

MISS MERCER PAGEANT 1967

Mary Lucas, Miss Mercer; Carol Bruce, 1st runner-up; Ann Stanford, 2nd runner-up; Sanda Rich, 3rd runner-up; and Sandy Carroll, 4th runner-up.



Mary Lucas, New Miss Mercer

By Claudia Young

Wednesday, May 3, the Circle K Club once again sponsored the annual Miss Mercer Pageant. Each year a Mercer co-ed is chosen from a field of girls, sponsored by the various social organizations, to represent Mercer University for the coming school year.

Miss Mercer was chosen on the basis of her poise, campus activities, and appearance on stage. Last year talent was required of each of the contestants, but the Circle K decided to eliminate the talent portion of the contest this year. Talent, according to Circle K President, Vince Fallin, is not needed by Miss Mercer, because she has no opportunity to use it during her reign. Instead, an interview with the judges, held previously to the actual competition was given and counted 1/3 of the total points given on the basis of personality and campus activities. A true Miss Mercer, it was felt, should lead an active campus life and have a pleasing personality.

The competition began at 5 o'clock Wednesday night with the contestant's interview by the judges. Campus activities and future plans were discussed, and the entries were judged on their personality and originality in response. Then at 8:00 the formal competition began. Each entry modeled a sports outfit, and then a formal. The entries were introduced on stage to the judges, and their activities were announced to the audience. Following the formal wear, a short intermission was held on which the judges narrowed the field of 21 contestants, to the 12 semi-finalists.

Once again the twelve modeled their formals. Again the field was narrowed. Each of the five finalists were asked to give a spontaneous answer to several questions by Circle K. On the basis of the recitation, stage appearance, personality, and campus activities, the new Miss Mercer 1967-68 was selected. The new Miss Mercer was crowned by last year's Miss Mercer, Miss Jean Harrison. Jean, was chosen last year during the Miss Mercer Pageant and has done much to deserve her title. A Senior this year, Jean has been a cheerleader at Mercer for 3 years, president and rush chairman of her sorority, Phi Mu, and SAE sweetheart. She is a member of Cardinal Key and was an active member of the SGA. She was a true representative of Mercer University.

The contestants that competed this year were sponsored by: Al-

pha Delta Pi Sorority: Laura Shouse, Mary April McCready, Alpha Gamma Delta: Sara Hackney, Ruthie Wilhelm, Chi Omega: Linda Mac Elreath, Ann Peirson, Phi Mu: Baxter Bilson, Susan Cheshire, Alpha Tau Omega: Mary Lucas, Sanda Rich, Kappa Alpha Order: Ann Stanford, Kappa Sigma: Gwen Getzen, Suzanne Thornton, Lambda Chi Alpha: Sandra Burnam, Fran Williams, Phi Delta Theta: Carol Bruce, Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Tish Eubank, Sigma Nu: Sandy Carroll, MIMA: Martiel Babbit, Nancy Williams, MICA: Claudette Wells. These were the 21 girls that competed for the title of Miss Mercer.

They represent all the classes and social groups on campus. The girls are from Florida, Georgia and Kentucky. All are very much a part of Mercer's campus life, and all are excellent representatives of Mercer University.

The Circle K Club certainly deserves the thanks of the student body, the contestants, the judges, and all those concerned with the pageant. Without their sponsorship and interest the pageant would not be the success that it is every year. The careful selection of the judges, the scenery, the lighting, and all the other minute details that insure the pageant's success can be attributed to President Vince Fallin, Vice-President Bill Wehunt, and the other members of Circle K.

The Miss Mercer Pageant has always been a highlight of Mercer's school year, and was no different this year. It is hoped that the tradition will be continued successfully into the future as it has been in the past.

Future Graduate Students

Dr. Raymond announces that on Thursday, May 11 the Committee on Fellowships, Scholarships and Graduate Study will meet in Room 316 of the Connel Student Center at 3:30 p.m.

The committee would like to meet with all juniors who are planning to attend graduate school after June graduation 1968.

Any interested students are invited to attend.

Dr. Harris At Savannah

Speaking on the intensity of the problems facing the U. S. in the twentieth century, Dr. Rufus Carrollton Harris, president of Mercer University, told the Savannah Lion's Club today, "Our democracy is courageous and strong enough to withstand the most rapid social change and political adjustment. There are scarcely any traumatic experiences able to diminish American national purpose." Pointing out the self-corrective capacities of a people living in a democracy, Dr. Harris listed the coming national political elections, the ongoing debate over our involvement in Viet Nam and the South and her ways as those problems most relevant to our region at the moment.

