



Mercer Players' 'Liliom' On Stage Here Tonight

The Mercer Players' last performance of the Fall Quarter play, "Liliom," by Ferenc Molnar, will appear on the Willingham Chapel stage tonight at 8:14. The production is the first Mercer play to be directed by Miss Linda Shuler. The music was composed by Mercer organist, Jack Jones.

Subtitled "A Legend in Seven Acts and a Prologue," "Liliom" is the play on which the popular Broadway musical, "Carousel" was based, and has been successfully produced in England, Continental Europe, and on Broadway.

Set in Hungary, the play is the story of a young carousel barker, nicknamed Liliom (Rob Jones), who is quite popular with women, especially the carousel's owner, Mme. Muskat (Nellie Diaks) and a young servant girl named Julie (Satu Lundstedt).

Fired when Mme. Muskat became angry with Liliom for his interest in Julie, the barker married the servant girl. Unable to support his wife (whom he treats roughly), and learning that she expects a child, Liliom and his criminal friend Fiscur (Mike Day) attempt to rob a factory paymaster (Bill Brown). Caught in the act, when their plot fails, Liliom stabs himself to avoid arrest.

After death, Liliom is brought before the court of the Heavenly Magistrate, where he is sentenced to 16 years in the fires of purification. Liliom is then permitted to return to earth for one day to do something good and beautiful, which, if successful, will allow him to enter paradise.

Liliom steals a star to take to his

daughter, (Fay Thornsbey) she does not take it and he strikes her, but she is not hurt, since the blow came from one who loves her.

Julie's friend, Marie, is played by Beverly Williams; while Marie's sweetheart is played by Steve Belew. Peggy Mallot plays Mother Hollunder, the landlady; while Sara Smith and Judy Ross play the servant girls.

John Johnson plays the Doctor and the Police captain, while Johnny Adams plays Young Hollunder. Vic Kovacs is the Heavenly Policeman and Bill Cetti plays the Carpenter and the Poor Man. Adams also has the role of the old guard, while Belew also plays the Heavenly Magistrate.



Mme. Muskat (Nellie Diaks) tries to lure Liliom (Rob Jones) away from his wife, in the Mercer Players' performance of Ferenc Molnar's "Liliom" on the Mercer stage for the last time tonight. Photo by Broadnax

Fall Lecturer, Dr. W.D. White, Speaks On Christianity And Literature

By BILL DAYTON

Dr. W. D. White opened his series of lectures on "The Christian Faith and Literature" with a comparison of differing concepts of Hell, in chapel Wednesday morning.

Chairman of the undergraduate department of religion at Duke University, Dr. White holds doctorates in theology and literature.

Named Fall Lecturer for 1964, White spoke in chapel on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 10:00 a.m., and in 314 Student Center on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Attendance at the lectures was required for upperclassmen.

In his opening lecture on "Contemporary Literature and Art on

Man's Self Understanding." Dr. White began with a discussion of Dante's Divine Comedy, pointing out that in Hell, men are shown doing what they did in life, but without humanity. He proceeded to discuss Sartre's "No Exit," in which three incompatible people are placed in a single room forever, to illustrate the author's point that "Hell is other people."

Dr. White also spoke of the artist Picasso, pointing out that over the years, his art has become steadily dehumanized, moving from paintings of realistic humanity into abstractions. He connected this with the idea of Hell as distinctly dehumanized. White also brought in the contemporary French author, Bernanos, who has one of his characters, a priest, tell a countless in confession: "Hell is not to love anyone, Madame; Hell is not to love."

Speaking on "Treasure in Earthen Vessels", in chapel, Thursday, Dr. White discussed the human nature of the Church. Speaking from the background of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, White referred to the Church as "treasure held in earthen vessels," saying that the fact that the Church is composed of humans should not overshadow the fact of its revelation; because the treasure is in an earthen pot does not mean that it is in any way less a treasure.

"The brokenness of the Church can become redemptive because it keeps thinking men on their knees," White said. "For every point my pagan friends can bring to bear against the Church, I can bring a dozen."

"And what is the treasure?" White asked; "It is simply that in the Church, true life is present in our midst . . . It is God's gift of himself to us through Christ, it is this treasure which is real."

