

The Mercer Cluster

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Richard Reid Voted '54 Captain; Named Most Valuable Player of '53

By Avon Bulce

Richard Reid, a quiet and amiable lad on the campus turns into a terror to the opposition when he hits the hardwood and sets his sharp-shooting eye toward the basket.

Peoples of all the state recognized this, and his team-mates proved they did also, as they bestowed upon him the honor of captain of the '53-'54 Bruin Club, last night at a banquet by the '53 Bear Squad.

Reid was selected as captain and voted the most valuable player of his team at the last meeting of the 1953 team last Tuesday afternoon.

The little speedster was selected the most valuable on the qualifications of being the best all-around player on the squad. Team cooperation, rebounding, shooting average, defense, and team leadership were determining factors in the decision.

Reid placed second behind Tommy Mixon with 371 points and a 13.7 game average in the scoring ranks. He placed fourth on the team in rebounds behind Schwartz, Jewett, Harris respectively; hit 70 per cent of shots from free throw line; just to mention a few of the things which proved to all that this is the boy Coach Dan Nyimicz describes as "one of the best little ball players in the South".

The new Bruin Captain also received recognition as the most valuable player in the Dixie Conference Tourney held last week.



RICHARD REID

Students Vote SA Fee Advance

At Tuesday's chapel program the Mercer student body was asked to vote on a raise in the Student Activities fee. The raise will add \$1.50 per student per quarter to the Student Activities Fund.

A study of the present Student Activities program revealed that a raise in fees will have to be made if the students are to keep present activities such as the Cluster, the Cauldron, Bear Day, and concerts, and if other activities are added to the program.

The steady rise in price makes it impossible to operate on the present budget which was created several years ago.

The question of the proposed raise will be decided by the administration.

Nominees for Student Government Election Must Qualify by March 24

The Student Activities Committee announced this week that the offices of Editor and Business Manager of the "Bearskin" would not be filled during the coming election.

This would reduce the number of offices to be vied for to 27, but since the Student Activities Committee has been raised from 3 to 6, there will be 30 places to be filled in the April 7 balloting.

The four student body officers are president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and freshman adviser.

Editors and business managers for the Cauldron and Cluster will be chosen.

The Student Council is composed of senior class, junior class, junior college representatives, plus ministerial and law school representatives. The vice-president of the Law School Association automatically assumes the latter position.

Six members to the Student Activities and three members to the Student Athletic Committee will also be elected.

Choir Sings at Vineville Sunday; Presents Chapel Program March 13

The Mercer Choir has two concerts scheduled for the remainder of this quarter. On Sunday, March 8, the choir will present an hour long program of sacred music at the evening service of the Vineville Baptist Church in Macon and on Friday, March 13, for the last chapel program of the quarter, the choir will present a program of secular

The program to be presented at Vineville Baptist Church is the only sacred concert and also the only off-campus program to be presented by the choir for the remainder of the year. As this program is presented as part of Mercer Day at the church, invitations have been sent to all Mercer alumni and other friends of the University.

An offering will be taken to help finance many of the choir's undertakings and other expenses of which one of the principal items is the cleaning of the choir's robes which has become necessary due to the frequent wear of the robes.

The final chapel program of the year is the occasion for the choir's annual "Frisivolous Program". The program will include popular tunes, musical comedy, Fred Waring arrangements of familiar songs, vocal and piano ensembles, and tricks and stunts. The choir makes an effort to represent vaudeville as much as possible in this annual program.

Lastly, there will be a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer chosen for the senior, junior and sophomore classes. The freshman class officers will be elected next fall.

March 24, two weeks from Tuesday, is qualification day. To qualify, a candidate must present a written statement and \$1.00 to Student Government.

Mercer Mimics

Students find that "amen" doesn't always mean leave chapel.

Library crowds indicate that last minute term papers are in order again.

Orderly line outside Sherwood phone booth Thursday night, making plans for Friday night.

"Susan and God," Winter Production of Drama Department, To Be Given Tonight

This Is It!

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER TERM

Monday, March 16
9:00 A.M.—All classes beginning at 8:00
2:00 P.M.—All classes beginning at 10:40
Tuesday, March 17
9:00 A.M.—All classes beginning at 11:40
2:00 P.M.—All classes beginning at 1:45
Wednesday, March 18
9:00 A.M.—All classes beginning at 8:00

Instructors may arrange laboratory examinations at any time not in conflict with the above schedule.

