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Summit Confirms Steadfast Commitment to Mercer's Baptist Heritage

In January, Mercer University called together some 200 church and lay leaders to begin a dialogue concerning the sustainment of the University's Baptist identity.

The two-day "Baptist Summit," held on the Macon campus, resulted from the November vote by the Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) to end its 172-year relationship with the University. In December, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Mercer came to an agreement with the Executive Committee of the GBC on how to sever the affiliation in an orderly manner over the next two years.

President R. Kirby Godsey, in his opening remarks, reaffirmed that Mercer is committed to being a Baptist university.

"That reality can never be changed by the action of the Convention," he told the standing-room-only audience. "Furthermore, it is our intention and commitment to strengthen our Baptist identity, and to relate even more closely to Baptists."

He stated that the challenge before the University is how to maintain the institution's "Baptistness" beyond its previous connection with the GBC. Continuing the University's

Baptist identity is critical, Godsey said, since that is what sets Mercer apart from other institutions.

Godsey explained that what makes the Mercer Experience unique is the fact it is a union of the Mercer Idea and the Baptist Idea. "The Mercer Idea [is] the power of the mind and the power of one person, and the Baptist Idea [is] the power of freedom and the power of grace," he said.

"Mercer is about the convergence of the power of thought and the power of one person to make a difference with the gift of freedom and the gift of grace," Godsey added. "That, for me, is what it means to be a Baptist university."

Dr. Walter Shurden, executive director of the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer and one of the three moderators for the forum, called upon the administration and Board of Trustees to see the departure of the GBC as an opportunity for Mercer to become "the" national Baptist university.

"I don't want Mercer to become less Baptist; I want Mercer to become more Baptist," Shurden urged the group.

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Construction Projects Benefit Engineering, Liberal Arts, Nursing

Mercer has two capital improvement projects under way. Construction has begun on the new 55,000-square-foot Science and Engineering Building, adjacent to the School of Engineering in Macon. On the Atlanta campus, preparations have begun to turn unfinished space on the third floor of the College of Nursing Building into an additional learning resource center.

Science and Engineering Building

In Macon, bulldozers have been grading the area that was once a parking lot, and work is under way on the foundation for the new Science and Engineering Building. The two-story facility has been designed to provide both introductory and advanced educational experiences through the use of specialized classrooms and laboratories. Programs from physics and the School of Engineering will be housed in the new building.

The structure, to be completed in March 2007, will include classrooms, laboratories, support shops, study rooms, offices and a 150-seat auditorium. The building will support the delivery of not only graduate and undergraduate education, but also customized instruction for industry and government.

The Science and Engineering Building will also increase the level of activity under Mercer's longstanding Educational Partnership Agreement with the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center (WR-ALC). One of the greatest needs of WR-ALC engineers is training through short courses and graduate education, and this new facility will equip Mercer to meet these needs.

Learning Resource Center

Supported by the partnership between Piedmont Healthcare and Mercer, the new learning resource center for nursing students is expected to be completed by Fall 2006. The center will have eight hospital beds and a 35-seat classroom area, along with a practice area featuring simulation manikins, a camera and an observation room to allow faculty to evaluate students' expertise in performing procedures.

"With our increased number of students, the current learning resource center tends to be in high demand," said Dr. Susan Gunby, dean of Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. "This new center will allow us to meet student demand and augment the didactic portion of the teaching-learning process."



President R. Kirby Godsey discusses Mercer's Baptist heritage with President-Elect William D. Underwood, Trustee Griffin B. Bell and Trustees' Chairman David Hudson.

New Master's Program Slated For Fall 2006

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies will begin a new master of science in public safety leadership this fall, following a vote by Mercer's Graduate Council on Jan. 10.

The new degree will be in the vanguard of public safety education, said Dr. Billy Slaton, the coordinator of the criminal justice degree program. The graduate program is designed to augment all public safety disciplines and will include courses in terrorism, disaster planning, disaster response and budgeting.

