



R.O.T.C. Battalion Sponsors To Be Named At Annual Military Ball, Tonight

By Bob Hurt

The cadets of the Mercer University ROTC battalion will select their reigning queen tonight at the unit's annual Military Ball.

Five upper classmen co-eds have been nominated for the coveted title of Battalion Sponsor. Cadets voted by secret ballot this week to choose the winner. Final tabulations were made Friday and the winner will be announced at the ball.

The formal dance is the social highlight of the ROTC year. It will be held at the Warner Robins Officers Club from 8 to 12 p.m.

The five girls nominated for Battalion sponsor are Sarah Distlehurst, Mary Middlebrooks, Kay Moody, Carole Tapley and Lyn Wheeler.

The ball will feature music by the Hallworth Orchestra.

During intermission at the dance, the new pledges of the Scabbard and Blade Military Fraternity will be tapped, the company and band sponsors and the Battalion Sponsor's court will be presented and the Mercer Drill Team will give a demonstration.

This year's company and band sponsors, all Mercer freshmen, are Linda McElreath, Linda Pitts, Mary Eaton, Glynn Goulding and Ann Harris.

Sarah Distlehurst, one of the nominees for Battalion Sponsor, is a senior from Thomasville. She is president of MICA 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 and former sweetheart of MIMA.

Mary Middlebrooks, Thomasville, is a Chi Omega and member of the Mercer Players. She is also a member of SNEA, the Wesley Foundation and the Panhellenic Council.

Kay Moody was elected Miss Mercer in 1963. A Phi Mu from Ft. Valley, she was SAE pledge sweetheart and SAE sweetheart for two years. She is president of Phi Mu.

Kay is a member of the debate team and has served as a cheerleader for three years.

Carole Tapley, a Chi Omega from Brunswick, is social chairman of her sorority, has served as publicity chairman and treasurer of SNEA, is Associate Editor of the Cauldron, a member of the Appropriations Committee of Student Government Association, YWA, Womens Athletic Association and Ciceronian Literary Society.

Lyn Wheeler, a Chi Omega from Vidalia, is president of the Wesley Foundation and secretary of the Ciceronian Literary Society. She is a member of Cardinal Key, treasurer of KDE, Mercer Choir, Womens Athletic Association and holds a state office in SNEA.

NAVY AVIATION TEAM TO BE HERE

On Jan. 27 and 28, 1965, the Navy's Aviation Information team will visit Mercer University. The purpose of their visit is to explain all phases of the Naval Aviation program to interested college students, including the Navy's newest Aviation Officer Candidate program called "OCAN" (Officer Candidate Airman).



FOUR BATTALION SPONSOR CANDIDATES, from left to right: Carole Tapley, Sarah Distlehurst, Mary Middlebrooks, and Lyn Wheeler. Not shown is student teacher Kay Moody.

(photo by Bob Hurt)

SARTRE AND SANDBURG SET AS PLAYERS FARE

By Toni Vlasage

The Mercer Speech and Drama Dept. departs from its usual procedure in dramatics this quarter to present a "double-feature" entertainment. Entitled "An Evening's Theatre", this program will bring together two very different but well-known works of dramatic art—The World of Carl Sandburg and No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre.

The World of Carl Sandburg will include readings from the best of the Pulitzer Prize winner's verse, including some as yet unpublished, and prose, with selections from the monumental biography of Lincoln, plus folk songs from his American songbag. This adaptation of Sandburg's works, woven into a continuous form by Norman Corwin, was first performed by Bette Davis, Gary Merrill, and Clarke Allen. Sharing the spotlight at Mercer will be Michael Day, Mellie Diaks, and Andrew Campbell.

Sartre's No Exit will complete the program. Two women and a man are locked up together for eternity in one hideous room in hell. The windows are bricked up, there are no mirrors, the electric lights can never be turned off, and there is "no exit." The irony of this hell is that its torture is not of the rack and fire, but of the burning humiliation of each soul as it is stripped of its pretenses by the cruel curiosity of the damned. Here the soul is shorn of its secrecy and even the blackest deeds are mercilessly exposed to the light of hell. There is no villain or hero, none is better or worse than the others; all are equally culpable and solely responsible for their own damnation. Each person makes his own hell. It is an eternal torment. Cast as Cradon will be Wilson Osteen; as Inez, Beverly Williams, as Estelle, Diana Rebel, and as the Valet, Michael Day. Adapted from the French by Paul Bowles, this fantasy has been produced with great success in Paris, London, and numerous other European capitals.

