



## 10 Selected By Blue Key Frat During Chapel Ceremonies

Mercer's chapter of Blue Key, national honorary leadership fraternity, has named 10 Mercer men to membership.

The ten are Jerry Vanderhoef, Emory Walters, Bev Bates, Jerry Smith, Buddy Hurt, Jim Holliday, Rodney Browne, Jack Murphy, Noel Osteen and Marty Layfield.

**Blue Key held their regular fall quarter tapping ceremony Nov. 25 in Willingham Chapel.**

The new members and their activities and achievements are:

Jerry Vanderhoef of Deland, Fla., senior; Wesley Foundation, Ciceronian Literary Society, the Pre-Law Club, Inter-Fraternity Council, chairman of the Progressive Party, president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and intramurals.

Emory Walters of Macon, senior; Walter F. George School of Law; Law School Student Government, secretary, president; Kappa Sigma, president; Inter-Fraternity Council; Delta Theta Pi.

Bev Bates of Atlanta, senior; Inter-Fraternity Council, president; Pre-Law Club, president, vice president; Tau Kappa Alpha, president; Varsity Debate Team; Phi Eta Sigma; Ciceronian Literary Society; Pershing Rifles; ROTC Honor Student; Alpha Tau Omega, treasurer; Baptist Student Union.

Jerry Smith of Cornella, junior; Student Government Association; vice president freshman class; president sophomore class; president junior class; BSU Greater Council; varsity track; All-Star Football; Sigma Nu, vice president, president; ROTC.

Buddy Hurt of Atlanta, junior; Phi Eta Sigma, president; Baptist Student Union, Greater Council, Executive Council; The Mercer Cluster, editor, managing editor, associate editor, staff; Honor Committee, chairman; Ciceronian Lit-

erary Society; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, secretary.

Jim Holliday of Columbus, junior; The Mercer Cluster, news editor; Honor Council, chief justice; Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholarship cup; Pershing Rifles; Military Honor Student; Outstanding Cadet; Rifle Team; Sigma Nu, secretary.

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## Christmas Decorations Coming Here

There will be more Christmas spirit about the Mercer campus this Yule-tide season.

Eight social organizations begin Friday competition to see who can best decorate campus buildings for the Christmas season.

The contest, first of its kind, is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity. And the Alpha Phi's make it clear they are after originality in decoration.

"Anyone can put up a Christmas tree," said Del Presley, chairman of the contest committee for the group. "The difference between a good and a poor display will be in making use of what you have."

The contest begins Friday at 4 p. m. and judging will be Thursday. The winner will be awarded a trophy in chapel on the following morning.

Those organizations entering and the buildings they have been assigned are Alpha Delta Pi, physics building; Phi Mu, Mary Erin Porter Hall; Mercer Independent Co-Ed's Assn., chapel; Mercer Independent Men's Assn., law building; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, economics building; Alpha Tau Omega, Hardman Library; Chi Omega, administration building; and Sigma Nu, humanities building.

Contest expenditures may not exceed \$10 for any one organization. This rule, explained Alpha Phi, is designed to keep the displays simple and to encourage originality.

All decorations must be up before 5 p. m. Saturday and must be removed before Christmas holidays.

## Mercer ROTC To Name Sponsor During Upcoming Military Ball

The Mercer ROTC Dept. will name their 1958 battle group sponsor Dec. 12 at the annual "Military Ball."

The battle group sponsor will be chosen from sponsors already elected by ROTC units. Those sponsors are:

Carol Avery for "A" Company, Kitty King for "B" Company, Ginger Jones for "C" Company, Beth Herrin for "D" Company, Linda Watson for the battle group staff, Sue Snow for the band and Nancy Otwell for Pershing Rifles.

### At Officer's Club

The ball will be held from 8:30 p. m. to midnight at the officers' club at Warner Robins Air Force Base. Bob Holmeyer's band will provide the entertainment for the evening.

Other highlights of the evening, besides the presentation of the battle group sponsor, will be the an-

# 'The Messiah' To Be Sung At 2 Mercer Performances

## 4 Soloists To Perform



JAMES WAINNER

## Talk By SBC Official To Climax MW

A high-ranking official of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will speak to the student body in chapel Friday.

The official, Dr. Elmer S. West Jr., comes to Mercer as the climax of "Missions Emphasis Week," which ends Friday.

Dr. West, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, heads the Board's personnel department. He has directed the evaluation of qualifications of more than 500 Baptist missionaries who are serving in 38 countries around the world.

He has visited 27 countries in the Orient, the Near East, Europe and Latin America in his personnel work.

Before assuming his present job in 1953, Dr. West was pastor of Glen Allen Baptist Church in Virginia for six years.

A native of Mays Lick, Ky., he attended Cumberland Junior College in Williamsburg, Ky., and received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Richmond.

