited to a discussion period and coffee which will follow the lecture.



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