Exhibit On Tropical Africa Being Shown Here

An important educational exhibition of photographs and text entitled "TROPICAL AFRICA: An Explosion into the Future" opened in the upstairs lobby of the Connell Student Center on Jan. 8 and will continue through Feb. 7. The Phelps-Stokes Fund is sending out this Twentieth Century Fund exhibition, based on a 7-year comprehensive survey. The show is being circulated under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

The survey resulted in a 2-volume book, Tropical Africa, by

George H. T. Kimble, who resigned as director of the American Geographical Society in order to undertake the study. Mr. Kimble is now chairman of the department of geography at Indiana University. He drew upon contributions from 46 specialists and scholars and himself visited Africa many times during the course of the project.

The exhibition makes the viewer keenly aware of the 600 different groups of people living in Africa, the diversity of the land and the richness of natural resources, as well as the economic, political and social revolution taking place in Africa today. Westerners can no longer afford to ignore these changes since Africa now occupies a pivotal role in the future of the world. As Mr. Kimble has written: "Self-interest—to invoke no higher motive—demands that we take cognizance of these facts. It also demands that we try to see the significance of what is happening to the land and its people, to their welfare and development."

Otto Sermon Included In Anthology

A memorial sermon by Dr. F. Robert Otto, Dean of the Chapel at Mercer University, has been included in an anthology of sermons on the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

The memorial service was held on Nov. 25, 1963, and was attended by members of the Mercer faculty and student body with a few visitors from the community.

The title of the memorial sermon was "A Call to Repentance." The collection of memorial sermons was published by the Paulist Press of Glen Rock, N. J., under the title, "A Man Named John F. Kennedy: Sermons On His Assassination."

The 25 sermons contained in this collection were selected from a total of 850 sermons from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, representing 19 religious groups.

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Student Teacher Prospects to Meet

All students in the teacher-education program, who plan to do student teaching in the Fall, Winter or Spring Quarters of the 1965-66 academic year, will meet in the Otis D. Knight Hall of Humanities, Room 203, on Friday, Jan. 22, 1965, at 10:00 a.m.

Panty Raids At Mercer End In Christmas Carols

By Bill Dayton, assisted by Daniel Sheffield

Two "panty raids" heralded the coming of finals last quarter. The evening of Monday, Dec. 7, saw mobs of Mercer men descend upon the girls' dormitories twice, to have the dean of men and the registrar turn the last raid into a Christmas caroling session.

Word spread through the dining hall that evening, setting the first raid for 7:30. Mercer authorities knew that it was coming, but didn't know when, so that the appointed hour saw the dean of men, dean of women, director of housing, and others engaged in conversation with students in the coop.

Cheering, and shouting "panty raid, panty raid," a mob of around 500 boys poured from the men's dormitories at 7:25. Mercer security force captain Phil Weiss, the only official between the raiders and the girls' dorms, calmly finished writing out a traffic ticket and ambled over to the freshman girls' hall to have the sight of him in the doorway swing the mob over to the lawn of Mary Erin Porter Hall.

Around twenty boys had entered MEP before Captain Weiss and the Deans drove back the crowd. Weiss chased raiders through the halls for a few minutes while the mob outside was being dispersed. Liberal Arts Dean Garland F. Taylor noted that the girls were unlocking doors as fast as the authorities could lock them.

A second raid was set for 11:00, and plans were made in an attempt to insure its success. Gathering in small groups all over the campus,

drill field, and Tattnell Square Park, the raiders were to suddenly converge upon MEP, before the authorities had time to realize what was going on.

However, Dean of Men Joseph M. Hendricks and Registrar Columbus Posey began swapping jokes and anecdotes with a group of students in front of the post office. At 10:55, Dean Hendricks suggested that the group stroll over to MEP to sing Christmas carols. Thinking that the hour had arrived, raiders began to join the carolers, swelling their ranks from less than 30 to over 200 in a few moments.

When the mob reached the lawn of Porter Hall, the panty raiders paused, having suddenly realized that they were being led by the dean of men. Dean Hendricks calmly announced "Mr. Posey will now lead you in singing Christmas carols." And he did.

Captain Weiss chased a few boys who had entered the building from the rear out the doors as the main mob outside, sang "White Christmas," "Jingle Bells," and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

One of the 'trophies' procured by those who got into the building appeared, flying from the flagpole, on the following morning.



Maj. Gen. Snyder and Col. Pitts.

Maj. Gen. Snyder Visits Mercer

Maj. General Howard Snyder, commanding general of the 12th United States Army Corps, was on the Mercer campus Monday, visiting with university officials and inspecting ROTC facilities.

Gen. Snyder was briefed on ROTC activities by cadet members of the ROTC battalion staff here and conferred with the regular Army personnel. He viewed classroom instruction and watched other training.

The general has been commander of the 12th Corps for the past seven months.

He will be featured in an interview on the Mercer University Program at 9:30 a.m. on radio station WCXY.