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Homecoming Day Plans Announced

Official announcement has been made that the annual Homecoming Weekend in connection with Bear Day will be held February 19-21.

On Friday, February 19, the Homecoming Dance will be held at the Idle Hour Country Club. There the Homecoming Queen, "Miss Homecoming", will be announced.

The Queen will be picked from a group of ten girls to covet the title.

Members of the Mercer faculty are to be the judges, and the qualities of the candidates to be judged on personality and appearance.

"Bear Day" is Saturday, February 20th. On that afternoon a parade will be featured, with floats carrying out the theme, "Foreign Countries".

"Toby and Tot", are the boy and girl chosen by the student body who will appear in the parade on the student Government float. They, along with the best judged float will be announced during the half-time of the basketball game between Mercer and Stetson College in Porter Gymnasium.

Festivities are to close with a campus-wide church service to be held Sunday morning in Willingham Chapel.



Dr. Olaf C. Christensen, Director, World Famous St. Olaf Choir.

World Famed St. Olaf Choir To Give Concert Here February 6

By Nancy Yates

The Mercer University Student Government Association will present the world-famous St. Olaf Choir of Northfield, Minnesota in a sacred concert in Willingham Chapel Saturday evening, February 6.

ROTC Riflemen Vie Ga. Tech

Next Friday night, the 29th of January, at 5:00 P.M., the Mercer University Rifle Team will participate in a triangular match with the Rifle Teams of the University of Georgia and Army ROTC of Georgia Tech. The match will be fired on Mercer's Rifle Range in Shorter Hall. This is known as (Continued on Page 5)

This concert has been arranged by the student activities committee and is being subsidized with student activity funds. Therefore, all Mercer students will be admitted without charge, but students of other schools and all others will need to purchase tickets. Mercer students will be admitted by showing their student activity card at the door.

The St. Olaf Choir is generally recognized as the finest college choir in America and is the most famous of all American choirs, according to Dr. Arthur L. Rieb, director of the Mercer University Chapel Choir and head of the Mercer music department.

Seventy members will constitute the touring group, which is directed by Dr. Olaf Christensen.

Music will be sung a cappella and will include many selections in the repertoire of the Mercer University Choir.

The appearance in Willingham Chapel is one of a three-week tour of the choir which is taking them to most of the large mid-western cities, through Kentucky and Georgia, and as far as Florida. The choir has sung in nearly every major American city and has made many tours in Europe.

This will be the second concert this year under the sponsorship of the Mercer student activities committee. The engagement of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra was the first of this season.

Ten Campus Leaders Tapped To Blue Key Honor Fraternity

Ten outstanding campus leaders were named to membership by the Mercer University chapter of Blue Key Honor Fraternity in a tapping ceremony in Willingham Chapel recently.

To be eligible for membership a person must have good character and personality, proven leadership ability, and an academic average above the all-men's average of the university.

The following were selected: Guy Mastin, Princeton, West Va., editor-in-chief of the Mercer Law Review, treasurer of Phi Delta Legal Fraternity, and chief justice of the law school Court of Honor.

David Fite, Cordele, member of Chi Alpha Omega, Alpha Phi Omega and the Georman Club, treasurer of the BSU Executive Council, ministerial representative to the Student Council, president of Life Service Band, and president of Ministerial Association.

Columbus H. Posey, III, Moultrie, member of the International Relations Club and the Student Government Association, distinguished military student, Cadet Major of the ROTC, president of Kappa Phi Kappa Educational Fraternity, and president of Future Teachers of America.

Homer Lassater, Moultrie, business manager of the Cluster, president of the sophomore class of 1953, president of Kappa Sigma and member of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Ray Neal, Moultrie, Cadet Lt. Col. of ROTC, member of the BSU Greater Council, Future Teachers of America, Mercer Players, Kappa Phi Kappa, Scab-

bard and Blade, distinguished military student, president of Mercer Choir, and vice president of Phi Delta Theta.

Jimmy Smith, Macon, Cadet Major of ROTC, distinguished military student, member of Scabbard and Blade, president of SAE, and representative to IFC.

Joe Watson, president of M Club, junior class representative to the Student Council, treasurer of BSU Executive Council, and member of Chi Alpha Omega, Life Service Band, Ministerial Association, varsity track team, and all-star intramural teams.

'Outward Bound' Players '54 Production — Willingham Chapel

The Mercer Players will present their first major production of 1954, "Outward Bound", by Sutton Vane, on February 4 and 5 in Willingham Chapel.

The three-act play will be directed by Miss Audrey Needles, associate professor of speech and dramatics.

Starring in the fantasy are Dirlie Bailey and Thomas Campbell as Ann and Henry, two young lovers.

Others in the cast are Mack Flowers as Tom Prior; Katie Reed as Mrs. Chyveden-Banks; Annette Robertson as Mrs. Midget; Dan Munn as the Rev. Duke; Bill

Wingfield as Mr. Langley; Wade Hiltabidel as Scrubby, and John Woods as the Rev. Thompson.

As the play begins, the characters find themselves on a ship. No one remembers how he got there, from whence he came, or where he is going. The ship parallels the Greek mythological tale of the crossing of the River Styx. How each character reacts to the situation and how the fates of the characters are determined form the basis of the plot.

Mercer Mimics

PIGIONS-PIGIONS Who got the pigeons? When a certain professor finds out, there will be just another dead pigeon!

Fair-weather team players "Let's score one 100 tonight. Okay?" "No, let's not score too much. Just enough ahead so we can stay in and play most of the game!"

Students awaiting chapel to start, being amused by the antics of a playful dog trying to interest a disinterested and about-kitten-in-a-game-of-tough-and-tumble.

Religious Focus Week Near; Rust Featured Guest Speaker

Plans for Religious Focus Week to be held February 15-19 are now underway according to a recent announcement by Ray Brewster, director of religious activities on the Mercer campus.

The week will consist of five daily chapel periods and four chapel services at night with student and faculty seminars being conducted in the afternoons and evenings. Out-of-town speakers will conduct discussions in classrooms on the campus and will hold other informal discussion periods during the week.

Six out-of-town guests have been invited as speakers during the annual Religious Focus Week. Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian apologetics at Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; Dr. John M. McGimms, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tifton; Miss Anne E. Queen, student worker at Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of the First Baptist Church in Durham, N. C., and Dr. Hal M. Davison of Atlanta, trustee of Mercer University.

Although the theme is not yet decided upon, according to Brewster one of the main topics will be "Christianity and Science".

Professor Rust to Speak

Professor Rust, one of the featured speakers during the week, is the author of three books: "So Lives the Church," "The Christian Understanding of History," and "Nature and Man in Biblical Thought."

He was educated at Oxford and London Universities in England and graduated from London University with first class honors in mathematics. He was governor's prizeman in mathematics, Royal College of Science. He received a post-graduate degree in Atomic Physics.

He is also a graduate of Oxford



Prof. Eric C. Rust, Professor of Christian Apologetics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

University with first class honors in theology and a post-graduate degree in Theology. He was prizeman in New Testament.

During the years from 1935 through 1946 he was pastor of Baptist churches in Bath, Birmingham, and Huddersfield, England.

For the next eight years he was senior tutor and professor of Biblical, historical, and philosophical theology at Rawdon Baptist College, University of Leeds, England.

In 1947 he was a speaker at the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen. This past year he left the faculty of Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania to join the faculty and local citizens.

Columbus Posey is student chairman for Religious Week.