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Glover On Race Issue

The South has been "deserted by its political leadership" in their scramble to avoid responsibility for the problem of racial intergration, Dr. Willis B. Glover has charged.

"Nonsense is all we've got out of our political leaders," Dr. Glover said in chapel Friday.

The Mercer history professor was particularly critical of Georgia's own political leaders. "Those who want forced intergration should follow Griffin, Talmadge and Faubus," he said.

Referring to the tactics of "what passes for political leadership in Georgia," Dr. Glover said that "this is a policy of rebellion."

"Worth a Hoot"

If Georgia's elected leaders believe the Federal Government is bluffing in its intention to intergrate public schools, Dr. Glover referred them to Arkansas. "The Federal Government didn't bluff worth a hoot in Arkansas," he said.

Turning to the South as a whole, Dr. Glover said that "This South is in danger of destruction if she can't . . . find the moral courage" to cope with its intergration problems.

"I don't want to see the South destroyed at the height of its productivity," he said. "My primary concern is for the South," he added.

"Political Facts"

Urging the people to face the political facts, presented by the Supreme Court's 1954 decision that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional, Dr. Glover cited these political realities:

1. "The decision of the Supreme Court will not be reversed. My own opinion is that it was unfortunate and may be the worst blow to race relations yet" but "political policy in Georgia" must be shaped to this reality.

2. The only way to preserve civil rights is "to work within the law." "The Deep South cannot win a war of independence."

3. "The probability is high" that segregation in Georgia will remain as long as the state's social structure demands it. Only a minority of Negroes would make an attempt to attend white schools in face of social resentment. And this "minority of Negroes who would make effort would not hurt" the South anymore than intergration in Pullmans and elsewhere. He added that total "intergration of Georgia schools in the near future . . . might produce a reign of terror."

Dr. Glover concluded, "It is not too late for Georgia to cope with the problem by facing the political facts."

(Editor's Note: See page 2 for excerpts from Dr. Glover's speech.)



"SARGE" TAYLOR, Dr. W. G. Lee and Mr. M. C. Pierce inspect some of the recently purchased shrubbery for Mercer campus. The greenery was brought here from Alabama to beautify the grounds. (Photo by Robinson)

Debate Team in Arkansas Today, TKA Tournament

Mercer's varsity debate team is at the University of Arkansas today and Saturday for the Southern Regional Tau Kappa Alpha Tournament. TKA is an honorary debating fraternity celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this week.

The team is composed of Marty Layfield, Haywood Day, Bev Bates and Fran Mobley. They left Wednesday morning for the tournament.

Two members of the Mercer team, Layfield and Bates, will be initiated into TKA while at the Arkansas school. Two years of college debating and academic standing of upper one-third of the class are pre-requisite to initiation.

Five rounds of debate are on schedule. The topic is Resolved: That the requirement of membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment should be illegal.

Last week Mercer was represented at the annual Carolina Forensics Debate Tournament at the University of South Carolina. Participation was in both varsity and novice divisions.

HERE ARE RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Football results for the week of November 11-13:

Nov. 11—Phi Delt 13-ATO 7; Sigma Nu 39-KA 0; Wasps forfeited to SAE.

Nov. 12—Kappa Sig 39-Ministers I 7; Ministers II forfeited to KA; Phi Delt 42-Lambda Chi 14.

Nov. 13—ATO 33-Wasps 0; SAE 32-MIMI 0; Sigma Nu 18-Kappa Sig 12.

Two New Committees Are Added To SGA Operations

A social committee of six members and a suggestions committee of five were appointed last week by the SGA Senate.

Nancy Childs, Carolyn Bell, Betty Reeves, Connie Smith, Julia Smith and Ida Jane Hicks are the members of the social committee. Its purpose, according to SGA President Ed Robuck, is to "find any way to draw the student body together in social functions."

Making up the suggestions committee are Doug McLaughlin, Ruth Bridges, Bron Forester, Kitty King and Buddy Hurt. Their duties will be to find feelings for the improvement of the Mercer student body

as a whole. Several other projects are also being conducted by the Senate. Freshman class officers are currently doing research on the possibility of providing all the dormitories with milk and cracker vending machines. The preparation of a prayer room in the Economics building is a joint project of the administration and the SGA. The room itself is being provided by the administration. It is being furnished by SGA.

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The novice team is made up of Luther Mills, Gracie Adcock, Tom Johnson and Larry Bryant.

John Salano is alternate for both teams.

Choir To Present Two Christmas Performances

"Because of the over-capacity audiences which we have had this program every year, we feel that it is necessary that we have two performances of our Christmas musical program" said Dr. Rich concerning the Mercer Glee Club's annual Christmas production.

This year the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah, without any cuts or deletions, and The Singing Christmas Tree, will be presented on Sunday afternoon, December 9.

