

Marshall Scholars To Depart

The 1955 Marshall Scholarships Award Winners - 12 young Americans, both men and women, who have won places in British universities - will soon be gathering in New York prior to their departure for England.

Before embarking for England on the Queen Elizabeth they will be entertained in New York by the British Consul-General, Mr. F.B.A. Kundall, C.M.G., O.B.E.

The students sail on September 28th and will be embarking between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Applications are now being received for next year's scholarships. These must be in by October 15, 1955.

Instituted in May, 1953, when it was approved by all parties in Parliament, the Marshall Scholarships scheme was conceived as a gesture of appreciation for America's Marshall Plan (ERP) Aid which had come to an end in 1950.

It provides for 12 two-year scholarships for American students to be awarded annually. These are granted on a regional basis to the best qualified men and women graduates. Attention is paid to personality and character as well as intellect in choosing the winners.

For purposes of selection the U.S. and its territories have been divided into four regions each having a committee of five prominent Americans headed by the local British Consul-General, to whom applications should be submitted.

When three applicants have been chosen by these boards (and another three listed as substitutes) the names are sent to a seven-member "distinguished persons" board in Washington, D. C. The board, headed by the British Ambassador, reviews the names and passes on the final choice to London, where approval is made by a Commemoration Committee under the chairmanship of Sir Oliver Franks, former British Ambassador at Washington.

The lists close each October for the next year, and announcements of award winners are made the following April.

Applicants must be under the age of 28 when they take up their scholarships and in possession of a First degree from an American University.

As part of the awards, sea passages for the scholars are paid by the British Government. Each scholarship is worth \$1,540 a year, an ample sum for student life in Britain. Married students receive an additional allowance of \$560.

Dr. Rich Sets Choir Try-Outs

Tryouts for the Mercer choir will be held on Monday, September 26, at 1:45 P.M. in the choir room in the basement of the chapel building. All new students, interested in singing with the choir, are asked to come at this time.

This year the choir will practice only on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week at 4:30 P.M. Dr. Arthur Rich is the choir director and Mrs. Arthur Rich is organist.

The Messiah, annual production of the choir, will be presented on Sunday, December 4.

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Coach Jim Cowan at his desk in a moment of relaxation between his duties coaching the Mercer cross country, basketball, and track teams.

Phi Delt's to Try To Cop Trophy

Defending champions Phi Delta Theta will be out to cop the Intramural Tennis Championship for the third straight year, when the Annual Intramural Tennis Tournament gets under way about the middle of October. Runner-up for the last two years has been MIMA.

Tennis is played by a five man squad, with each team having to lose twice in the double elimination tourney to be counted out of the running. By winning the award, the team gets to keep a trophy until they have lost the title. When a team has won the trophy three times (not necessarily in succession), that team gets to permanently retire the trophy and a new one is put into circulation. The current trophy has been won twice by the Phi Delt's, KA, and Kappa Sigma. Should any one of these teams win this year, the trophy would become theirs permanently.

Last season Billy Belmont, Bill Nash and Billy Lee were the big guns for the Phi Delt's, but Belmont and Nash have both lettered on the varsity tennis team, making them ineligible.

MIMA has the same problem, with George Merritt and Malvern Brown both members of last year's court squad, and Ken Crane the only returning anchorman.

Any independent group wishing to enter the tournament may do so by contacting Intramural Director Claude Smith, in his office.

Music Program Added as Major

This year for the first time at Mercer a major is being offered in music. For students desiring it, a minor program is also being offered.

The program will include, in addition to courses already offered, classes in basic theory, class voice, and class piano. The theory consists of sight singing, ear training, and keyboard harmony.

Dr. Arthur Rich, head of the Music Department, stated that all elective courses and private lessons will continue as in the past. He also said that he hopes to enlarge the offerings of the new program just added to his curriculum.

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Hoopsters to Be Headed By Returning Lettermen

Opening around December 1, Mercer's basketball squad will follow closely to the same traditional schedule. Five lettermen are expected to return for Mentor Jim Cowan, starting his eighth season as Bear head coach. Lettermen returning include Captain-elect Bobby Green, Bill Groover, Woody Richardson, Joe Lowe and Cary Moore.

Also returning from the varsity are John Binns and Roger Bolton. Expected to see action from the Bee team are Jack Moore, Bill Jago, Jimmy Carnes, Ken Hudson and Vernon Warren.

Lost via the graduation route were record-breaking Tommy Mixon; deft twin guards John and James Huges; and Toof Boone, who entered medical school.

One interesting aspect of the season comes on December 9 when the team journeys to Boone, North Carolina to take on Appalachian State Teachers College. This game will mark the dedication of the new gymnasium at Appalachian, and Mercer officials are proud that the Bears were selected to play the opening game. Appalachian is a newcomer to the Mercer schedule.

Coach Cowan expects to start practice about November 1, with a lot of freshmen out for the team. Cowan also forewarns that any player that participates in the Intramural Touch Football program will be ineligible for varsity competition.

Mercer traditionally plays a 20 to 25 game schedule, competing against most of the small colleges in this area. Highlights of the season are games with arch-rival Howard College and the University of Georgia.

Homecoming is held in February, and a weekend of festivities bring visitors from all around to the campus. During this weekend, the Homecoming Dance is the occasion for the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, who is elected by the votes of the student body. Diane Owen from Atlanta reigned as Homecoming Queen last year.

During this homecoming, the annual Bear Day is staged. Organizations on the campus enter floats in a gigantic parade through Macon, and prizes are awarded for the top entries. Last year, SAE won first place with



DIANE OWEN

a float portraying the Declaration of Independence and the Liberty Bell.

The basketball season seems to produce more campus spirit and enjoyment for the school than any other one thing.

IM MEETING SET

Intramural Director Claude Smith requests that the representatives from the teams that wish to compete for the football trophy meet him Monday, September 26 at 3:30 in Porter Gym. This will be the most important meeting of the football year, and everyone that is even considering entering a team should show up.

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