

## DR. HARRIS OUTLINES COSTS

### ANN STANFORD IS NEW MISS MACON

Mercer President Rufus Carrollton Harris presented the University Trustees a study of the rising costs of college operation and financial support of Georgia Baptists to their six colleges compared to Georgia tax support for the state-owned colleges.

The Georgia Baptist colleges have gained immeasurably from the Georgia Baptist Convention's programs of capital gifts and endowments. President Harris pointed out, however, the total support for the Georgia Baptist colleges for both capital improvements and current support has declined in the ten year period by 16% per student. In the same period the public colleges in Georgia have received a total per student increase of 32% for the combined current support and capital funds appropriated. The resulting spread of 48% shows the plight of the Baptist colleges.

Dr. Harris stated that the support for all six Georgia Baptist colleges for current operations increased in the ten year period from 1957 to 1967 from \$281,600 to \$424,170 or an increase of \$142,570. Though the dollar increase should indicate real growth, the actual per capita student support declined from \$112.28 per student in 1957 to \$89.72 per student in 1967. This is a decline in Georgia Baptist Convention support per student of \$22.56 or 20%, despite the erosion of the American dollar and the greatly increased cost of practically everything.

The study revealed that during the same period the current operations support to the public colleges of Georgia increased from \$18,600,000 to \$59,505,000. This is a per student increase from \$714.70 to \$1,061.38 or an increase of \$346.68 per student, amounting to a 49% increase per student. It is clear that the Georgia Baptist Convention decrease of 20% and the 49% increase to the state colleges is really a spread of 69% which is critical to the Baptist colleges.

In approving a 4.4 million dollar budget a new "guaranteed tuition program" was also adopted by the Mercer Trustees. Under the new plan, a student's tuition will not be increased as long as he continues to make normal progress toward a degree at Mercer. Necessary cost increases in the future will be met by raising tuition fees in any one year for students enrolling during that academic year, according to William T. Haywood, Vice-President for Business and Finance.

"Normal progress toward a degree" is construed to mean that any interruption in a student's academic career will not be longer than a year in duration. Provision will be made for unavoidable interruptions such as military service, Mr. Haywood stated.

For students enrolled prior to June 1, 1967 the 1967-68 tuition will be \$366 per quarter. Students

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### Folk Festival Here Saturday

December's Children, folk singing group making the college circuit from Mars Hill, N. C., and B. J. and The Harper's will be the featured groups of the Sixth Annual Georgia Collegiate Folk Festival to be held Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Some local highlights of the concert will be Sarah Hackney, Steve Olsen, Carey Reed and Judy Force, the Phi Mu Washboard Band, Sue Walker, Ruth Misner, Beth Thomas, Jasmine Dawson, and Steve Belew.

The festival, sponsored by the SGA and organized, as for the past six years, by Dr. Benjamin Griffith of the English Department, will also include an informal session Saturday at 3:00 p.m. This seminar and song-swapping session is still open to participants (those interested should contact Jerry Stone) and the public is invited to attend afternoon and evening programs. No admission will be charged.

The students from Mars Hill College who formulate the "December's Children" group are Shiele Stevenson, Ilene Sink, Joe Bingham, Andy Biro, Tim Elmore, Gary Sturgis, Fields Young, III and Bucky Wright of Macon.

### Doctors To Speak

Monday May 1 there will be two representatives from the Medical College of Georgia on the Mercer campus, Dr. David McCorkle

All persons interested in applying to be an orientation assistant next fall, please pick up an application from the Division of Student Personnel.

### GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE OF THE FUTURE

Atlanta, Ga. — (I.P.) — The Georgia State College of the future, as projected in the master plan by Robert and Co. Associates, will be a multi-level campus of tree shaded plazas and pedestrian boulevards above the noise of city traffic.

Approved in concept by the State Board of Regents, the purpose of the master campus plan is to "encourage and make possible a unified and homogeneous character" in the design of the future campus. The campus will encompass 60 acres of downtown property and with building will cost a total of \$96,150,946.

President Noah Langdale described the purpose of the plaza design in the foreword to the prospectus issued by Robert and Co. "Early consideration was given to the conservation of space by programming a multi-platform complex."

"These 'plazas' will serve to protect pedestrians from dangerous street crossings, as vertical movement devices to upper the lower stories, as congregational points for



—Claudia Young—

Saturday night, after weeks of interviews, T.V. appearances, and production rehearsals, a radiant Ann Stanford was crowned Miss Macon 1967. Ann is the second Miss Macon from Mercer University; she succeeds LaRose Powell, Miss Macon 1966. Ann is a Sophomore from Orlando, Florida and aside from her beauty title, she has lead a very active campus life.

The first week of her Freshman year at Mercer, Ann was crowned Miss Freshman. She was KA Pledge Sweetheart, and treasurer of her class. A member of the Mercer Cheerleading squad, Ann helped cheer the Bears on to victory during the past season. During Winter quarter she successfully navigated in a sports car rally, and took first place. As a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Ann serves as Historian-Reporter and Pan-Hellenic Representative. As any Mercer co-ed knows, academics must be given constant attention. Ann is no different. A psychology major, she hopes to go into social work after graduation.

Ann's immediate reaction to her new title was pure unadulterated

excitement. Though it took much work, Ann felt that it was a lot of fun. She, with the help of Becky Buntin, spent many hours practicing her talent routine, a dance to "Pass Me By". In addition to the concentrated practices for her talent there were interviews and production rehearsals to attend. Looking back Ann feels that she gained a clear insight into the city of Macon. She learned how to smile when she wanted to cry, and develop a sense of poise. Most important, however, was the experience of meeting people. During the three weeks of preparation for the pageant, Ann learned how to meet and talk with all kinds of people. All in all, Ann is looking forward to the Miss Georgia contest held in Columbus this July.



Left To Right: Miss Kimberly Kieburz, Second Runner-Up; Miss Ann Stanford, "Miss Macon"; Miss Barbara Elliott, First Runner-Up.

### S.G.A. OFFICERS ARE SWORN IN

Officers of the Student Government Association were officially sworn in Tuesday April 25, 1967 in the Willingham Chapel. Jacob Bell, Chief Justice of the Honor Council administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers.

David Hudson, the newly sworn president, made several remarks to the student body in which he expressed his gratitude for being elected to the high position of honor and responsibility. "I am honored by the responsibility which you have entrusted me with." He stated that the past president, Steve Moody, had left the Student Government Association in a very bright state of affairs. He cited the successes of the change of the library hours on Sundays, the improvement of the cafeteria situation, and the high quality entertainment which the Mercer student body has seen this year.

Hudson said, "We have a proud and dignified heritage and we don't want to tarnish it." "The students of Mercer have always been when the rights of students have been threatened."

Other officers of the S.G.A. sworn in by Bell include: Roger Anderson, Janie Baker, Carol Ann Wright, Ed Bacon, Martiel Rabbit, Judy Force, Bill Ingram,



Nancy Smith, Mark Steinbeck, Marty Leverett, Bud Maddox, Rick Davison, Dori Ripley, Roddy Clark, Bill Wehunt, Lynn Goyen, Sara Smith, Gary Brenner, John Winkle, Janie Ball, Stephanie Edgar, Robert Belloir, Charlie Whitzleben, Tish Eubank, and Sara Hackney.

### No Dissent On Otto

The Cluster received statement Thursday April 20 that the announcement in chapel that day was incorrect and there was in fact NO dissenting vote to turn the Otto matter over to President Harris' discretion.