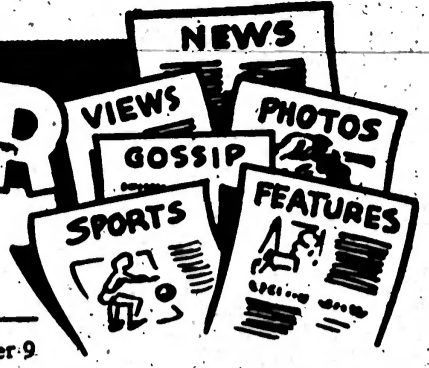


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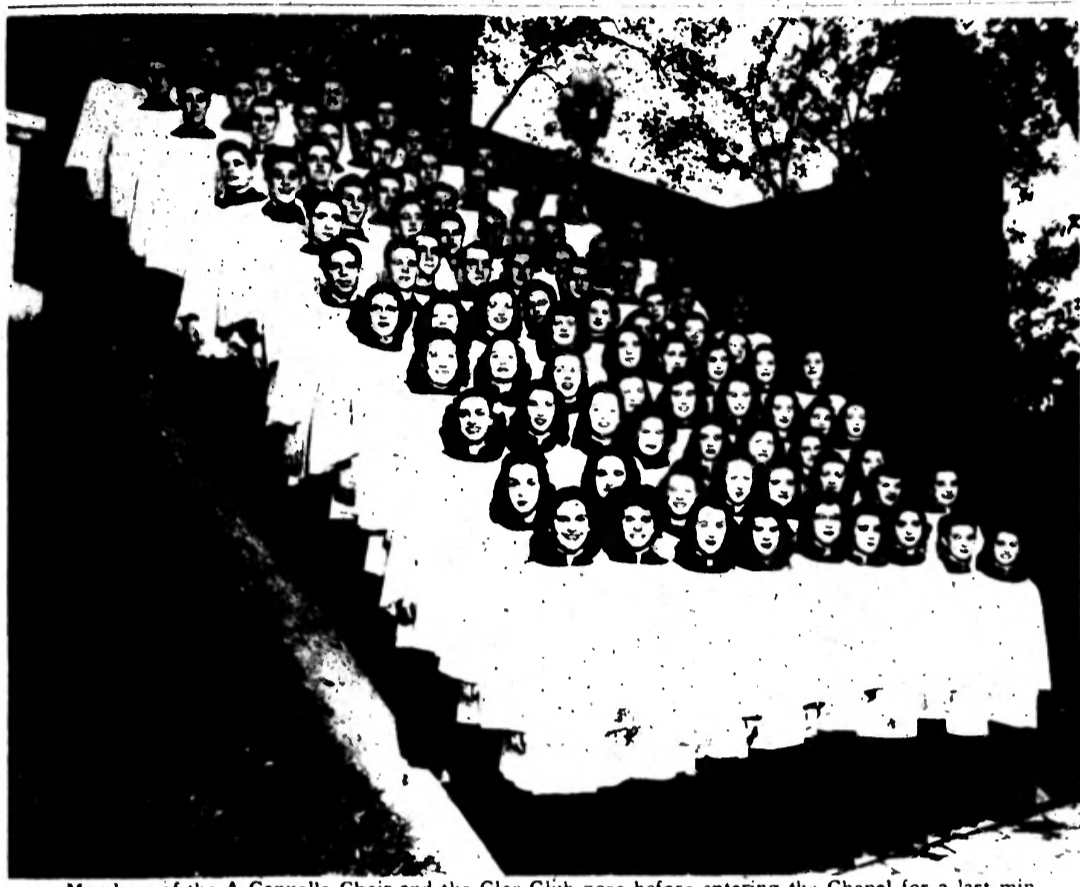


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## MESSIAH TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY



Members of the A Cappella Choir and the Glee Club pose before entering the Chapel for a last-minute practice of the Messiah.

### THREE SOLOISTS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED; NEW DECORATING THEME PLANNED

by Carl Woolf

"The Messiah," annual performance of the A-Cappella Choir and the Mercer Glee Club, will be given in Willingham Chapel on the nights of December 1 and 2. The choral group of 150 voices will be under the direction of Dr. Arthur Rich.

Three of the Messiah's soloists have been engaged: Iona Harms, New York soprano, who has sung with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the New York Oratorio Society; John Campbell, tenor, who was the featured soloist of Rossini's "Stabat Mater" in New York and of the Schubert Brothers Opera Company tour; and Haskell Boyter, baritone soloist of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, who for the past two years has been soloist in Mercer's "The Crucifixion."

Samuel Crossley and his committee are planning work on a new decorating scheme which will add much to the effectiveness of the performances.

Because of the large number of people who attended this production last year, two performances are to be presented this season. Both performances will be identical, using the same script, soloists, and chorus members.

### ALUMNI CAMPAIGN BEGINS THIS WEEK FROM HEAD OFFICE

A campaign for the Alumni Loyalty Fund will begin this week from the local alumni office, according to information received from Eugene Cook, president of the Mercer Alumni Association.

