



Nathan Deal (right) forms up new ROTC staff during drill this week. Other officers are (left to right) Henry Arnold, Alton Curtis, Hoke Smith, John Laney and Carl Rollins. (Staff Photo)

Pitts Announces Officers To Head ROTC Battalion

Nathan Deal, president of the Student Association and past president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, is the new cadet colonel and commander of the Mercer ROTC battalion. Lt. Col. Robert L. Pitts announced this week.

Deal, a native of Sandersville, will assume his duties as cadet commander immediately. He is past president of Mercer's Pre-law Club and Ciceronian Literary Society and member of Pershing Rifles, Blue Key and Phi Eta Sigma honor fraternity.

Other staff officers announced this week are: executive officer—Hoke Smith, adjutant—Carl Rollins, security officer—Henry Arnold, operations officer—John Laney and logistics officer—Alton Curtis.

Company commanders this year are: A Company—Rex Ruff, B Company—Bill Moore, C Company—Charles Fowler, and D Company—John Burks.

Two new members have been added to the ROTC staff this year. Maj. Herbert W. Leneker will assume duties regular Army adjutant for the battalion and act as instructor for sophomore

cadets. Sgt. Paul Heard will serve as team coach and instructor of freshman cadets.

Ernest Ferrell will serve this year as cadet commander of Mercer's ROTC Band. Henry Arnold will command the Mercer Marauders, a selected group of students for special instruction and physical training in counter-guerrilla tactics.

Lt. Col. Pitts said 254 students were enrolled in the ROTC program this year, 136 of them freshmen. Pitts said he anticipates "an exceptional year" for the ROTC program with "an unusually fine number of student officers."

During ROTC camp this summer the Mercer cadets ranked first in overall competition with 25 other colleges and universities. The Mercer unit placed 14th in 1962.

ROTC officials have set Dec. 6 as the date for the annual ROTC Military Ball this year.

Maj. Curtis J. Smith, assistant

professor of military science, said Monday that 43 new students have been accepted for training in the Mercer Marauders Unit. Smith said the unit will begin training on physical conditioning, hand-to-hand combat and bayonet fighting next week.

Frosh Rat Week Begins Monday

Mercer's annual Freshman Rat Week is set for October 7-11, Tommy Faircloth, SGA vice-president, announced Wednesday.

The annual event will include the traditional Freshman Beauty Contest and Talent Show. Faircloth said. The exact dates for these events has not been set, but they will be during Rat Week.

Those interested in either the talent show or beauty contest should contact Ty Ivey, Freshman Adviser, or Ray Pearson, Sophomore Class President, Faircloth said.

Greek Rush Season Nets 180 Pledges

Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities tied for top-Greek pledging honors Monday, both with 23 new members. Phi Mu and Chi Omega led the sororities with 20 pledges each.

Monday's informal pledging ending the fall rush season. A total of 115 men and 65 women were accepted in the informal pledging.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity pledged five, Sigma Nu 18, Phi Delta Theta 16, Alpha Tau Omega 15, and Kappa Alpha 15. Alpha Delta Pi sorority pledged 19 and Alpha Gamma Delta 16.

Following are the names of the new pledges:

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA—Jim Bowles, Warren Loescher, Lee Moseley, John Swint, Thomas Royal.

SIGMA NU—Dixon Belk, Steve Binns, Woody Bowden, Andy Campbell, Jay Brewster, Ellis Brigman, George Brown, Clark Chapman, Melton Culpepper, Ronnie Davis, Jack Dozier, Randy Jones, John Marshall, Tom Rhodes, Ken Strasen, Bill Thielman, Robert Tropp, Bill Westwood, Leslie Wilkerson.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON—Bubba Adams, Randy Akin, James Cayce, Bill Crawford, Grady Chance, Brayton Dasher, Read Donnell, David Dunaway, Evin Jones, Lance Levins, Thomas Lowe, Jim Ogden, Mike Parella, Eddie Roberts, John Rutland, Doug Rhyne, Larry Sermons, Gary Wilson, David Young, Steve Moody, John Moore, Allen Lancaster, Steve Erickson.

PHI DELTA THETA—Jim Appleman, Bobby Ash, Spike Coors, Steve Donahoe, Sid Gross, Ivor Groves, Bill Hathcock, Rick Jarrell, Johnny Jones, Phil Kenney, Frank McDaniel, Tom Pye, Duke Rhocharo, Billy Smith, Pete Stone, Alan Walden.

KAPPA ALPHA—Lamar Crosby, Jimmy Dowdy, Bill Glazier, Ross Hatcher III, John Johnson, Bobby Lenehan, Jr., Tommy Lewis, Stan Peck, Kenneth Pipkin, William Sanders, Terrell Stanley, Charles Stepter, Clifford Stovall, David Stringer, Lester Wright.

KAPPA SIGMA—Lee Anthony, Pete Black, Bob Bruner, Bill Cheek, Harry Davis, Stanley Enstley, Ralph Ferrara, Tom Fitts, George Flury, Ed Geider, Tony



Two new freshman sorority pledges exchange excited congratulations after receiving bids in Monday's informal pledging. (Staff Photo)

Freshman Election Set, Qualification October 2

Freshman class officers will be elected October 9, with the qualifications date October 2. In addition to the usual Fall freshman elections, a town representative to the student Senate and a vice-president for the sophomore class must be chosen in this election.

All freshmen are eligible to run a class office: president, vice-president, or secretary-treasurer. Qualifications for the other two positions include a C average last quarter. Anyone planning to run should go by the Student Government office and submit a \$1 qualification fee and a note telling which office is sought.

Candidates are allowed to put their posters only on the Student Center walls, in the post office and college store area and on trees and telephone poles around the campus.

Further information concerning both the elections and offices is in the Student Handbook.

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DANIEL L. METTS

Metts Named New Librarian

Daniel L. Metts, Jr. began work this September as Mercer's new University Librarian.

Metts, originally from Pulaski, Tenn., comes to Mercer from St. Paul, Minn., where he was assistant acquisitions librarian at the University of Minnesota. Before working there, Metts served on the staff of the Florida State University Library for six years.

As one of the most important changes which he has initiated at Mercer, Metts announces that the reserve stacks will be open to students this year, for the first time in several years. Selection will be easier, he said, when the "students can get back to look at the books they need."

More space has been made upstairs by a different arrangement of tables, and the old reading room is now open to students. Microfilm readers, which before were kept in the stacks, will be made more accessible, the librarian said.

Metts holds three degrees from Emory University, a B. A. in English, M.A. in English and M.A. in library science. He has done graduate study at the University of Chicago and at the University of North Carolina.



(Left) Sigma Nu's welcome new pledge with traditional back slapping in fraternity suite. (Right) Kappa Sig's do the honors to another new member. (Staff photos)