Dr. White's lecture Wednesday afternoon, was on "The Christian Vocation of a Church College." Thursday evening, he spoke on "The Vocation to Excellence;" and on Friday, he spoke in chapel on "Contemporary Culture and Liberal Education." White also spoke to several Christianity and philosophy classes during his stay here.

TRIMBLE CLASS DEFECTS TO BREWSTER

Assistant Dean Thomas M. Trimble found an empty classroom where his course in Existentialism is held, yesterday.

The missing philosophy students were discovered across the hall in Professor Brewster's Christianity class, where they had moved en masse to hear a lecture by visiting speaker Dr. W. D. White. After making a short speech on the evils of stealing other people's students, Trimble stayed to hear White, who had addressed Trimble's philosophy class the day before.

Third Army General William C. Bullock Visits Mercer ROTC

Maj. Gen. William C. Bullock, Deputy Commander 3rd U. S. Army, visited the Mercer campus Wednesday, inspecting ROTC facilities and meeting university officials.

Gen. Bullock, a West Point graduate, conferred with Dean Garland F. Taylor and received a briefing from Lt. Col. Robert L. Pitts, PMS, and members of the cadet battalion staff concerning the operations of Mercer's ROTC unit.

The deputy commander was the guest of the ROTC Sponsors at a coffee, received a briefing by the cadet staff, toured the facilities and witnessed a demonstration by the Mercer Marauders, the university's elite counter-insurgency unit.

Gen. Bullock is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and has received the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Croix de Guerre with Palm and the Bronze Star Medal.

Mercer and Wesleyan To Receive Sears Grants

Mercer University and Wesleyan College have received grants totaling \$3,000 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

This is part of unrestricted grants totaling \$700,000 being distributed this week by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation under a program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities, according to W. E. Thompson, local representative of the Foundation.

In announcing distribution of the 1964 grants, Mr. Thompson said that Mercer and Wesleyan are among 12 participating colleges and universities in Georgia which will share in grants totaling \$15,000.

Purpose of the program is systematically to help institutions of higher learning meet their financial needs.

Altogether, more than 600 colleges and universities from coast to coast will receive Foundation grants. They are restricted to allow the schools to allocate their funds according to their greatest needs.

In addition to its new grant program, the Foundation during the current year will spend approximately \$650,000 for a variety of scholarship and other types of education programs, bringing its total expenditures for education purposes this year to almost \$1,500,000.



Candidates for sponsor of Mercer's ROTC battalion. They are (left to right): Lyn Wheeler, Mary Middlebrooks, Carole Tapley, Sarah Distelhurst, and Kay Moody. (Photo by Bob Hurt)

BATTALION SPONSOR CANDIDATES ARE NAMED

Mercer ROTC students nominated five upperclassmen coeds this week as contenders for the coveted title of Battalion Sponsor.

The ROTC cadets will vote in a secret ballot election to choose the reigning beauty of the 231-man unit. The winner will be announced at the annual Military Ball to be held early in the Winter Quarter.

The five girls nominated are Sarah Distelhurst, Mary Middlebrooks, Kay Moody, Carole Tapley and Lyn Wheeler.

The nominees were selected by junior and senior cadets Monday afternoon. They will be presented to the cadet battalion during a special ceremony followed by an election. The winner's name will be kept secret until the Military Ball.

The military students elected the five company and band sponsors on Nov. 9. These sponsors will be for-

mally presented to the battalion this Monday at a ceremony and review in their honor. The public is invited to the ceremony, beginning at 2:40 p.m. on the drill field.

The new sponsors are Linda McElreath, Linda Pitts, Mary Eaton, Glynn Coulding and Ann Harris.

Also on Monday, Distinguished Military Students will be presented with certificates certifying their selection. The DMS cadets, all seniors, are J. Collin Harris, William T. Exum, Charles R. Hearn, James

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Sarah Distelhurst, one of the nominees for battalion sponsors, is a senior from Thomasville. She is president of M.I.C.A. and was selected last year as Tot, the girl who best exemplifies the Mercer spirit.

She is secretary of Cardinal Key honor group, secretary-treasurer of the Student Government Association, vice-president of SNEA, a former secretary of Beta Beta Beta. (Continued on page 4)