



Greek Week Gets Going, McKenzie Gives Speech

Greek Week set off to a good start Sunday as more than \$600 was raised for the cancer drive by Mercer social organizations. The money, to be supplemented by funds raised Wednesday afternoon at the Faculty slave auction, is to be turned over to the cancer society to assist their work.

During an assembly in Willingham Chapel Wednesday morning, a special Greek Week address was presented by Atlanta Superior Court Judge McKenzie. The speech titled "By Demanding Excellence," was well attended by Mercer fraternity and sorority members.

Judge McKenzie began his address saying that he hoped to provide "food for thought" and continued to say that fraternities, "if they are to make themselves relevant to the twentieth century and continue to justify their existence, must engage in the pursuit of excellence." He added that "by demanding excellence, we must inspire it."

He continued, "I'm confident that you undergraduates realize that my use of the term 'Excellence' does not refer merely to the tangible, obvious implications of that term. Your social position on campus, your chapter house and popularity are all, in fact, mere surface indications of success. True success, real excellence, depends upon the degree to which your chapter, as a whole, comes to appreciate its intangible, but substantive basis, for being... the basis on which all fraternities and sororities were founded."

Judge McKenzie later went on to say that "perception finally prevailed and I came to realize that these intangible qualities, which make our college students stand apart from those I observed in Russia, are the very qualities which have sharpened and implemented the American College fraternity system."

"We cannot afford to overlook the question that legislators, educators, parents of college-bound sons and daughters—as well as the

public—pose too often these days... the question as to whether fraternities are really needed in our educational institutions as they are now constituted."

"In essence then, my message today is that we must make our fraternities and sororities relevant to the 20th century by encouraging excellence without losing sight of the principles on which our chapters were founded or endangering a proper sense of perspective."

He suggested that this could be "best brought about by the power of example. One could not mourn too greatly the death of a system which ceases to exist simply because it no longer fills a need. What a tragedy it would be to see the existence of the fraternity system endangered, simply by reason of acquiescence by the whole in the action of the few! We must, somehow, see that our entire chapters accept the Biblical maxim that "By their fruits ye shall know them". Future generations will be the final judge of our deeds... the power of example our most potent weapon. Christ put it thusly when he said, "For I have given you an example, that as I have done for you, so you also should do."

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The next meeting of the Committee on Campus Opinion will be Thursday, April 15th, 1965, in room 316 (Art Gallery), at 8:00 P.M. All interested students, faculty or staff members are invited to attend.

Sixty Qualify To Run In M.U. Spring Elections

By DANIEL SHEFFIELD

Sixty students qualified Tuesday to run for posts in the Student Government Association of Mercer University, S.G.A. Vice President Jeff Pace announced the following students as qualified candidates for the offices listed:

Student Government: President, John Collier and Brady Creel; Vice-President, Bob Herschner; Secretary, Liz Pater; Treasurer, Linda Walton; Freshman Advisor, Arden Kelley and Bill Theileman; Dorn Senate Representatives (2), Mary Jane Bloomfield, Dickie Childs, Linda Davis, Peggy Smith, Bill Westwood, and Jeri Windham; Town Senate Representatives (2), Margaret Ann Dupree and Janet Shirley.

Senior Class: President, Harry Doss and Jim Gilbert; Vice-President, Roy Smith, Roger Nunn, Gary Broadnax and George Kitchens; Secretary, Careen Hart, Carole Tapley and Mary Sue Thompson; Treasurer, Julie Murphy and Lynn Loessner.

Junior Class: President, Steve Moody and Tom Pye; Vice-President, David Laney and Jay Brewster; Secretary, Jean Harri-

son and Beth Brown; Treasurer, Joanie Bougher and Peggy Green. **Sophomore Class:** President, Bobby Phillips, Phil Jones, Jerry Masada and Don Nunn; Vice-President, Tom Plunkett, Emmett Goodman and Charles Weston; Secretary, Lou Roberts, Gloria Gattis, Ellen Gwinn and Suzanne Thornton; Treasurer, Connie Lawrence and Janie Baker. **Cauldron Editor:** Judy Clark and Tina Simmons.

Cluster Editor: Diana Denton. **Appropriations Committee:** Mike Norton, Carol Ann Wright, Judy Howell, Mary Eaton, Diana Garrett, Diana Heppner, Janice Gazaway, Mary Teel and Marilyn Maag.

Campaigns will officially begin April 12. Candidates will be introduced to the student body in chapel, April 12 and 13. Voting will be held on April 22.

