

Second Bear Day, Parade and Game, Create New Spirit

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The second annual Bear Day Saturday created great campus spirit and tradition.

Campus spirit was definitely at a new height this year throughout the celebration, but it reached its peak during the parade, when 14 campus organizations furnished floats and decorated automobiles. The floats symbolized something about the university and the game that was to follow the parade.

The prize-winning float, decorated by the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, successfully carried out the theme of "The Mercer Bears Cruising on to Victory". It was made in the shape of a big steam boat with big steam paddles, a cabin, and a smoke stack in the center. The boat, which was named "Victory", carried a big banner across the top saying "Bear Cruise".

Sitting in front of the cabin was a member dressed in a Mercer basketball sweat suit with a Bear's head over his face. In back of the cabin was a huge arch with three beautiful girls standing on the deck looking out.

Phi Delt Wins Second

Second place went to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity which had as its theme "A Portrait of Mercer". Huge pencils and crayons were arranged on a mat of green grass with Mercer co-eds sitting in front of easels drawing big portraits of Mercer.

Sigma Nu Fraternity captured third place with their theme "Mule Train". The truck was decorated like a mule, who was named "Dobbins" and was pulling a wagon with two boys riding in it. One of the boys was playing a banjo while the other one was whipping the mule on with a long whip.

Dupree Barlow won first place for the best decorated car in the parade. His car, a blue Ford, was decorated with streamers of Mercer colors and had a huge bear tied on the front.

Other cars were decorated with orange and black crepe paper and had bears, balloons and pretty girls sitting on the front. Several of the convertibles were decorated in fraternity and sorority colors with bears made out of balloons and small children sitting inside, dressed in clothes to carry out their color scheme.

Add to Parade

Adding to the parade were motor scooters and bicycles decorated with Mercer colors and signs.

Among the other floats was that of the Mercer Independent Organization, which had as its theme "Penfield". It showed the old Mercer Chapel at Penfield with its surroundings.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity had as its theme "Mercer Bears Will Cage the Bulldogs", while Alpha Tau Omega used the theme of "Mercer Bears Will Cut Off the Bulldog's Tail". On the Kappa Sigma float the Bulldogs were caged in a cage with the Bears watching over them, and Glenn Wilkes especially giving them a hard time. The Bulldog's tail was cut off by the Mercer Bear on the A.T.O. float, while girls dressed in "M" sweaters cheered them on.

Lambda Chi Alpha's float was a scene of a typical Mercer Chapel Program with a speaker giving his sermon and the audience studying their lessons.

Represent Phases

Alpha Delta Pi had as its theme "A Toast to the Queen," with several girls representing different phases of what Mercer stands for, sitting around and drinking out of silver goblets, raising their glasses to the queen, Mercer.

Chi Omega carried out the typical Mercer year with their theme

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KAPPA ALPHA FLOAT WINS: "The Mercer Bears Cruising on to Victory" was the theme of the prize-winning float, decorated by the Kappa Alpha's. (Cluster Photos by Harriet Rankin.)



R. O. T. C. Marches in Parade



Sigma Nu Wins Third Place With "Mule Train"



Independents Honor Penfield. Phi Delt's, right, Win Second Place with "Portrait of Mercer"



Phi Mu's Honor the Bear. Lambda Chi's, left, show Chapel Scene.



A.D. Pi's Toast Queen, Mercer



Kappa Sigma Cages Bulldogs

