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Chapel Choir Slates 'Elijah' For Tuesday

Mahlon B. Mercer Is Tenor Soloist

by June Smalley

Mahlon B. Mercer, minister of music to the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta, has been selected as the tenor soloist in the Chapel Choir's presentation of "Elijah," Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, Tuesday evening, April 12 at 8:30 o'clock in Willingham Chapel.

Mr. Mercer, who will represent Obadiah and King Ahab in the production, holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Illinois, where he studied under LeRoy Hamp. He also attended the Westminster Choir School at Princeton, N. J., where he worked with Dr. John Finley Williamson, John Gaius Baumgartner, and Harold Hedgepath.

Minister of Music

He has been minister of music at Second Ponce de Leon for the past two years and has been oratorio soloist throughout the middle west, and more recently in Atlanta and various South Carolina cities.

The role of Queen Jezebel will be sung by Dorothy Wilbar Noah of Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville. Mrs. Noah, the wife of the director of the GSCW A Cappella Choir, has appeared with the Mercer forces in two performances in "The Messiah," and her return engagement comes in response to many requests.

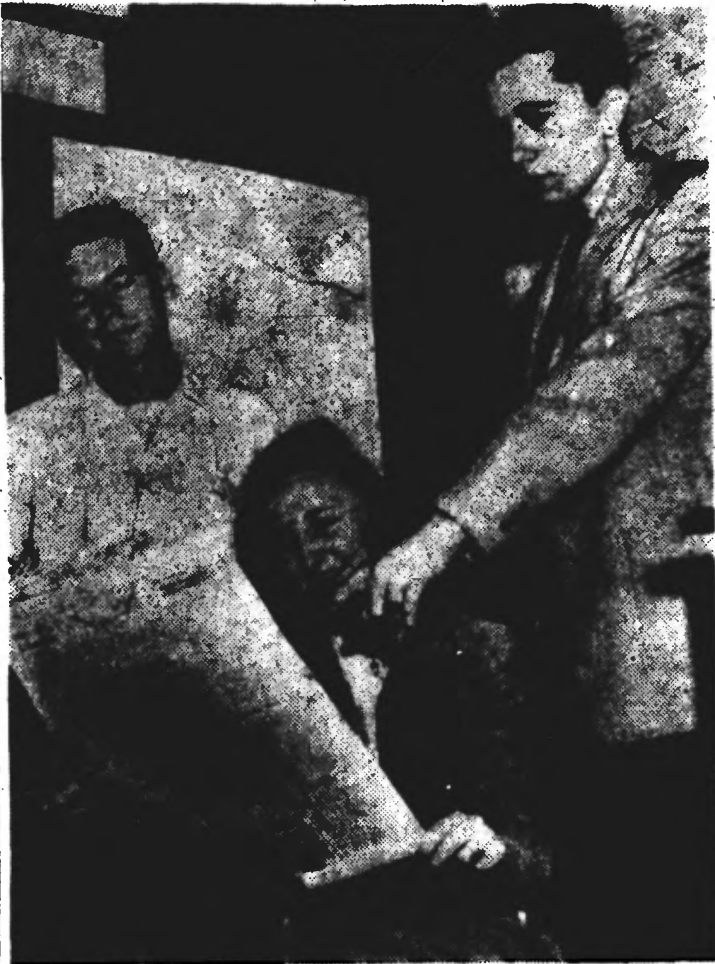
Experienced Soloist

After studying in Chicago she had much experience as an oratorio soloist in the west before moving to Milledgeville. She has a strong following among Georgia musicians.

The title role of the oratorio will be sung by Edgar vom Lehn of the University of North Carolina. Mr. vom Lehn holds the bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University and has studied under Francis Rogers on a scholarship to the Juillard Graduate School of Music, New York.

