



CAULDRON DEDICATED TO DEAN F. R. OTTO

The students of Mercer University showed their respect and admiration for their friend and guide, Dr. Francis Robert Otto, Dean of Chapel, by dedicating this year's *Cauldron* to him Tuesday, May 24.

Dr. Otto, who has been at Mercer for ten years, has been a source of help and inspiration to countless students, both in his classes and in his personal relationships with those who search for truth, reason and meaning in their lives. His messages in chapel have presented a challenge to each one that has listened, and continue to do so even now, both in their content and in the thoughtful manner in which each one is presented.

Dr. Otto is one of the people most concerned with the welfare of Mercer, which denotes to him Mercer's students. His thoughts are always geared to the young people who walk this campus, and his mind turned to their feelings and ideas. He is often found with these students, vigorously debating some point of theology or quietly discussing some problem which is trou-

ling a confused mind.

His lectures and speeches reflect his high esteem for the students to whom he speaks. He spends much time in study so he can speak about matters relevant to the present, matters that are of pressing concern to young people in a fast-moving troubled age. His skirmishes with the Georgia Baptist Convention give evidence of the discontent with old trite subject matter that has been presented so often that it no longer has any meaning, especially to open minds who really are trying to learn.

One wonders how so many pointed ideas can come out of a single mind. Suffice it to say that it is an exceptional mind, one with unusual power and insight. Mercer is truly fortunate to have one so intelligent and beneficial among her attendants.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES

Prominent Civic Leaders Lauded

Four honorary degrees will be awarded during commencement exercises Sunday, June 5. The recipients of these degrees will be Dennis William Brosnan, president of Southern Rail-



Brosnan Aiken Martin Cardwell

Names of the recipients were announced by Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president of Mercer. Brosnan will deliver the commencement address at 5:30 p.m., June 5, during ceremonies at which 264 graduates will be awarded degrees.

Mr. Brosnan and Mr. Martin will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Brosnan, a native of Albany and a graduate of Georgia Tech, began his railroad career in 1926 as a student apprentice and track laborer with the Southern Railroad at Macon. He served in various capacities with the railway system in Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky and Alabama until 1952 when he was elected vice president of Southern Railway System, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. He was elected executive vice president in 1960, and has been president since 1962.

As president of the Southern Railway System he is president, chief executive, and a director of 15 railroads and companies, including the Southern Railway Co. He is chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of five other railroads, including the Cen-

tral of Georgia Railway Co., and Georgia and Florida Railway Co., and the Savannah and Atlanta Railway Co.

His is a director of several other railroads, educational organizations, civic enterprises, and financial organizations, including the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Atlanta. He is a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development and of the National Safety Council, and president of the Defense Orientation Conference.

Mr. Brosnan has been widely recognized for his business and civic endeavors. In 1963 he was named the "Railroad Man of the Year" and given the "National Salesman of the Year" award of

Sales and Marketing Executives International. He was awarded the "George Washington Medal of Honor" last year by the Freedoms Foundation, Inc. for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

Mr. Martin will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition for his services to the legal profession, the community and Mercer University.

He is a senior partner in the Macon law firm of Martin, Snow, Grant and Napier, and is a member of the board of directors of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Macon.

Mr. Martin was a 1914 graduate

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AWARDS DAY HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The annual Awards Day Program, held May 23 in Willingham Chapel, honored students and faculty members for outstanding performance during the school year. Social organizations also were lauded for their achievements.

Miss Lynda Lee Dickens of Sparta and Miss Patricia Jo Mooney of Cartersville shared honors for the Sigma Tau Gamma Award to the freshman girl with the highest academic average.

Miss Dickens was also recipient of the Mother Montague Award, presented annually by Cardinal Key to the outstanding freshman girl.

George Lee Phillips, Jr., of Macon received the Phi Eta Sigma Trophy which is awarded to the freshman male with the highest academic average.

John Winkle of Rome was named recipient of the Spright Dowell Award which is given to

the outstanding freshman male.

Other awards:

Chi Omega academic award to the girl with the highest average in social studies: Carolyn Broome Grant, Macon.

Macon Chi Omega Alumni Scholarship Award: Delores Williams, Rooklet

General information quiz scholarship award: First place, Jacob Beil, Columbus; second place, Bill Dayton, Dunedin, Fla.

Reading Award: John Everett, Macon.

Acting Awards, presented by Alpha Psi Omega honorary dramatic

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FREEMAN, SIKES, ANDERSON, TO RECEIVE SULLIVAN AWARD

This year's presentations of the coveted Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards will be going to seniors Bobby Sikes and Betty Jo Freeman and to prominent newspaper publisher, Peyton Anderson.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan medallions are sponsored by the New York Southern Society and are presented annually to two outstanding students in each year's graduating class, and to a prominent leader for distinguished service.

John Robert Sikes of Macon, is a member of Blue Key and has served as its president this year. He has also filled the post of Chief Justice of the Honor Council. He was vice president of his freshman class, and has served on the Student Senate, and represented Kappa Alpha Order on the Interfr-

aternity Council. Sikes received the Spright Dowell Award; was a candidate for president of the junior class; has been on the tennis team for four years, and was named Greek God, 1966.

Miss Betty Jo Freeman of Talbotton, Ga., has been a member of W.A.A., B.S.U., the Cluster staff, Sigma Mu, KDE and Sigma Tau Gamma, and was Cardinal Key Corresponding secretary. She has served as treasurer and president of the Debate Club; secretary, treasurer and vice president of Tau Kappa Alpha; and program chairman of the French Club. She was

listed in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities; has appeared consistently on the Dean's List, and, on several occasions, held the highest academic average in her classes.

Peyton Anderson, this year's civic leader chosen to receive the award, is publisher of The Macon Telegraph and The Macon News. Mr. Anderson has been in the newspaper business for fifty years, having started at age nine in the offices of The Macon Telegraph.

The awards will be presented during commencement exercises on June 5.



Dr. William E. McCurdy (right), visiting professor of law, is presented a certificate of honorary membership in Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity by Dr. Joseph A. McClain, speaker at the Law Day luncheon and former dean of the Walter F. George School of Law. Dr. McCurdy has been a visiting professor of law at Mercer since 1960, the year he retired after serving for 32 years as a member of the faculty of the Harvard Law School. Dr. McClain is now a Tampa, Fla., attorney.