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## Bears Win Opening Cage Tilt, 53-43

### Choir, Glee Club, To Give 'Messiah' On December 13-14

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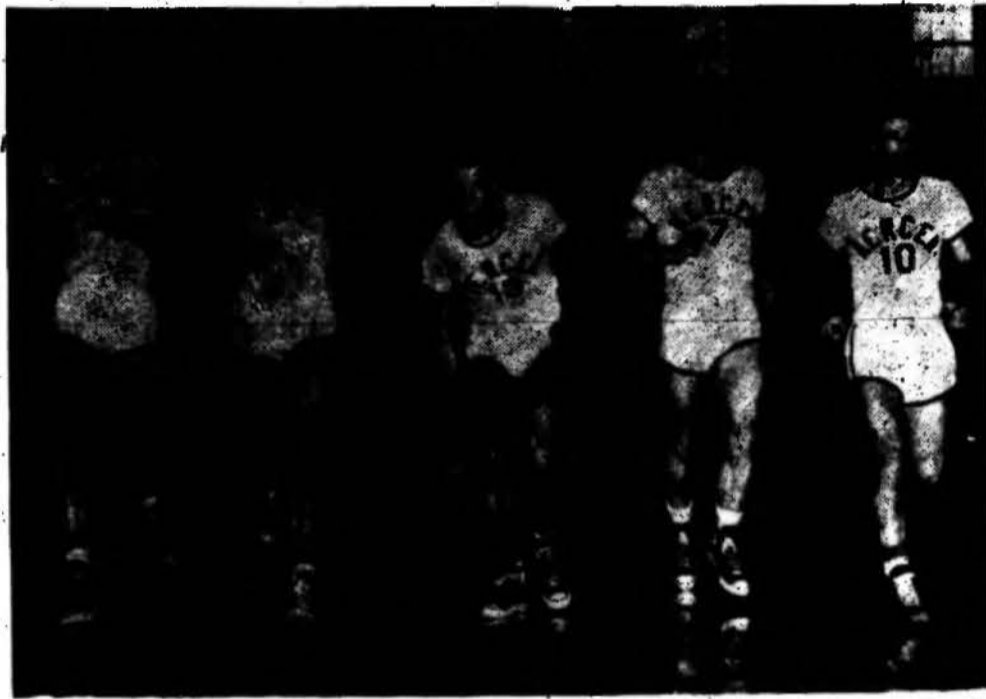
Mercer's A Cappella Choir and Glee Club, assisted by alumni of the choir and by the faculty, will present the annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" on December 13-14 at the First Baptist Church in Macon. Dr. Arthur E. Rich will direct the performance, and Mrs. Rich will accompany the choir at the organ. Approximately 125 people, in addition to the four soloists, will participate in the performance.

The oratorio was scheduled to be presented in the newly remodeled Willingham Chapel, but was moved to First Baptist when the chapel building program lagged. The presentation will be very impressive. The new grandstand, to be installed in the chapel, will be used. Mr. Hattrich, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Grubbs are in charge of the stage. Miss Carrie B. Allen is superintending the decorations; new six-foot candelabras are being made for lighting. The new choir robes will be used for the first time at the Messiah performance, and a Wurlitzer organ has been rented from Davison's especially for the presentation.

Dr. Rich pointed out that the performance is for Mercer students; they, their families, and their dates are especially invited. He said, "The Messiah performance is Mercer's Christmas gift to the community. There will be no admission, and no collection."

The performance will include the entire presentation of the "Messiah." In all there will be fifteen choruses, among which will be a new chorus that the choir has recently learned, "Lift Up Your Heads." Dr. Denham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will have the invocation; Dr. Hansford Johnson, Dean of the Roberts School of Christianity, will give the intermissionary prayer, and Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer, will pronounce the benediction.

A distinguished cast of soloists (Continued on Page 3)



STARTING LINE-UP: The starting line-up for Mercer's opening cage tilt of the season with Lambuth College was (left to right): Mayes, Dobbins, Dilmus Barnett, Glenn Wilkes, Rudy Stewart, and Quincy Crawford.—(Photo courtesy: The Macon Telegraph.)

### Stewart, Wilkes, Lead Scoring Against Lambuth

by Bobby Bonner  
Cluster Sports Writer

Rudy Stewart, guard, and Glenn Wilkes, center and captain of the team, sparked the Mercer Bears to a 53-43 victory over Lambuth College in the opening basketball game of the season.

In the rough and tumble cage tilt, Mercer grabbed an early lead and kept it throughout the entire game. The score at half time was Mercer 28, Lambuth 23.

Quincy Crawford, Mercer guard, started the scoring with a beautiful set shot in the early seconds of the game. Crawford was outstanding in the first half with his set shots, scoring 10 points in all.

Rudy "Deadeye" Stewart, transfer from Georgia Tech, led the Bears in scoring with 16 points. Stewart played an excellent all-round game and was especially good on long set shots from the side of the court.

Glenn Wilkes, voted outstanding athlete at Mercer last year, hit the net for 15 points. The height of the Lambuth quintet was a hindrance to his deadly hoop shots. Wilkes was exceptionally good on defense and backing up the backboard, and was very aggressive on offense.

Others scoring for the Bears were as follows: Bob "Lefty" Reeder, forward, seven points; Bob Murdoch, forward, two points; Dilmus Barnett, center, two points; and Mayes Dobbins, guard, one point. Lamar Clements, center, and Senny Bivins, guard, also saw action for the Bears in the final seconds of the game.

Richard Parker, guard, was the standout for the Lambeth squad. He sacked in 16 points to tie Rudy Stewart for top scoring honors. Parker also had a "dead-eye" for the basket. His set shots and defensive playing proved him to be one of the best on the court.