"It's a very modern degree," he said. "We've designed this program for the 21st century, and we're looking to the future, not to the past."

The program, based on Mercer's Atlanta campus, will be the only one of its kind in the state of Georgia. It will focus on recruiting students from among the thousands of public safety professionals in the metropolitan Atlanta area, Slaton said. Potential students include

sheriff's deputies, police officers and fire fighters, as well as officials from state agencies, including the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, State Patrol, Department of Corrections, among others.

The program will require 36 credit hours and will be divided into two tracks. The thesis track will be offered for students who wish to continue into a Ph.D. program, and a research track be offered for students who want to advance in their careers in public safety. The schedule will be designed for public safety practitioners, with classes in the evenings.

Preparations for the degree have been underway for some time, Slaton said, including the recruitment of faculty, who bring with them impressive experience in numerous public safety areas.

"We're very excited about the prospects for this program," Slaton said.

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Brigham Young as universities that represent their religious roots to the nation, Shurden called upon Mercer to follow their lead and become the nation's Baptist university. "We really should think of becoming nothing less than a national – not a regional, but a national – Baptist university...that is proud of its Penfield roots," said Shurden.

However, he told the attendees he did not want the university to "ever again be hard-wired to another denominational entity." He instead recommended that Mercer develop "dotted line relationships" with several national Baptist denominational entities. "It will take these kinds of endorsements...if Mercer is to become the kind of national Baptist University that is needed," he explained.

William D. Underwood, who will become

Mercer's 18th president upon the retirement of President Godsey on July 1, 2006, closed the forum on an exciting, but cautionary note. He told those in attendance that a Baptist university has a distinct advantage over not only state-sponsored schools, which mandate that discussions of religion and theology be from a neutral, secular perspective, but also other faith-based institutions.

"What Baptist universities have...is the historical and theological commitment of Baptists to individual freedom of thought and expression," he explained. "Because of our Baptist commitment to freedom, we, among all universities, faith-based or secular, should have the most open and robust exchange of ideas – the fullest and most rewarding pursuit of truth. This can be the exciting future of Baptist higher education at Mercer."

However, he warned the group that to preserve this great heritage of Baptist principles and to realize the university's full potential, Mercer must resist the threat of secularization and be intentional in its efforts to stay true to its Baptist roots.

"Mercer can be the single greatest resource in Baptist life, if Baptists will embrace us," said Underwood. "Mercer may be the best hope for preserving the principles that have defined Baptists. Today, there remain relatively few Baptist universities that have not been lost to either the threat of fundamentalism or the threat of secularization....Mercer can be the intellectual engine of a dynamic worldwide free Baptist movement."

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Founded in 1833, Mercer is a 7,300-student, comprehensive, private university offering undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees through the College of Liberal Arts, the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, the Tift College of Education, the School of Engineering, the Walter F. George School of Law, the School of Medicine, the Southern School of Pharmacy, the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing and College of Continuing and Professional Studies. Mercer has campuses in Macon and Atlanta, as well as three regional academic centers, and operates the Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) in Warner Robins and the Mercer University Press in Macon.

For 16 consecutive years, *U.S. News & World Report* magazine has ranked Mercer among the leading colleges and universities in the South.



President R. Kirby Godsey chats with Mercer alumnus Jim Griffith, former executive director of the Georgia Baptist Convention, during the Baptist Summit.

Homecoming 2006: MercerPalooza

MercerPalooza is the theme for Homecoming 2006 and promises to provide exciting activities for all Mercerians – whether students, alumni, faculty, staff or friends. Student activities for Homecoming, organized by QuadWorks, will run from Feb. 5-11 while alumni events are centered around Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11.

The highlight of the weeklong activities will center around the women's and men's basketball games at the University Center on Friday, Feb. 10. Both teams will face Stetson University, with the women tipping off at 4:30 p.m. and the men's televised game getting underway at 7:30 p.m.

