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Christmas Musical To Be Presented

Mercer University will present its annual performance of Christmas music Sunday afternoon December 8, 1968 at 3:00 in Willingham Chapel. The program this year includes both the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah and the Menotti "Amahl and the Night Visitors".

This will be Dr. Arthur L. Rich's twenty-fifth anniversary production of Christmas festival music at Mercer University; only twice during that period has he not conducted the performance in person. For the first twenty season, Mrs. Helen Rich presided at the organ.

Assisting the choir, which has been streamlined into an elite musical group will be four distinguished professional soloists: Diana Jones, soprano of Atlanta; Laura T. Hillman, contralto of Georgia College, at Milledgeville; Lawrence S. Weaver, tenor of Atlanta; and John VanCura of the Mercer University staff. James Carmichael will be at the organ.

The second feature of the afternoon, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be staged under the direction of John VanCura.

The Musical public is invited to attend.



Ware Music Hall

Dedication Ceremonies Set For Ware Music Hall

Mercer University's reconstructed Katherine Catchings Ware Music Hall was formally named Sunday, Dec 1, at 5:30 p.m.

The building, one of four on the campus whose history goes back more than a half century, was reconstructed during the summer to make a home for the Department of Music.

It was named in honor of the wife of the Atlanta attorney, Henry H. Ware Jr., whose gift made the change possible.

Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president of the university, presided over the naming ceremony. Appreciation was expressed by Edwin Bacon Jr. of Jesup, president of the Student Government Association, T. Baldwin Martin of Macon, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Arthur L. Rich, chairman of the Department of Music.

Dr. Rich said the building, which

comprises three floors, offers music facilities which can be equalled on few campuses. On the ground floor are located a stereophonic listening room and six individual practice rooms equipped with pianos or organs.

The first floor has offices, studio for private lessons and a recital hall which seats more than 100 persons. On the second floor is located a choir practice room furnished with a Moller organ, music library, large classroom and a voice studio.

The red brick building was constructed in 1904 for use as a Y.M.C.A. and campus community center. It was reconducted and enlarged in 1938 for use by the department of Biology, a need it has served until the present.

The Biology Department has been moved to the new \$1.75 million Willett Science Center.

Free University Established

By Chris Zorn and Barbara Marshall

For some time now, students have been expressing interest in topics which either are not covered in Mercer's curriculum, or are not developed in sufficient depth within the scope of existing courses. Several students felt that this problem could be partially solved by instituting lecture series on the various topics. However, due to the availability of time on Wonderful Wednesday, the idea of lectures evolved into the formation of the Free University, will be structured on the pattern of an informal seminar led by qualified students and faculty members.

On keeping with the guide lines set for Wonderful Wednesday programs, no course will be offered for credit or in fulfillment of any University requirement. Each course will meet once a week and will continue as long as group interest lasts.

Each group will meet at a time and place to be decided upon by the participants during organiza-

tional meetings on January 8. We hope that the Free University will facilitate the indepth study of questions not provided for within the curriculum as it now stands and stimulate dialogue within the University community.

The following groups will meet for one-half hour on Wednesday, January 8, in 314 C S C to decide when and where to meet for discussions. All interested persons are invited to attend.

- 10:00 A.M. Aesthetics
- 10:30 Karl Marx
- 11:00 Situation Ethics
- 11:30 Dostoevski
- 1:00 P.M. What is Science?
- 1:30 Zen, Eastern Mysticism
- 2:00 Open Forum with Guest Speakers
- 2:30 Contemporary Satirical Fiction
- 3:00 Beat Poetry
- 3:30 French Irrationalist Literature

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GBC Elects Six Trustees

Six new trustees elected for Mercer University by the Georgia Baptist Convention represent a cross section of the religious and secular life of the state.

Two Maconites elected to the Board of Trustees are J. Marvin Elliott and the Rev. Dr. Albert L. Cardwell.

Mr. Elliott is founder and president of Elliott Finance Company of Macon with branches in Augusta and Savannah. A native of Cochran, he has had more than 20 years experience in the field of finance.

In addition to being president of his own finance business, Mr. Elliott is president of Guaranty Insurance Agency, Inc., Guaranty Realty Company; Landmark Properties, Inc. and Kenmore Burns, Inc., a real estate and insurance company. He is a former president of the Georgia Consumer Finance Association, is a director of the Middle Georgia Hospital, a charter member of Highland Hills Baptist Church and is past president of the Bibb County Safety Council.

The Rev. Dr. Caldwell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is a graduate of Emory & Henry College and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mercer conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1966.

He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church since 1963 and before then was pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany for seven years. Previously he served pastorates in Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Active in the field of mental health, the Rev. Dr. Caldwell was president of the Georgia delegate to the National Association for Mental Health for three years starting in 1964.

Others elected trustees were Henry H. Ware Jr. of Atlanta, the Rev. Clifford Jett of Monroe, John J. Gilbert of Brunswick and the Rev. J. Chalmes Holmes of West Point.

Mr. Ware is a member of the Atlanta law firm of Ware, Sterne & Griffin. A former trustee of the university, he is a past president of the national Mercer Alumni Association.

A recent gift from Mr. Ware made possible the restoration of the Biology Building for conversion to a modern facility housing the Department of Music. The Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity at Mercer dedicated its lodge to him in 1967.

The Rev. Mr. Jett has been pastor of the First Baptist Church at Monroe since 1960. Prior to that he served the First Baptist Church of Donalsonville for three years.

After graduating from Baylor University in 1953, the Rev. Mr. Jett earned the Bachelor at Baptist Seminary at Louisville. Before attending Baylor he was on a track scholarship at the University of Houston for three semesters.

Mr. Gilbert has practiced law in Brunswick since his graduation from the Walter F. George School of Law in 1929. He is a partner in the firm of Bennett, Gilbert, Gilbert & Whittle.

A member of the General Assembly from 1942 to 1946, Mr. Gilbert has been a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Glynn County since 1946. He is

director of the American National Bank of Brunswick, Brunswick Pulp & Paper Co., Marble Products of Georgia and Sea Island Company.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes accepted a call as pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Point in May of this year. Prior to that he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cochran for 10 years.

He is a 1950 graduate of Mercer and was conferred the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1954. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Convention and is on the board of directors of the Christian Index, the weekly newspaper for Georgia Baptists.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes is a member of the Lions Club at West Point.



David Duncan

In Memoriam

By Gary L. Johnson

"We cannot know how much we can learn from those who never return, until a flash of the unforeseen resemblance fall on what has been."

It is always a difficult task to pay tribute to a person who exhibits a diversity of ideals. The Cluster staff is well aware of the difficulty as we attempt to pay tribute to David Duncan.

David, a personification of truth, wit, humor and spirit sought to keep the energies of life at full tide. As a reputable character on campus, he was most respected and liked by his fellow students. The life he led and exemplified speaks for itself through history and memory and thus cannot be amended. We are grateful for his having been present among us. We were enabled by his friendship.

With an underlying faith in humanity, we raise our voices in thanks to God for having placed in our midst one who endeavored to maintain high standards. May his memory always dwell in the hearts and minds of his most cherished people — Mercerians.

Yearbook Arrives

Susan Wiseman, Cauldron editor for 1968-1969 announced that the 1968 Cauldron will be distributed Friday, from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. in the Building and Grounds Building, Jimm Rossinger, the 1967-1968 Cauldron Editor will be on hand to personally distribute the yearbook to the student body.

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