Popular Soprano

Miss Natalie Dyer, Minister of Music to the First Baptist Church (Continued on Page 2)



WHO WILL WIN?—The \$64 question is already answered for Paul Bobbitt, left, unopposed candidate for Freshman Advisor on the Representative Party ticket. Not quite so certain is the outcome of the race between Sybil Hartley, center, and John Hyde, right, candidates for the Cluster editorship on the Representative and Progressive Party tickets respectively. Either way, certain experienced observers predict the office will be no "honor-laden bed of roses."—(Drinon Photo for Cluster.)

Campus Politicians May Find That Handshakes Will Lead To Headaches

by Jack Perry
Cluster Managing Editor

So you're running for some office, huh? Think you might be President, or Cluster Editor, or Freshman Advisor? Well, don't make the mistake of thinking it'll be one big, honor-laden, bed of roses. Here's a glimpse of what you'll go through if you're elected:

As the new Student Body president, first thing you'll have to do is talk to the administration to see if you can carry out your campaign promises. After you find out you can't, you try to explain to an angry student body why the promises aren't being carried out. Then you schedule the regular weekly Student Government meeting. After three successive weeks when nobody shows up but the Secretary-Treasurer of the Sophomore Class, one political boss from each party, and the janitor you try to schedule the meeting when more people can come.

Debate Arises

When you finally get a quorum at the meeting, you try to put across some minor piece of legislation. Immediately a great debate arises over the Constitution, the political questions and whether the Law School and B.S.U. approves. When you (Continued on Page 2)

Imagine!

Chestnut-haired coed and male in Co-op exchanging sniffs of perfume and shaving lotion.

Freshman slumbering through chapel speech on dreams.

Several Mercorians, seated in carnival tent, enjoying strip-tease dance.

Political candidate dejectedly thumbing through "Peace of Mind."

Besppectacled artist gleefully throwing clay wads from third-story art lab window at friend on ground below.

Couple, leaving downtown theater, dreamily wondering, "What was on at the show anyway?"

Booth Opened For Toby Fund

Kitty Carmichael, chairman of the financial committee for the Toby Statue, has announced that a booth will be open from April 4-15 in the Co-op from 9-3:30, each day. Alpha Delta Pi and Chi Omega are in charge of the booth the first week and Phi Mu and MICA are in charge of it the second week.

The goal is set at \$300, and each student is expected to give 30¢; this will make the boys give \$240 and the girls \$60, as only one-fifth of the students are girls. The goal will easily be reached if all students will cooperate to the fullest.

Ward Heads New Appellate Board As Lawyers Supplement Moot Court

by John Ward

McInnis Ward, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has been appointed chairman of the newly formed Moot Court Board in the Walter F. George School of Law, according to an announcement by the law faculty.

Other men named for membership on the board are: Carl Westmoreland, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Patrick Bass, Axson; Rayford Bullock, Manchester; Lyman Delk, Macon; and Joe Roland, Wrightsville.

Responsibility for conducting the program of the Moot Courts has been given to this board, and it will be known as the Appellate Court Board of the school. The courts will be modeled after higher state offices. There has been in operation a system of trial Moot Courts, and the new arrangement

Chapel Campaigns To Precede Vote

Election Slated For Tuesday, April 12, As Bowers, Hopkins Wind Up Slow Race

The campus political campaigns, conducted along unusually quiet lines this year, are expected to blossom out in full hot-house blooms—or thorn-bushes, depending upon the way one looks at it—with Friday's and Monday's chapel programs which will be devoted to the political addresses of the two campus political parties.

Friday's program will be conducted by the Progressive Party and Monday's will be devoted to the Representative Party campaign.

Ray Brewster, student body president, said that the election this year will be held next Tuesday, April 12, in the Co-op from 9 to 5 o'clock with Student Government officials in charge of the polls.