Day-by-day student activities include:

- Feb. 5, banner competition at 3 p.m. and intramural competition at 7 p.m.;
- Feb. 6, dancing heads from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and a hypnotist from 7-9 p.m.;
- Feb. 7, skit competition at 8 p.m.
- Feb. 8, airbrush tattoos from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and music trivia at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9, battle of the bands, 7 p.m.–12 a.m.;
- Feb. 10, tailgate party begins at 4 p.m., women's basketball at 4:30 p.m., including recognition of homecoming court at halftime, and men's basketball game at 7:30 p.m.;
- Feb. 11, fun run at 8 a.m., parade at 10 a.m., grill cook off at 12 p.m., and homecoming dance from 8-11 p.m.

Detailed information on these events are available on the Web at www2.mercer.edu/quadworks or by calling Beth Evans at (478) 301-2868.

Alumni-sponsored events begin with the tailgate party on the basketball games on Friday and will also include an alumni reception between games at Java City in the University Center. On Saturday, in addition to the above-listed activities, reunion dinners are set for classes of 1966 (to include '65 and '67, 1976 (to include '75 and '77), 1986 (to include '85 and '87), 1996 (to include '95 and '97), and 2000-2005.

More information on alumni-sponsored events is available by calling Erin Lones at (478) 301-5548.

And for those Mercerians looking for one more event to complete the Homecoming weekend, tickets are still available for the Mercer Big Dance, sponsored by the Athletic Department, at the Macon Centreplex. Three bands will perform: The Tams, Men of Distinction and The Grapevine. The event runs from 7 p.m. until midnight. Call (478) 301-2733 for more information.



Gulfstream President Speaks at The Executive Forum



Bryan Moss

Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. President Bryan Moss will speak at The Executive Forum in Macon and Atlanta on Thursday, Feb. 16. Moss will present in Macon at 7:30 a.m. at the University Center and again at noon in The Commerce Club in Atlanta. The Georgia Chamber of Commerce is

sponsoring the presentation in Atlanta.

Moss has nearly 40 years of experience in the aerospace industry. He brings to The Executive Forum his insights on leadership resulting from decades as an executive of some of the leading

aerospace companies in the world.

He has been president of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation since 2003, after having served 10 years as vice chairman of the Savannah-based company. He is also executive vice president of the Aerospace Group of General Dynamics, the parent company of Gulfstream.

Moss began his distinguished career at Lockheed-Georgia Company, where he became sales manager in Asia and Australasia. In 1979, he joined Canadair as sales manager for the southeastern United States. He moved through the ranks at Canadair Challenger Inc., being appointed vice president of sales at Canadair Challenger in 1984, executive vice president of sales in 1986 and president in 1987. After Canadair was acquired by the Quebec-based

Bombardier Aerospace Group, Moss became president of the Challenger Division of Bombardier, Inc. in 1989. Three years later, he was appointed president of the Business Aircraft Division of Bombardier Aerospace Group. In 1993, he joined Gulfstream as vice chairman.

On March 9, The Honorable Tom Ridge will present to The Executive Forum in both Macon and Atlanta. Ridge is one of the nation's foremost experts on homeland security. He served as the nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security and is a former two-term governor of Pennsylvania. The Ridge presentation in Atlanta is sponsored by the Center for Health and Learning.

For more information on The Executive Forum, please contact Sheree Collins at 478-301-2724 or collins_ss@mercer.edu.

BB&T Gives New Digital Message Board

University Center visitors can stay informed thanks to a new message board provided through the generosity of BB&T. Installed above The Bear Market, the 24-pixel digital display scrolls stock market and financial updates, athletic results, news and upcoming events.



University Notables

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Andy Digh, associate professor of computer science, served as director of the 2005 Southeastern Consortium for Computing Sciences Programming Contest (CCSC) as well as program co-chair of the CCSC conference. The conference and contest were held in Hickory, N.C., Nov. 10-12. He also served as coach of Mercer's programming team, which finished the season with victories in both their fall contests.