This drive for funds is in accordance with a resolution passed in the last annual meeting of the alumni association when regular dues were abolished. The funds will be used to cover expenses of recently purchased equipment for the alumni office.

Among the members of the fund committee are Senator Walter F. George, R. C. Bell of the Georgia Supreme Court, Jule W. Felton of the Georgia Court of Appeals, and Miss Leone Bates of the Mercer faculty.

### Activities System Planned By Girls Student Government

Extensive plans for dormitory social functions and other activities have been announced by the Women's Student Government of Porter Hall. Several committees of resident students have been named, and various activities to take place in the future were outlined at the meeting of this group on Nov. 11.

Women residing in Porter Hall have been given interest and activity forms to fill out. The results of these forms will be tallied, and each student is to be placed on a committee in which her interests and abilities may best be used. Chairmen of the committees include the following girls: Fran Mills, Albany, skits; Nell Poole, Rockmart, programs; Barbara Fleming, Atlanta, decorations; Jean Hovis, Atlanta, invitations and place cards; Sara Willis, Bainbridge, favors.

The Women's Student Government sponsors several parties each quarter. The most recent was a special Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday, November 19. The traditional turkey dinner was served by candlelight, and each girl received a favor. Thanksgiving decorations were placed about the dining hall.

Birthday dinners are given each month, at which time those who have had birthdays during the month sit at a special table and share honors upon the occasion. Plans are being made for a "capsule pal" program, which has been carried out in the dormitory every Christmas for several years. Each girl draws a capsule bearing another girl's name, and does at least three favors for the person named. A Christmas party is held afterward, at which every girl receives a gift from her capsule pal, and the name of the pal is revealed.

### FBLA Mails Letters To Georgia Firms

Work by the FBLA on the Mercer Placement Bureau continued this week with the mailing of a large number of letters to middle Georgia business firms. They contained announcement of the formation of the bureau and an invitation to call upon Mercer personnel at any time.

During Chapel exercises last week, all students were asked to fill out an information card indicating their job preference and availability for work now and in the future. These cards have been filed for convenient reference and will be used to locate personnel from both graduates and students.

Carl Woolf, Ham Kellam, and Walker Whittle were appointed to a permanent advisory committee to assist Dean Burts in carrying out the work of the bureau.

### CAMPUS SIDEWALKS TO BE COMPLETED SOON STATES CONTRACTOR BOWEN

by Duncan Bazemore

Work last night began on laying sidewalks on the Mercer campus. Within two or three weeks, Contractor R. A. Bowen expects to have them all laid and students can once more walk on the campus in bad weather without getting their feet wet.

This project has been on the agenda since last spring. Fred Hatrich, Sr., Business Manager of the University said this week, but several things have resulted in its postponement.

The main walkways will have a width of nine feet, according to Mr. Hatrich, and the smaller ones a width of six feet. There will be five main walkways: from the Co-op to a point between the Law and Theology buildings; from the Library to College Street; one branching off of the first walk mentioned to the parking area in front of Sherwood Hall; and two branching off the Hardman Library: College Street walk, one to the Gym and one to the Co-op. Other smaller sidewalks will be laid between buildings.

The paths of these walkways have followed the recommendations of the students and the Administration hopes that they will cooperate in using them after they are laid.

As soon as this project is completed, top soil will be laid on the campus and St. Augustine grass will be planted.

In addition to this, the parking areas in front of Sherwood Hall and adjacent to the Co-op will be completed before the end of the quarter. On the corner opposite the Co-op, a new parking area has been laid out, which will accommodate about twenty-five cars.

Also, a new classroom has been opened in the basement of the biology building that will have a capacity of about fifty students. An excellent hot water system has been provided here to sterilize the different vessels, which the students have needed badly.

### STATE LEADERS WILL BE SPEAKERS AT LEGION MEETING

The Henry Dickey-Wages Post #178 of the American Legion will meet Monday, December 1, in the Ryals Law Building. At this meeting the post will have as guest speakers Herman Calmudge, Atlanta attorney; State Legion Commander W. E. Bardine; and National Vice-Commander Joe White of Macon.

The meeting will be held especially for Mercer post legionnaires and their wives or dates, but others are invited.

### Hatrach Says Frat Row Plans Completed

It has been announced by Business Manager Hatrich that all plans have been completed for the fraternity row on Adams Street. Construction permits will be granted upon deposit by the fraternity of \$2,000. Three-fourths of the cost of the building will be borne by the University, with the stipulation of a monthly rent of \$35 paid by the fraternity.

Kappa Alpha officers have stated that their fraternity is now ready to begin on their lodge, as well as the Phi Delta Theta. W. E. Dunwoody, Jr. is architect for KA, and Ward Dennis for Phi Delta Theta.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT NOTES

Report from Welfare committee sent in by Bill Tyson stated that these projects were complete:

- (1) Laundry will wash socks next quarter.
  - (2) The I.F.C. appeal was granted. New garbage disposal facilities and a new buffer have been secured.
  - (3) Walks will soon be under construction and an additional one will be placed from M.E.P. to Finley.
- Fran Clements reported the excellent success of the clothing drive.
- Yearly reports will be given from all publications at the first meeting in 1948.