

# The Mercer Cluster



Col. William Slayden II of the University of Tennessee inspects the rifles of Mercer's ROTC corpomen as Col. R. L. Pitta and other inspection team members look on in Monday's Federal inspection.

## ROTC Inspection Held

Mercer's ROTC Battalion had annual Federal Inspection Monday as a three-man team of Army officials reviewed the cadets and the ROTC facilities.

Col. William M. Slayden II of the University of Tennessee, Lt. Col. Kenneth I. Bechtold of Georgia Tech, and Staff Sergeant Roy D. Brothers, also of the University of Tennessee, composed the inspection team.

The inspection of the ROTC facilities by Col. Slayden followed a meeting with Mercer's ROTC faculty.

Later in the morning the team met with Dr. Edgar H. Wilson, special Assistant to President Harris. They joined Dean of Men Joseph M. Hendricks and Admissions Director John Mitchell for lunch. Later in the afternoon they witnessed the varied combat skills of the Mercer Marauders.

During the afternoon drill the ca-

## PHI BETA LAMBDA MEET THIS WEEKEND

Seven Mercer students attended the State Convention of Phi Beta Lambda college business fraternity Friday and Saturday at the Dinkler Plaza in Atlanta. Linda Tabor, state president, presided.

Others attending from Mercer were Medie Sims, president of the local chapter; Donna Barrett, president-elect; Mrs. Zeb Vance, chapter advisor; and Carolyn Zellner, Dianne Grant, Patricia Taylor, and Jackie Cain.

## M.U. Co-Ed Honored

Miss Mary Teal of Cuthbert, a sophomore at Mercer University, has been elected secretary of the Southeastern Intercollegiate Student Government Association. She was named to the office at recent meeting at Emory and Henry College at Abingdon, Va. Others attending the meeting included Miss Helen Glenn, dean of women, and Misses Elsa Ann Gaines, Elberton; Willisia Holbrook, Orlando, Fla.; Tessie Bryan, Statesboro; Janet Shirley, Atlanta; and Martha Harvey, Thomas-

detts were inspected individually for appearance and military knowledge by the team. Immediately following, the inspection team and the ROTC company sponsors reviewed the battalion as the cadet band played.

## Blue Key Taps 8 Cardinal Key 11

Mercer's two national honor societies tapped 20 students and faculty members as new initiates Tuesday during a special ceremony in Willingham Chapel.

In joint ceremonies, Blue Key national honor fraternity tapped nine male students and two faculty members.

The students named to membership in Blue Key are Brady Creel, Ernest Ferrell, Bill Hayes, Richard Hearn, Thomas Kirbo, Daniel Kleckley, Frank Lanneau, and Edward Payne.

Faculty members chosen are Dr. Willis B. Glover and Dr. Robert F. Otto.

Cardinal Key initiates are Betty Jo Freeman, Elsa Ann Gaines, Betty Glenn, Mary Ann Massengill and Deloris Williams.

Dr. Jean Hendricks, Dr. Doris Raymond, Mrs. Mary Wilder and Dr. Marguerite Woodruff were chosen as new faculty initiates.

This is the first year since 1951 that Cardinal Key has tapped faculty members into the organization.

The new honor society members were chosen during the chapel program by the traditional tap on the shoulder with a ceremonial cane.

Blue Key was begun at Mercer in 1928. To be eligible for membership, a student must have demonstrated positive qualities of leadership on campus, participated in a variety of extracurricular activities and completed at least two years of college work.

He must have maintained an academic average above the all men's average for the preceding quarter or for all of his years at Mercer.

Cardinal Key, sister sorority of Blue Key, was established at Mercer in 1933. Membership is determined on the basis of character, leadership, participation in a variety of activities and academic excellence.

# 'Oklahoma!' Tonight

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## ALUMNI DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow, May 1, hundreds of guests and alumni are expected to make the annual hejira to Macon as Mercer celebrates Alumni Day.

Beginning Friday evening as members of the classes of 1915, 1925, and 1940 hold reunion dinners, the Alumni Day activities will include the final performance of "Oklahoma!", an alumni luncheon, and several reunion dinners.

Registration begins Saturday morning at 10 a.m., and will be followed by a social period. Dr. Howard P. Giddens, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Athens and immediate past president of Mercer Alumni Association, will be the featured speaker at the general session 11 a.m. in Willingham Chapel. Luncheon follows in the Connell Student Center.



"You don't dare say that word—this is Mercer!" Jimmy Newsom stops Reamon Beaty just in time tonight in "Oklahoma!"