Dr. Greg Domin, associate professor of political science, participated in a roundtable on the "Bush Presidency" at the Georgia Political Science Association's (GPSA) annual meeting, Nov. 11-13, Savannah, Ga. He was also a panel discussant and chair of the "American National Security in the 21st Century" student panel. Domin was elected to the Executive Council of the GPSA for 2005-2007.

Dr. John Dunaway, professor of French and interdisciplinary studies and director of Mercer Commons, presented a paper entitled "The Idea of Vocation Among French Writers" at the annual South Atlantic Modern Language Association convention in Atlanta, Nov. 4. He also spoke on "The Pearl of Great Price" at Mercer University Worship, Nov. 9. Dunaway later spoke on "The Meaning of Vocation" at the Commons' Symposium on Professionalism, held at Walter F. George School of Law, Nov. 18. On Dec. 21, he played alto saxophone in the Duke University Alumni Pep Band at the men's basketball game versus St. John's in Cameron Indoor Stadium. He was the oldest alum in the band.

Dr. Gordon Johnston, associate professor of English, had a poem, "Wedding Ring Found on Adams Street, Spring Friday," included in the anthology, *The Gift of Experience*, published by *Atlanta Review* in Spring 2005. The anthology also included poems by Nobel Laureates Seamus Heaney and Derek Walcott.

Dr. Paul Lewis, assistant professor of Christianity, attended the 2006 annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Jan. 12-15, Phoenix, Ariz. When not hiking in the Sonoran Desert, he attended sessions, two of which he convened: a paper on Paul Tillich's Christian Humanism, and the Church and Academy Interest Group, which discussed how the gap between church and academy affected a recent Presbyterian Church USA position paper calling for divestment from companies doing business in Israel.

Dr. Matthew Oberrieder, assistant professor of philosophy, organized two panels at the 77th Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Jan. 6-7. Oberrieder chaired and presented a paper on Plato's *Protagoras* for a three-paper panel on "Politics and Philosophy in Plato." He also chaired and acted as a discussant for a four-paper panel on "Modern Philosophy on Experience, Reason, and Equality."

Dr. Robert Parris, Thompson Professor of Music, performs on a new CD release on the Loft Recordings label. Entitled "Land of Rest," it is the first recording on the C.B. Fisk organ at Christ Episcopal Church, Macon, and includes music of Buxtehude, Bach, Franck, Sowerby and Dupre.

Dr. Randall Peters, professor and chair of physics, published a paper titled "Study of Simple Harmonic Oscillator Resonance using a Compact Kater

Pendulum" online at <http://physics.mercer.edu/hpage/kater-res.html>. Peters is also developing an earthquake detector that was featured in the Jan. 9 issue of *EE Times*. The article, titled "SENSORS: Quake Detector Preps for Market," can be found online at <http://www.eetimes.com/news/latest/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=175801455>.

Dr. Caryn S. Seney, associate professor of chemistry, had a student present research at the joint meeting of the 57th Southeast/61st Southwest Regional American Chemical Society Meeting in Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 2-5. Holly Cagle's presentation was entitled "TEM and SERS studies of Au and Ag Nanoparticles using Rabbit anti-Horse IgG and Horse IgG." Seney also published an article entitled "Development of a Multiple-Element Flame Emission Spectrometer Using CCD Detection" in the December 2005 issue of *The Journal of Chemical Education*. Three undergraduate authors were also included on this publication.

Dr. Anya Silver, associate professor of English, had three poems published in the December issue of *Image*: "Late Wake for a Lost Child," "Persimmon," and "Marrying Outside the Faith."

Dr. Douglas Young, associate professor of physics, has had a paper accepted for publication in the Fall 2006 publication of *The Physics Teacher*. "Exploring Series and Parallel Combinations of Capacitors by Inquiry" is based on an experiment Young developed for the introductory physics lab.

Walter F. George School of Law

David A. Brennen, Ellison C. Palmer Professor of Tax Law, was elected chair of the Minority Groups section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) at the January 2006 meeting held in Washington, D.C. He was also chosen chair-elect of the Taxation section of the AALS.