The entire Mercer choir will sing and will be assisted by a corps of professional soloists: Mrs. Frances Richardson, soprano; Jean Sanders, contralto; Charles May, tenor; and Gordon Ohlsson, bass.

Mrs. Richardson is the outstanding soprano soloist of the state of Georgia and has performed the Messiah in Atlanta under the direction of Henry Sopkin.

The other soloists are well-known oratorio artists from New York coming to Mercer especially for these performances.

"This year we will have five hundred seats reserved for each performance," said Dr. Rich. "These tickets are free, and may be secured by going by the alumni officer in the Administration building."

Sunday's performance, which begins at 4 p. m., is intended for the out-of-town friends of the choir and university, and Monday evening performance, at 8 p. m., is intended especially for members of the student body and staff.

Dr. Arthur L. Rich will direct the programs, with Mrs. Rich at the organ.

Dance Dedication For Homecoming

Plans for Mercer's Homecoming Week and 125th anniversary this January are taking shape.

The festivities will last from Thursday, Jan. 9, until Tuesday, Jan. 14, and will include besides the usual game, parade, and dance, a campus barbecue, a Sunday worship program, an elaborate pageant, and the dedication of the new student center. This year's theme is Mercer Cheers—125 Years.

Co-chairmen and co-ordinators for the subcommittees are Sara Cordell and Algy Carbonell. An official student government committee is composed of Mary Ann Clegg, Snuffy Smith, Jim Seay, Daniel Boone, and Rock Hudson.

Representatives will also be chosen from each social organization. Dick Lewis, president of IFC, will be in charge of the homecoming dance.

The pageant, which is to tell the Mercer story, is under the supervision of Gertrude Crousse. Also working as chairmen on this production are JoBess Smith, casting; Mrs. Ben Griffith, Mrs. Ed Johnston, and Carol Wilbanks, costuming; and Wayne McEachin, chairman of properties.

Herman Benfield and Marty Layfield are in charge of the homecoming parade and Ida Jane Hicks and Norman Burnes will head the elections committee for the choosing of Toby, Tot, and the Homecoming Queen.

In charge of a reception to be held after the dedication Tuesday are Bill Simmons and Nan Williams. This reception will be sponsored by Blue Kay and Cardinal Key.

The tentative calendar for the week is as follows: Thursday, Jan. 9, Gym Night; Friday, Jan. 10,

Homecoming game with Presbyterian College; Saturday, Jan. 11, Homecoming parade, Campus barbecue, Homecoming Formal; Sunday, Jan. 12, Mercer Worship Program; Monday, Jan. 13, Mercer Pageant; Tuesday, Jan. 14, Founders Day, Dedication of Student Center, lunch and reception in Student Center.

Lectures Start Next Week

Mercer's first Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar Lectureship Series will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 20 and 21.

Mr. Donald Davidson will be the guest lecturer both days. Mr. Davidson, noted poet, critic, essayist and author, is one of the founders of the fugitive movement of the early 1920's in the Southern renaissance.

The lectureship series, a permanent feature at Mercer, is made possible through the will of the late Mrs. Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar. Mrs. Lamar, writer, civic leader and prominent Maconite received an honorary L.L.B. degree from Mercer in 1940.



QUEEN of Houston County Farm Bureau, Miss Barbara Langston is shown an entry in State contest. Barbara is a student nurse here. (Photo by Robinson)

Military Ball Scheduled; Sponsor To Be Named

Six girls have been chosen by different units of the Mercer ROTC to compete for the regimental sponsor. The sponsor will be voted upon and announced at the annual military ball which will be held on December 6.

Representing the regimental staff is Iris Balcom; band, Shirley Davis; company A, Carol Atkinson; company B, Janice Powell; company E, Sally Hawkins; company F, Janice Webb.

Besides the presentation of the new sponsor there will be the grand march with the introduction of the cadet officers. The Pershing Rifles will form the Saber-Arch for the leadout. Jack Murphey is captain of Pershing Rifles.

According to Cadet Lt. Col. Tom Deal, captain of Scabbard and Blade, there will be a tapping ceremony of the honorary organization of both juniors and seniors.

The reception line will start at 8:30 p. m. at the officers club at Warner Robins Air Force Base.

Cadet Lt. Col. Bill Simmons, executive officer of the Mercer regiment, is in charge of the planning

and preparation of the military ball.

Simmons to Head PMST Council

Bill Simmons has been selected as the chairman of the PMST student council for the Mercer ROTC cadet corps. He will represent the second year advanced students.

Other members of the student council are: Tom Deal, Scabbard and Blade; Harvey J. Murphy, Pershing Rifles; Spencer King, first year advanced students; Charles Anderews, second year basic students.