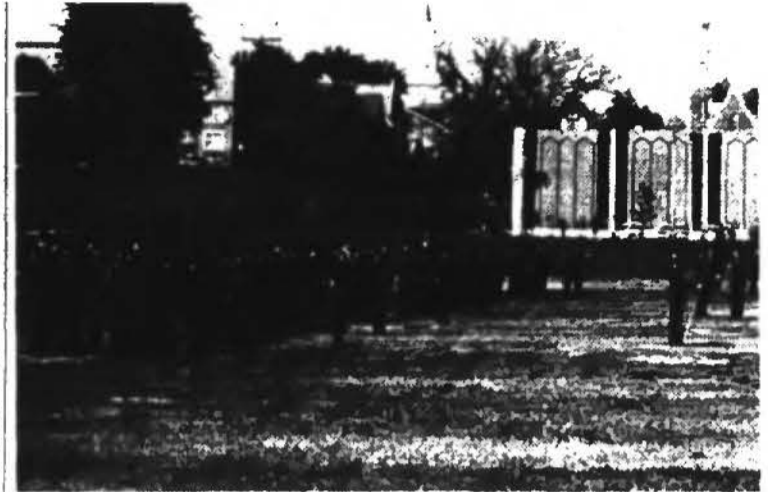
Commenting on the coming political campaigns, Dr. Harris said, "Our economic and social issues are becoming almost staggering in their bewilderment. They need an abundance of rational instead of emotional and partisan answers." He continued, "the issue of involvement in Viet Nam is dividing our people more than any other in our years. Such a division is a threat to our national effectiveness. Criticism of our presence in Viet Nam seems no longer helpful. The fact is that wisely or unwisely we are there, and cannot repudiate our national leadership of the past fifteen years which took us there. It seems strange that any person could assume that the U. S. alone is blame-worthy of the war." He stated that after a recent visit to Tokyo that he observed that educational leaders there seem to comprehend better than we our role in Viet Nam.

Speaking of the South, Dr. Harris said, "Some writers have treated our section ungenerously, marveling that any form of substantial progress could come to the region. I believe the time is here that we can change that condition. We southerners must lead the way to such change." Dr. Harris warned his audience that "we should not permit it to appear that if we build as many factories as Massachusetts or construct as many mail order houses as New York, or erect as many packing houses as Illinois, or dig as many oil wells as Texas



boasts, or raise as many herds of cattle on a thousand hills as the western states do, we will then have reached the goal we desire."

Pointing to three areas of endeavor where assistance may be found he spoke of the need of a new type of leadership in religion, politics and education. Commenting on the religious situation, Dr. Harris stated, "In the earlier part of this century our society suffered by its



R.O.T.C. Has Formal Inspection

On Mayday, 24 April 1967, an inspection team headed by Colonel Thresher, PMS at the University of Georgia, converged on the Mercer campus to begin a complete and detailed inspection of the ROTC Department facilities and the corps of cadets at Mercer University.

Beginning at 10:30 Monday morning the Cadet Battalion Staff Marauders and critiquing the ROTC cadre on the inspection results. Through the fine efforts of each individual cadet, the ROTC Department of Mercer University received a most favorable rating.

That afternoon, Col. Thresher and his staff made a detailed inspection of the cadet Battalion in ranks. Tuesday was spent by the inspection team observing an excellent hand-to-hand combat demon-

stration conducted by the Mercer morning the Cadet Battalion Staff headed by Lt. Col. Leslie Wilkinson presented to the Inspection Staff a 30 minute lecture on all phases of cadet activities.

The Cadet Battalion Staff along with the rest of the Seniors join with the cadre in expressing thanks for a job well done.



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unwillingness to consider Christianity relevant to the public social problems of twentieth century life. In many places the churches and their ministers were admonished to "stay out." Now we are beginning to see the connection between economics and morality. But to see the connection and to find the means to effectuate it are hugely different matters. In order to find these effectuating means we must search for adequate insight into the spiritual condition of modern man. We must observe his agony in the constantly changing and new conditions of our society.

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ALUMNI DAY

Saturday, May 6, is Mercer's annual Alumni Day honoring the golden anniversary of the class of 1917. The class is President Rufus Harris' class and the alumni relations director predicts a big weekend for the "Golden Grads."

Over eighteen couples from as far away as California will be present for the activities. The theme of the day will be "An Age of Change of a Crises of Values?" and three seminars will scrutinize various aspects of the theme with students, faculty and alumni participating.

The reunion will be kicked off by a banquet Friday night where tales of yesteryear are bound to fill the air. This will be followed by a class of '17 breakfast at the Dempsey Hotel and the annual meeting in Willingham Chapel where several service awards will be presented.

There the seminars follow, topped off with "dinner on the grounds" and music of yesteryear presented by the C.A.C. Band from Warner Robins AFB.

The "Goldlast Gang" will certainly marvel at the changes in their old Alma Mater. Will they remember the split in the class over the controversy of the President leaving the University in the middle of the year?

The Committee On Athletics
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The committee on Athletics has from its conception understood its function and responsibility to be limited to the area of intercollegiate sports. The committee continues to recommend policy related to budget, scholarships, schedules, eligibility, and extent of the athletic

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