Linda Edwards, professor, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). SALT is America's largest membership organization for teachers of law. It is dedicated to developing legal institutions with greater equality, justice and excellence.

Jack Sammons, Griffin B. Bell Professor of Law, had an article, "Rebellious Ethics and Albert Speer," republished as a chapter in Eric Katz's *Death by Design: Science, Technology, and Engineering in Nazi Germany*. Sammons currently serves either as a consultant or on the executive committees of the following: State Bar of Georgia Task Force on Lawyer Advertising, the Georgia/ABA Death Penalty Moratorium Committee, the Georgia Committee for Ethical Judicial Campaigns, and the State Bar of Georgia Standards of the Profession Task Force. He presented his paper "Censoring Samba: An Aesthetic Justification of Freedom of Speech" at Stetson College of Law in February, and will present his paper, "A Lawyer's Truth," at Baylor School of Law in March.

School of Pharmacy

Dr. Stephen J. Cutler, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences; **Dr. Horace G. Cutler**, senior research professor of pharmaceutical

sciences; and **Dr. Stanley H. Pollock**, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, were recently awarded a \$19,920.40 grant from Southwest Medical Association for the "Preliminary Studies in the Isolation and Biological Evaluation of MH41 for Pharmaceutical Use."

Dr. Stephen J. Cutler, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, was recently re-appointed to serve a five-year term as editor-in-chief for the international journal, *Medicinal Chemistry Research*.

Dr. Karla T. Foster, clinical assistant professor of clinical and administrative sciences, and Dr. C.C. Taylor published "Iatrogenic Hypoglycemia" in the November 2005 edition of *US Pharmacist*.

Dr. Katie P. Holloway, clinical assistant professor of clinical and administrative sciences, Dr. T. Walton and Dr. M.D. Knauss published "Pharmacist-managed Anemia Program in an Outpatient Hemodialysis Population" in the December 2005 volume of *Hospital Pharmacy*.

Dr. Vanhida Huang, clinical assistant professor of clinical and administrative sciences, and Dr. Michael J. Rybak published "Evaluation of Daptomycin Activity Against *Staphylococcus Aureus* in an In Vitro Pharmacodynamic Model Under Normal and Simulated Impaired Renal Function" in *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Advance Access*, Nov. 25.

Dr. Michael W. Jann, professor of clinical and administrative sciences, was appointed to the editorial board of *Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy*, a journal published by Adis.

Dr. Susan W. Miller, professor of clinical and administrative sciences, published "Evaluating Medication Regimens" in the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists's *Essential Tools* for Walgreens Health Initiatives, January 2006.

Dr. Jennifer R. Montgomery, clinical assistant professor of clinical and administrative sciences, achieved certification as a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. She also published "Motivating Patients with Diabetes to Monitor Blood Glucose" in the fall edition of *Drug Store News CEO*.

Drs. Kalen B. Porter, Vanhida Huang and Justine S. Gortney, clinical assistant professors of clinical and administrative sciences, published "Management of Childhood Ear Infections" in the Nov. 7 issue of *Drug Topics*.

Drs. Gina J. Ryan and Rhonda L. Martin, clinical assistant professors of clinical and administrative sciences; and **Dr. Lynetta J. Jobe**, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, published "Pramlintide in the Treatment of Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus" in *Clinical Therapeutics*, 2005.

Dr. Gina J. Ryan, clinical assistant professor of clinical and administrative sciences, was re-certified as a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

School of Medicine

Drs. John Boltri, professor of family medicine, and **Monique Davis-Smith**, assistant professor of

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family medicine, authored an article with Dr. Robert Vogel on "Hemoglobin A1c Levels in Diagnosed and Undiagnosed Black, Hispanic, and White Persons with Diabetes: Results from NHANES 1999-2000." The article can be found in *Ethnicity and Disease*, vol. 15, issue 4.

Dr. Janet F. Piskurich, assistant professor of basic medical sciences, published a paper titled "Expression of the MHC Class II Transactivator (CIITA) Type IV Promoter in B Lymphocytes and Regulation by IFN-gamma" in the February issue of *Molecular Immunology*.