Those who missed the first presentation of Oklahoma! last night will certainly not want to miss it again tonight. The play is a happy, rousing musical based on Lynn Riggs' Green Grow the Lillacs, set to music in a delightful way by Rogers and Hammerstein. Curtain time is 8:14 p.m.

Curley McLain, played by Bruce Powers, opens the play in a light mood with "O What a Beautiful Mornin'," which is apparently enjoyed mightily by Aunt Eller

(Sandy Harrison). Curley has come over to ask Laurey Williams (Stiles Allen) to go to a "social" with him, but to his disappointment he finds she's going with Jud Fry (Bill Osteen), the villainous hired hand. Even his offer of a ride in his "Surrey With the Fringe on Top" won't change her mind.

Curly's friend, Will Parker (Gary Sikes), upon his boisterous return from "Kansas City," expects to claim the hand of his Ado Annie (Peggy Malott), only to find she has "took up with" a Persian peddler-man, Ali Hakim (Reamon Beaty). Her only defense for the comedy of confusion which follows is that she simply "Can't Say No."

The romantic situation is further complicated when Curley escorts Gertie Cummings (Beverly Williams) to the picnic social to make Laurey jealous. The play climaxes with a run-in between Jud and Curley and the singing of one of Rogers' and Hammerstein's greatest hits, "Oklahoma!"

In charge of the musical aspects of the production are directors Jack Jones and Keith Turpin. Nellie Diaks, ably assisted by Steve Belew and Barbara Levinson handle the lighting department. Mike Day is stage manager and the costume design is the work of Tom Vissage. Miss Gladys Laesky directs the dancing. Miss Linda Shuler, drama instructor, directs the acting and coordinates the overall effort.



**"IT TAKES A LOT OF 'PULL' IN COLLEGE NOW-A-DAYS!"**  
The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi practice for Sigma Nu relays, to be held Thursday before Porter Stadium. The girls will compete with their rivals of Chi Omega, Alpha Gam, and Phi Mu in such aesthetic and ego-building events as the "Izzy-Dizzy" (circling a baseball bat 10 times), Beer-Can Bending Contest, the Egg-Throw, Rolling-Pin throw, Balloon-Bust, Greased-Pig Chase, the Tug-of-War over a mud puddle, the "Pin in a Pie" in which the contestant submerges her face in a pie plate full of whipped cream in search of a Sigma Nu Pin, and the Clothes change which sends teams of co-eds scurrying with suitcases to don skirts, blouses, heels, hats, and pocketbooks, and then to disrobe so that teammates can share the wardrobe.

## Next Week At Mercer

- MAY 1 Pre-Registration fees due  
Alumni Day  
KA Open House  
Medical College admission test 8:30—Penfield Hall  
SAT for high school students
- MAY 2 Swedish prints on exhibit  
Art Gallery
- MAY 3 Macon Baptist Pastors Luncheon  
Navy Recruitment Visit  
"Miss Mercer" contest 8:00—Chapel
- MAY 4 Navy Recruitment Visit
- MAY 5 Campus Sing 7:30—Willingham Chapel
- MAY 6 Spanish Club—7:00 P.M.  
Sigma Nu Relays
- MAY 7 SAE Spring Weekend  
LXA Weekend, White Rose  
Alpha Gam Spring Weekend  
Faculty Christian Fellowship—7:45  
Film: "Tender Is The Night" 7:30—314 SS
- MAY 8 Folk Festival

## Catalogs

Mercer Catalogs for 1965-66 are now available at the Registrar's office.

## BUCHWALD-COMING

Art Buchwald, well-known author and syndicated columnist in over 225 newspapers, will speak at the Macon City Auditorium at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 6. Buchwald will be sponsored by the Bibb County Center of the University of Georgia.

Besides his syndicated column, Art Buchwald has starred on television and has published several books, his latest being a best seller entitled "... And Then I Told The President."

Mr. W. C. Whitley, representative of the Bibb County Center of the University of Georgia, has invited all students and teachers of Mercer University and their friends to attend this program and hear this unique columnist. Admission is free.



Bishop J. Milton Richardson spoke before Freshman and Sophomore chapel Friday, April 23, on facing life and forming good habits. Bishop Richardson of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas was the guest on campus of ATO fraternity of which he has been National Worthy Grand Chaplain since 1945. The Bishop was guest of honor at the ATO Founders' Day banquet the preceding night at the Dempsey Hotel, and spoke in chapel Thursday to Juniors and Seniors.