Leo Leathers, forward for Lambuth, counted for 10 points. Theo Leathers, center, hit the hoop for nine points and Clarence Hampton, forward, edged in five points.

In the preliminary game, Mercer's "B" team defeated the Byron Athletic Club 38-29.

### Dowell Releases Dedication Plans

The speaker for Founders' Day, January 14, will be Dr. Charles Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Herald, and former president of Coker College. Dr. Spright Dowell has announced.

Ceremonies will be held to dedicate the enlarged and remodeled Willingham Chapel and the new \$25,000 organ. The organ is a gift of Broadus Willingham, prominent Macon business leader.

The seating capacity of the chapel has been doubled, stage space increased, and the lighting and acoustics have been improved. Cost of the project is estimated at \$75,000.

The ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. January 14, in the new chapel. The dedication prayer will be given by Dr. Carl Campbell of Macon. Dr. Hansford Johnson will lead the ritual, and music will be furnished by the Mercer chorus.

Dr. Green, the principal speaker, is noted in educational and Baptist circles. He holds degrees from Wake Forest, Duke and Washington and Lee.

### Students Schedule First Traditional Yuletide Sing Around Christmas Tree

The first traditional campus-wide Christmas carol sing will be held at Mercer at 7 p.m., December 16, the night before students go home for Yuletide holidays.

It will be on the campus in front of Roberts Hall around the lighted Christmas tree that has been set up on the edge of the terrace there. The program is being sponsored by Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Ray Biewster of Cedartown, student body president, will lead the group singing. Special numbers will be presented, but as yet plans are not complete.

Administration officials and other campus organizations have heartily endorsed the program. The superintendent of grounds and buildings supplied power for the lights.

Wallace Duvall, worthy chaplain of ATO will serve as master of ceremonies for the Yuletide song fest.

Complete details will be announced next week.

### Law Foundation Eyes Trust Fund

A \$1,000,000 goal has been set by the Walter F. George School of Law Foundation, Inc., in order to make the law school at Mercer one of the best in the United States.

The money is to be set up in a trust fund, with the income to be used to pay lecturers, school officials, professors, and current expenses. The University, however, would be obligated to furnish the building.

A group of Senator George's friends decided to work for the enlargement of the school shortly after its dedication to him April 17, 1947. At the ceremony, Chief Justice, Honorable Fred M. Vinson said, "I want to bear witness that I know of no one—not only in the Congress of the United States, but I know of no one living today—

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## Correspondent Dies at Hands of Angry Students in Registration Line

by Jack Perry  
Cluster Managing Editor

[Editor's Note: The following is Cluster Managing Editor Jack Perry's satirical and purely fictional interpretation of what might have happened on registration day at Mercer. Close observers will see a basis for the story in what actually did occur. For comment see editorial page.]

The Cluster is sorry to report that its special correspondent assigned to the registration procedure was unable to prepare his story in finished form. He was found by searching parties about three hours after registration was over, stuffed in an obscure corner. Though taken to a hospital for immediate medical attention, he died early the

next morning from bruises and internal injuries.

The Cluster, by consulting reliable witnesses, has formulated the following theory concerning our special correspondent's sad and untimely demise. After standing in line for several hours waiting to get to the Dean's desk, without advancing more than two or three feet, our late correspondent, evidently became crazed with thirst; it seems that he then attempted to burst back through the line to get to the free air outside; the students, patiently waiting between him and the door, already maddened by the heat and the crowd, turned on him with savage ferocity as he attempted to beat his way back through them. They threw his battered body in a corner when they had worked out their anger on our poor correspondent.

The following fragmentary notes, from which he evidently intended to compile his finished story, were found in a blood-stained pocket:

6:49 A.M. Reported to Co-op for registration. Am number three in line.

8:09 A.M. Becoming slightly tired from standing in line. Still number three in line, however. Line getting longer.

8:55 A.M. Some idiot came out and threw a bunch of registration cards in the air. In the ensuing riot ten women, four men, and one freshman fainted. What a mess!

9:01 A.M. The mob has quieted and the line has reformed. Am now number eighty-seven in line.

9:28 A.M. Finished at the Co-op. Without stopping to grab a cup of coffee, dashed off to the New Bldg. From where I am now in line, can barely see the entrance in the dis-

tance. 10:43 A.M. Finally got inside the building! They tell me I've gotta see two or three advisers before my schedule is acceptable. Don't know why—already know what I want to take.

11:57 A.M. At last in line to get to Dean's desk. Estimate that I'm number forty in line.

11:59 A.M. They told us to get lunch. Broke down and cried, but someone said that I'd still be number forty after lunch, so I quit crying.

12:30 P.M. Unable to eat for worrying about registration. Back in line on steps outside building. Am trying not to worry, 'cause I know that I'm still number forty.

2:05 P.M. Line started again. Something happened; Am now number eighty-seven in line.

3:03 P.M. Growing desperate. Must reach Dean's desk soon, or

drop from fatigue and thirst. 3:37 P.M. Hurray! Am two men away from Dean's desk! Will soon be through!

3:40 P.M. Two of my classes full. I hadn't heard. Must start with my advisers all over again.

4:10 P.M. Back in the line to the Dean's desk. The heat and the thirst and the crowd are becoming more than mere flesh can stand.

4:20 P.M. Am now number eighty-seven from the Dean's desk. Can't stand it much longer. The heat... the crowd... and this burning thirst.

4:35 P.M. Can't stand it! Must have air—water—freedom! Fle on registration—I'll go to Middle Georgia! Water! Air! Make way there—I'm coming through!

Make way I say!... Wait—Why do you people stare at me? Let me through... No, don't touch me... let me go... Help! Help!