Dr. Melton Strozier, chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, was appointed to the editorial board of the journal, *Annals of Behavioral Science and Medical Education*, effective Jan. 1.

School of Engineering

Dr. Clayton Paul, Sam Nunn Eminent Professor of Aerospace Engineering and professor of electrical and computer engineering, published a second edition of his textbook, *Introduction to Electromagnetic Compatibility*, for John Wiley Interscience.

Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics

Jordan "Jody" Blanke, professor of computer information systems and law, had an article published in the *Columbia Science and Technology Law Review*. The article, entitled "'Robust Notice' and 'Informed Consent: The Keys to Successful Spyware Legislation,'" is available at <http://www.str.org/html/volume7/blankeintro.html>.

Dr. Kirk C. Heriot, associate professor of management and entrepreneurship, led a workshop, "Starting and Maintaining a Small Business Consulting Program at Your College or University," at the 2006 joint annual meeting of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the Small Business Institute®, Jan. 12, Tucson, Ariz. He also presented a paper entitled "A Discursive Assessment of the Implications of a US-Andean Free Trade Agreement on Small and Medium Sized Businesses in Colombia," to be published in the Proceedings of the 2006 United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Heriot was selected president-elect of the Small Business Institute®, effective Jan. 14.

Dr. Reza Jalili, associate professor of economics, had an article published in *The Journal of American Academy of Business* titled, "A Descriptive Overview of Islamic Taxation."

Dr. Kenneth Lord, professor of marketing and director of graduate programs, published "Exploring the Dimensionality of the Need for Cognition Scale" in the January 2006 issue of *Psychology & Marketing* (coauthored by Sanjay Putrevu of State University of New York at Albany). Lord also delivered public affairs workshops for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina in the final quarter of 2005.

Tift College of Education

Dr. Mary Kay Bacallao, associate professor of education, won a Dell laptop computer from the Intel Teach to the Future Program in December. She has participated as a pre-service teacher trainer for the Intel program since 2000.

Dr. Peter Ross, assistant professor of education, recently completed research on students' perceptions of teacher competency in the classroom. Interviews of students clearly indicate their awareness of teachers' ability to manage classrooms. Teachers who were best at classroom management and positive in their interactions with students were rated the highest in competency, while teachers who had weak management skills and often raised their voices to correct behavior were rated the poorest in terms of competency.

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

Ann Keeley, assistant professor of mental health nursing, and **Elaine Grier**, assistant professor of adult health nursing, presented their research at the Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention in Indianapolis in November. **Dr. Helen Hodges**, professor, was lead author for this work, which is entitled "Professional Resilience, Career Longevity, and Parse's Theory for Baccalaureate Education." The original article was published in the December 2005 edition of *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Dr. Diane E. White, assistant professor of adult health nursing, successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Women's Expectations and Experiences of Role Performance following Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery," and earned her Ph.D. from Georgia State University in December.

College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Dr. Thomas Kail, dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, spoke at the Metropolitan Police Association (METROPOL) luncheon meeting hosted by the department of counseling and human sciences, Jan. 4. He spoke regarding the College's commitment to raise the level of professionalism in law enforcement and public safety through a partnership aimed at providing quality education programs and leadership development and training. METROPOL's membership includes police chiefs and other high ranking metropolitan Atlanta law enforcement officers, including the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Dr. Larry Stewart, assistant professor of criminal justice, also spoke at the Metropolitan Police Association luncheon meeting hosted by the department of counseling and human services, Jan. 4. Stewart shared information about the criminal justice undergraduate degree program and the mission and purpose of the Public Safety Leadership Institute. He also addressed the College's plan to offer a master's program in public safety leadership.

Staff and Administration

Kevin Andres, director of Campus Life and club wrestling coach, had a letter published in the January edition of the *Wrestling USA* magazine.