Candidates for the major and minor offices of Student Government, who announced their candidacies by qualifying with the student body secretary-treasurer Tuesday, March 29, are as follows:

President—

(Pro.) Herman Bowers.
(Rep.) Charlie Hopkins

Vice-President—

(Pro.) Marion Hall
(Rep.) Harry Smith

Secretary and Treasurer—

(Pro.) Martha Anne Oakley
(Rep.) Laurie Shannon

Freshman Advisor—

(R.) Paul Bobbitt

Editor, Cluster—

(P.) John Hyde
(R.) Sybil Hartley

Business Manager, Cluster—

(P.) Ellen Willis
(R.) Tommy Olmstead

Editor, Cauldron—

(P.) June Smalley
(R.) Harriet Rogers

Business Manager, Cauldron—

(P.) Forrest Hagan
(R.) Jackie Ward

Editor, Bearskin—

(P.) Bobby Simpson
(P.) Jack Perry

Head Cheerleader—

(P.) Jeannette Harbin
(R.) George Brown

Student Council—

Senior—

(P.) J. W. Holland
(R.) Aulbert Kinsaul

Junior—

(R.) Virginia Garland
(P.) Malcolm Lumefeld

Junior College—

(P.) Madden Reed
(R.) Sellers Parker

Ministerial—

(P.) Tommy Eason
(R.) Gene Hall

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Hopkins Out Under Bond Makes Road Trip With Ball Team

Charlie Hopkins, Lindale, Mercer athlete and a candidate for the student body presidency, who is charged with assault to rape, public indecency and peeping tom, was freed Thursday under bond of \$1,250.

Immediately following his release, shortly after 12:00 noon, Hopkins had lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith. Shortly after 1:00, he was on his way to Florida as a member of Coach Smith's Mercer Bears' baseball team for a week long series of baseball games with Florida colleges. The team was scheduled to make the return trip to Mercer today.

Before Grand Jury

Hopkins will be brought before the Grand Jury at its next session on the charge of assault to rape. If indicted on this charge his trial date will be set by the Superior Court.

Richard C. Burts, Mercer Dean of Men, said that Hopkins has consistently maintained his complete innocence of any of the charges listed. The dean defined the Mercer administration's attitude toward the case as being one of sincere interest with the assumption that "a man is innocent until he is proven guilty."

Still a Candidate

Willard Chason, chairman of the nominating committee of the campus political party which announced Charlie Hopkins as its candidate for student body president Tuesday afternoon, March 29, before his arrest, said that the party caucus and the individual organizations holding membership in the party, have all believing in Hopkins' innocence, voted unanimously to continue supporting him as their presidential candidate.

Hopkins was arrested by Macon city detectives on the sidewalk in the 100 block of Lawton Avenue (Continued on Page 3)

City Visitation To Promote Revival

Plans for a citywide visitation to promote interest in the interdenominational Macon Youth Revival were announced by Paul Bobbitt, personal evangelism committee chairman, at a revival mass meeting Monday night.

The visitation will be conducted during the week preceding the revival on May 2. Students from Mercer, Wesleyan, and local high schools as well as other young people of the city will make up the visitation teams.

A class for training students interested in working on this project will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Faculty-Trustees room.

Wallace DuVall, chairman of the program committee, presided at the meeting in the Faculty-Trustees Room. He announced that plans have been made for a "singspiration" at 2:30 a.m. Sunday in Mulberry Methodist Church.

Over \$255 has been contributed for expenses for the revival, Finance Committee Chairman Norman McCrummen reported. He said contributions have been slow in the last two weeks.

Law Students Name Neville As Justice

The election of the judiciary of the Walter F. George School of Law was held April 4th and 5th. William J. Neville was elected Chief Justice of the Court of Honor, and Richard Scholz was elected Justice at Large in the Court of Corrections.

Others elected in the Court of Honor were: Paul J. Jones, Jr., and James B. Hiers, Justices of the Freshman Class; Lyman M. Delk, Jr., and Robert V. Jones, Jr., Justices of the Junior Class; J. A. Gilmore and Michael Deep, Justices of the Senior Class.

Other elections in the Court of Corrections were: Robert Lanyon, Senior Class Justice; Floyd Buford, Junior Class Justice; and Emmett Gwinn Miller, Freshman Class Justice.