Rule Of Man Is Replacing Rule Of Law, Justice Caldwell Charges In Speech Here

By WILLIAM DAYTON

Florida's Justice Millard F. Caldwell told Mercer law students, alumni, and others gathered for Law Day Friday, April 2, that they were faced with the "vitally important question" as to "whether we preserve the integrity of the Federal Constitution or become a nation subject to rule by man rather than rule by law." The eminent jurist and former governor of Florida warned that the judicial and executive branches of the government were taking over functions of the legislative branch, adding that he thought some of the changes effected "by judicial fiat" were good, but "those changes should come in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and not through unconstitutional usurpation by a court not subject to the vote of the people."

The Tennessee-born former congressman and governor was principal speaker at the Walter F. George School of Law 17th annual Law Day observance. His address followed a seminar on "Federal-State Relations" which featured South Carolina Attorney General Dan McLeod and Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook. Justice Caldwell was welcomed in a speech by Mercer president Rufus C. Harris and was introduced for his address by Florida attorney Joseph A. McClain.

Beginning with a reminiscence of the late Senator Walter F. George, remarking that "when President Roosevelt came down from Washington to purge him from the rolls of the Senate, I felt impelled to come up from Florida to help in his re-election."

Caldwell then posed two questions: whether or not we ought to respect Constitutional laws with or without "the law sired by judicial legislation," and whether or not the law should be observed universally "or may exceptions be allowed certain favored elements of our Great Society?"

The nation's lawyers, he said, will have to determine what type of government should prevail in America. "They are the trustees, for... the people, and will discharge that trust wisely or unwisely, dependent upon their con-



Florida Supreme Court Justice Caldwell delivers Law Day address.

victions or lack of convictions." "You may be sure that upon the outcome of the twentieth century struggle between communism and civilization depends, not merely the fate of the United States, nor of Russia, nor of Red China, but the fate of... free society. The conclusion will be determined by the strength or weakness of a single nation—the United States of America."

"To me, at least, it seems equally clear that the strength of America will be measured by the nature of its government—and your choice lies between the form of government as conceived by those who

captured our freedoms from Great Britain in the Revolution and a centralized sort of despotism." "I suppose we must all concede the inefficiency of representative government which entails lost motion, delays, tremendous waste of energy and money. And I suppose we would agree, in theory, at least, that a dictatorship, whether by one wise man or a conclave of nine, could more efficiently administer the affairs of the Nation. But I suspect the American people... would prefer inefficiency and the privilege of making their own mistakes to the omnipotence of a (Continued on page 4)



President Rufus Harris

Education Is The Answer To Poverty And Ignorance, Harris States

Mercer President Dr. Rufus C. Harris said Monday that education is the chief answer to poverty and ignorance in the Great Society, and he asserted that educational inadequacy in America is approaching a crisis in view of the stresses confronting this generation.

Dr. Harris spoke to some 800 teachers at a meeting of the Bibb County Teachers Association. The meeting was held at the L. H. Williams Elementary School in conjunction with "Teacher Career Month."

"We are now compelled to face up to the fact that as a whole, the total American forces of education are so undersustained that they are not strong enough to educate the American people as world circumstances now require," said Dr. Harris.

He asked: "What should the good teacher teach over and beyond the official textbooks—which every teacher worthy of the name knows—in these days of fat and comfort where such a dizzy chasm exists between what we have, what we do, and what we claim to be? In depression times 'hope and hardihood' were offered. But in these fat years shall young people be permitted to teachers to consider that all is well with us if concern for neighbor, pity and compassion for the weak are substituted by a fatuous concern for opulence, lavishness and self-indulgence? There may not be a sadder way either to make or to record the educational history of these days?"

He pointed out that educational facilities in the South are considerably below the national level, and added that "it affects our future so critically that we must satisfy these conditions or find ourselves 'buried' as Khrushchev once said."

Dr. Harris said that Southerners, themselves, must lead the way to project the area as something vital in itself, and he proposed that this be done through more religious conviction, more unselfish political leadership, and more educational opportunity.

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NEXT WEEK AT MERCER

- Sunday, April 11: MICA Tea, 4:00.
- Monday, April 12: Graduate Record Exams; Alpha Gam Open House; Banker's Life Unit; C. R. Youth and Mental Health Program.
- Tuesday, April 13: AAUW, 10 S. C. 7:30.
- Thursday, April 15: Sigma Phi Open House.
- Friday, April 16: State Literary Meet.
- Saturday, April 17: State Literary Meet; Science Exhibit, The Image of Physics."

Young Democrats To Meet Wed.

The meeting of Mercer Young Democrats which was to be held in past Wednesday has been postponed until next Wednesday due to a time conflict with Judge McKenzie's speech. All persons interested in democratic politics are urged to attend the meeting, at Chapel Hall, Wednesday, April 14.

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