Michael Bond, director of recreational sports and wellness, and **Sam Mayhew**, assistant director of intramural sports, served on staff at the American Collegiate Intramural Sports National Collegiate Flag Football Championships, Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 28-31. Bond was on the All-American Committee and Mayhew was on the Rules Committee.

Dr. James C. Bryant, University Historian Emeritus, published "From Penfield to Macon: Mercer's Problematic Move," in the winter 2005 *Georgia Historical Quarterly*. He also published "New Life for an Old Tradition" in the January/February issue of *Savannah Magazine*.

Claire Dyes, dean of students, Cecil B. Day Campus, was a keynote speaker at the 2005 Baccalaureate Education Conference held by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Dec. 2, Chicago. Dyes presented on "Ensuring Academic Integrity."

Dr. Jean Fallis, director of service-learning, chaired a poster session "Civic Engagement and Professional Degree Programs: Cultivating Civic Understanding through Service-Learning" at the November Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference titled "The Civic Engagement Imperative," Providence, R.I.

Robert G. Gardner, senior researcher in Baptist history at Jack Tarver Library, published two essays in the revised edition of *Encyclopedia of Religion in the South*: "Dagg, John Leadley (1794-1884)" and "Triennial Convention."

John Lisse was voted 2005 Officer of the Year by his peers at the Mercer Police Department. Lisse was also the winner of the Top Gun award with a 100 percent firearm qualifying score.

Emmilee Mercer, assistant registrar, received her bachelor of science in business management and information technology degree from Macon State College in December 2005. A President's Scholar, Mercer graduated *magna cum laude*.

Cheryl Robinson, community health systems developer for the Center for Community Development, has been selected to participate in the Leadership Macon Class of 2006. She also received an appointment as community instructor of community medicine in the Master of Public Health Program at the School of Medicine.

Candace Whaley, director of employment in the Office of Human Resources, recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) as awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute.

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University Departments Sponsor Professionalism Symposium

On Nov. 17-18, Mercer held a symposium titled "Professionalism and Vocation Across the Professions," featuring Dr. William M. Sullivan, senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, as keynote speaker. The event, which was sponsored by the Mercer Commons, the Mercer University Quality Enhancement Plan and Mercer Law School, involved approximately 75 participants from across the University.

Sullivan is the co-author of *Habits of the Heart and The Good Society*, and author of *Reconstructing Public Philosophy and Work and Integrity: The Crisis and Promise of Professionalism in America*. He currently serves as director of the Carnegie Foundation's project on the Preparation of the Professions. This is a multi-year study examining and comparing professional education of the clergy, lawyers, engineers, nurses and physicians, with a related study on the professional education of school teachers. One of the special concerns of the project is the relationship between professional education and the liberal arts. Sullivan's participation was secured through Daisy Floyd, dean of Walter F. George School of Law, who has been working with the Carnegie Foundation on various projects for the last few years.

In his speech, Sullivan addressed several themes from his book, *Work and Integrity*. These themes included "the three apprenticeships" framework of professional education and the concept of "civic professionalism," stressing an ethic of public service and the responsibility

of professionals for ensuring that individuals are able to benefit from various public goods, such as health care, civic regulation and social justice.

Dr. John Dunaway, director of Mercer Commons, and Timothy Floyd, an adjunct professor of law at Mercer and Georgia State University, opened the second day of the symposium with a presentation on the general concept of vocation. Faculty, staff and students followed with presentations concerning how professionalism and vocation are understood and promoted in their specific fields.

The goal of the symposium was to raise awareness regarding how the concepts of professionalism and vocation are understood in various professional fields and how they are promoted during the educational process. By raising this awareness, the sponsors of the symposium hoped to enhance the professionalism efforts, including cross-professional collaboration, in all of Mercer's schools, as well as in the professional practitioner communities.

Due to the outstanding success of the symposium, a follow-up roundtable discussion will be planned for spring semester 2006 in order to explore certain topics in greater depth. The organizers also plan to prepare various resource materials generated from the symposium to facilitate conversation on issues of professionalism and vocation, both within and among individual Colleges, Schools and other units at Mercer.



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