

Another Gay Chapel Program

by WILLARD CLUTCHMYER

It was just last Friday and I was tipping gaily across our camp to chapel being closely followed by a large white dog which had confused me for a squirrel. I entered the inner sanctum a few moments late but after being beaten good naturedly about the head and face with a clip board by the chapel checker I was allowed to take my seat.

My fellow students were all reading newspapers in a half-hearted attempt to conceal their joy and enthusiasm in being allowed to come to chapel. A few pew mates cursed me cheerfully as I trod across their feet to my space.

I had no sooner eased into my seat when the curtains parted and after a brief organ fanfare Dean Featherfelt Shaftwell slithered onto the stage and with a wave of his hand dismissed his two bodyguards. Smiling at the chorus of hisses and boos which greeted him and dodging an occasional soft drink bottle he began:

"Students it is with no little pleasure that I introduce to you today our Chapel speaker. Our speaker, too poor to go to school, graduated from Mercer in 1936."

"1936," reminisced the Dean, "that wonderful, wonderful year. The year Gertrude Smerderie, clad only in the contents of a large can of Snowdrift, swam the English Channel in 11 hours and 15 minutes only to find upon reaching the French coast that she could have made the trip in a boat in less than 45 minutes. The year electricity was discovered in Tennessee. The year William S. Hart was released from Twentieth Century Fox for selling whiskey to the Indians. The year Willard X. Clutchmyer, father of Mercer student Willard C. Clutchmyer, was admitted into evidence by Clarence Darrow in the Scopes Monkey trial."

"An interesting sidelight on that Gertrude Smerderie incident. Upon landing on the French coast she was denied admittance into the country because the beaches were so crowded she was not allowed to come out of the water in her nude state. In a fit of pique she returned to England only to find that after swimming for 24 hours her passport was so soggy and illegible that she could not get back into the country. Well there she was, a woman without a country so to speak and to the best of my recollection there she remained, treading water in the English channel from 1936 to 1941 when she was torpedoed by a German U-Boat."

"But I disagree," laughed the Dean, "Our Speaker, as I said . . ." Before the Dean could continue a red headed match major leapt from his seat and cried, "A pox upon this tyranny! I'm Catholic and I refuse to go to this chapel on Fridays!"

"Pray tell me why?" asked the Dean in obvious consternation.

"We're not supposed to have baloney on Friday," rejoined the carot-topped lad as he smiled and acknowledged the applause of the student body. His enjoyment was shortlived however as two of the Dean's men clouted him on the head with a starched sock from the Mercer laundry and dragged him from the arena.

"To continue," rasped the Dean as he lifted his peruke to mop a few beads of perspiration from the Marlboro tattoo located on his dome. "Our speaker is one of our country's leading anarchists and has been practicing nepotism in Crisp County for the last five years. It was through his courageous efforts alone that floridation of the Locust Grove, Ga. city water supply was prevented. Our speaker is a lawyer and his record, with the exception of two convictions for attempting to bride jurors and a battery charge which is still pending, is unblemished. You might say he stands on his record."

A student in front of me, covering his mouth with a Mad comic shouted, "If I had his record I'd stand on it too!"

The words had scarcely left his mouth before the Dean's two men, Marge and Gower, hustled the student from the chapel beating him senseless with an esophagus tube.

"Without further ado," shouted the Dean, "I give you Waldo LeCompton Gnuzz or as he is sometimes called Charles (Chuck) Starkweather."

Gnuzz bowed several times and acknowledged the applause, all of which was coming from Dean Shaftwell. He began, "Students, law students and faculty . . ." He paused to look toward the faculty section which was completely empty save for Professor Swathmore Senile who, in 1943 upon hearing that faculty salaries were being raised from \$19 to \$21 a month, went into a coma and never recovered.

"I too have been sitting where you are now sitting and I know how it is. As a matter of fact if the administration hadn't discovered in 1935 that my fraternity had an 18-year old housemother you lads might have fraternity houses today. And then there was the time in 1932 when we kidnapped the Dean of Men, stripped him down to his garish long underwear and threw him out of a speeding automobile onto the Wesleyan campus during the midst of a May Day celebratoin and the . . ."

Before he could finish the anecdote the Dean burst up to the rostrum and shouted, "We interrupt this program to bring you a special news bulletin. The Mercer weight lifting P.E. class, a subsidiary of Alpha Hernia weightlifting fraternity has been hired to be models for before pictures in Charles Atlas ads!"

The students seizing this as an excuse to break up chapel rushed out carrying Rudolph Rupture the captain of the Mercer weight lifters out of the chapel. Rudolph, despite the cold weather, was garbed in a T-shirt which was three sizes too small.



Dean Helen Glenn

The addition of the Dean of Chapel to the Division was made this year, and the position now encompasses all aspects of student religious life, as well as Chapel.

Mercer's official Hostess, Mrs. Martha Maddox, is in charge of the Student Center itself, as well as reservations and other social arrangements. She was also responsible for the recent complete refurbishing of the Alumni House.

Dean Glenn, in discussing the duties of the Deans of Men and Women said they must keep up with the many details of daily life on campus involving social organizations, honorary groups and others.

In addition, they are concerned with student problems about the cafeteria, snack bar, and dormi-

Dean Helen Glenn Describes Student Personnel Division

By KATIE KOELLNER

Dean Helen Glenn, in describing the function of the Division of Student Personnel, says, "It is a kind of coordination center."

Much of the student's non-academic life revolves around this branch of Mercer's administration, which at present consists of the Dean of Women, Helen Glenn, Dean of Men, Joe Hendricks, Dean of Chapel, Dr. F. Robert Otto, and the University Hostess, Mrs. Martha Maddox.

tories, counseling in personal problems, coordinating campus activities, and placement.

Each of the Deans is a member of the faculty and administration, and is therefore an "avenue of approach" for the students. "The

students should feel free to come to us," stated Dean Glenn.

"Essentially," she said, "we're concerned with the welfare of the student body. We try to help the students adjust and make it easier for them."

S.G.A. at S.U.S.G.A.

Student representatives from Mercer will participate in a panel on "Organizational Structure of SGA" during the 1964 Southern Universities Student Government Association conference at Biloxi, Miss., May 7-9. The University of Southern Mississippi is host school for the year's SUSGA meeting.

Dean Helen Glenn, will serve as a consultant on panels on "Women's Student Government in Co-Ed Institutes" and "Student Government and Greek Relations". Convention headquarters will be the Buena Vista Hotel on the beach at Biloxi. This year's program involves 16 different panel discussions and three business meetings, and will include displays, prominent guest speakers, individual conferences, and evening entertainment.



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