Dr. West has also attended the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N. Y., under the U. S.

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Mercer's annual Christmas musical presentation, Handel's oratorio, *The Messiah*, will be sung by the Mercer Choir in two performances, 4 p. m. Sunday and 8 p. m. Monday.

The production, in Willingham Chapel, will be under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich. The 125-voice choir will be accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Rich.

Four professional soloists will sing in the presentation. The soloists are James Wainner, tenor; Miss Jean Sanders, mezzo-soprano; Gordon Ohlsson, bass-oratorio; and Miss Carol Bergey, soprano. All but Mr. Ohlsson are from New York.

Mr. Wainner, tenor soloist at Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's home church, The Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, will be

one of the featured performers.

A native of Kansas, he was graduated from the University of Wichita, and began his professional singing career in 1954 with the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra and St. Louis Municipal Opera. He also became active in television, radio and church work.

Miss Sanders, mezzo-soprano with the New York City Opera Company, will appear for the second year in a row as a *Messiah* soloist.

A Pennsylvanian, Miss Sanders trained at Oberlin College and made her debut with the Philadelphia Summer Orchestra, and received critical acclaim for her Town Hall concert. She appeared with the Chicago Symphony, and has performed in 20 different oratorios. She has also been heard in the theater, concert, television and opera.

Also making a return performance in the Mercer presentation will be Mr. Ohlsson.

A well known bass oratorio soloist in New York and the Middle West, Ohlsson has formerly been on the music staff at Hastings College and Columbia University Teachers' College.

The soprano soloist in *The Messiah* will be Miss Carol Bergey of New York, a graduate of the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia.

Miss Bergey has been leading soprano with the Garden Opera Company of Philadelphia and the Santa Fe Opera Company, and has performed under conductors Leonard Bernstein and Boris Goldowsky.

The program this year will consist of parts one and two of *The Messiah*, sung in their entirety.



MISS JEAN SANDERS

### Final Exams

Here is the schedule for fall quarter final examinations as released Thursday by the registrar's office:

- Dec. 17, Wednesday:
  - 9 a. m. - All first period classes.
  - 2 p. m. - All second period classes.
- Dec. 18, Thursday:
  - 9 a. m. - All third period classes.
  - 2 p. m. - All fourth period classes.
- Dec. 19, Friday:
  - 9 a. m. - All fifth period classes.
  - 2 p. m. - All sixth period classes.



GORDON OHLSSON

These trust the prophecies and circumstances of Jesus' birth, the meaning of His coming, man's reaction to Christ, and His death and resurrection.

The chapel doors will be opened at 3:15 p. m. Sunday and all reserved seats which are not occupied by 3:40 will be opened to those who do not have tickets. The chapel will open at 7:15 p. m. Monday, and unclaimed reserved seats will be made available to anyone present at 7:40.

Because of the solemn nature of the occasion and the great demand for seats, no infants or children under high school age (Continued on page 6)

## Senate Eyes Honor System

The Student Senate will discuss the present status of the Mercer Honor System with an eye towards making recommendations about it at the Senate's Tuesday meeting.

Exactly what line the discussion will follow or what action if any might be taken was not known immediately.

But student body president Barry Moore said the discussion would tie in with the October defeat of a proposed amendment to the student constitution requiring reporting of academic cheating.

Moore said the Honor System discussion was placed on the Senate agenda last week.

### Trial Verdicts

(Editor's Note: Here are the verdicts in Honor Council trials during fall quarter. Names are withheld, as specified by Honor Council procedure.)

1. Students "A" and "B." Verdict: Guilty. Penalty to be set by professor.

2. Student "A." Verdict: Guilty. Student "B." Verdict: Not Guilty. Penalty: "F" in course; ineligibility to participate in inter-collegiate activities, hold student government office or receive scholarships; loss of five honor points.

3. Student "A." Verdict: Guilty. Penalty: "F" in the course.

4. Student "A." Verdict: Guilty. Penalty: "F" in course.

### CLUSTER NOTICE

This is the last issue of *The Mercer Cluster* for the fall quarter. Budget requirements necessitate cancellation of the Dec. 12 issue. Present plans call for a two-page special edition of *The Cluster* on Jan. 2, 1959, the day of registration for winter quarter. Other *Cluster* issues will continue regularly through the winter quarter.

## Music With Meals Here?

Is music coming to the Mercer cafeteria?

The Student-Faculty Appropriations Committee may decide that question Tuesday.

Up before the committee is a proposal to pipe dinner music into the cafeteria from a local radio station. The Appropriations Committee must approve the funds for the project if it is to go into effect.

The Appropriations Committee will also be asked to provide equipment for Film Club's movie projector to enable wide-screen movies to be shown here.