The Mercer Players, whose comedy hit, "Brother Rat," drew large audiences last fall, have returned to the Willingham Chapel stage last night and tonight with another well-directed production, "Susan and God." The curtain opens at 8:14 tonight.

This play has a predominantly religious theme with traces of deep drama and comedy scattered throughout. Its theme involves Susan, who has just discovered an interest she has in religion, and her family and friends, upon all of whom her changed attitude has quite an effect.

Dr. Thornton, the director and the cast of ten Mercer students, along with a large staff of stage and production assistants, have been thoroughly censored. Stage equipment is again mounted on wheeled "trucks," an arrangement similar to that for the last play, in order to insure faster scenery changing.

Susa Trexel is portrayed by Mrs. Jane Karrh, a graduate student; and her husband, Barrie is Eddie Trent, a junior. In the story Susan has just returned from Paris. She and Barrie are planning to be divorced; and their daughter, Blossom (Evelyn Powell), a 15-year-old awkward young lady, has been sent to a boarding school.

Irene Burroughs (Norma Butler), an old friend of Susan's, and her friend, Mike (Damon Taylor) play important roles in the story, as well as in Susan's life. Likewise do Stubbie (Mack Flowers) and his new wife, Leonora (Skip Davidson) fill necessary places. Leonora, who gave up the stage to marry Stubbie, has an old flame, played by Bob Barfield, who frequently plays soothing music for her.

Barrie tries to regain Susan to be his wife; but he turns also to Charlotte (Elizabeth Proctor), who is always at hand. Leeds (C. C. Lynch), a precocious butler, takes care of his serving duties, and the maid (Wilma Mendoca) also appears in the play.

Susan soon discovers that her religion is nurtured in insincerity.



JANE KARRH AS SUSAN

and the end of the story finds the development of the truth being revealed. Her false religion is shed and replaced by sincerity, and not until then do things really begin to worm out right.

Price of admission is 75c for students (except Mercer students), who may gain entrance by the presentation of a Student Activities Card, and \$1.00 for adults. The three-act play is the winter production of the Mercer Players and Alpha Psi Omega.

LSB Selects Fite As Head

David Fite, Cordele, was named president of Life Service band at its regular meeting last night.

Other new officers are Alie Webb Callaway, vice-president; Jackie Law, secretary-treasurer; Nancy Stone and Spencer Ludlow, extension co-chairmen; George Deadwyler, chorister; and Eddie Maverty, pianist.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Male Mercer Students Advise On Finding Beautiful Girls

By Jo Ann Hammond

If you were offered a large sum of money to go anywhere in the U. S. to find the most beautiful women, where would you go, and how would you go about finding them?

Here are some opinions of the masculine species on the Mercer campus:

Joe Hendricks—Believing that money alone could not change the attitude of these Mercer females, I would travel elsewhere. After becoming convinced that all women are alike, and pastures across the fence only seem greener, I would return confused and dejected, and bemoaning the fact that I wasn't allowed to go to Egypt and buy a "Cleopatra".

Homer Lassiter—Being a Moultrie by, my first love would be to go as far away from Moultrie as possible. If beautiful girls can be found (and definitely they can be), they are surely not at home. The result of my searching would probably be—1,000 girls each of whom was prettier than the other—for I would be foolish to try to pick "the prettiest girl".

Avon Bulce—From a reliable source I have learned that the most beautiful women are found in Texas—mainly the central part—Fort Worth that is—but North Georgia doesn't lack too much.

Harry Smith, Sr.—I would go to

the most distant point possible and then come home all tired out and pick some Mercer girl.

Sonny Posey—I guess that I would take the money and go buy a big steak, for I just don't have any luck finding beautiful girls. Yes, I have seen some—but they are always in some other guy's arms. I'm always just a little late! I give up.

Dopey Dean—I'd advertise for all of the prettiest girls to come to me and then we'd take the money and all have a good time. No process of elimination either!

Quoted from a letter just received from Ex-Assistant P.M.S. & T. **James Wallace**—Well, all I can say about San Francisco is that it's a real knocked out city. About the closest thing to Paris you can get anyway. The chicks are real gone, in fact, they outshine the Georgia peaches.

Summer Missions

Any student who is interested in summer mission work is asked to stop by the B.S.U. office.