



THE QUEEN AND HER COURT—The annual freshman beauty queen was elected in Student Chapel Tuesday. Winner was Louise Mitchell, seen here in the upper left photo. Upper right: Emcee Joe Mathis initiates a new custom to the talent contests. Each girl picked a question she then had to answer. The lower picture shows the queen, flanked by the six finalists. —Photos by John Robinson

Players To Present 'Romanoff and Juliet'

On the heels of Khrushchev comes Romanoff and Juliet, fall production of the Mercer Players.

A comedy satire, *Romanoff and Juliet* is quite timely since it presents a political situation between American and Russian ambassadors in a mythical kingdom.

Romantic developments between the Russian diplomat's son, Igor Romanoff, and Juliet, daughter of the American ambassador, complicate the efforts of the president of the kingdom to maintain political calm.

CAST OF EIGHTEEN

To be presented November 19-20, the play will require a cast of 18, a comparatively large cast, which is being selected this week.

Miss Audrey Needles will direct "Romanoff", which was written by Britisher Peter Ustinov, who also starred in it on Broadway in 1958. Having recently come off the road, the play has just been released for collegiate production. New figure in the speech department, Charles Love, will design the set.

Emphasizing that the satire will require "style", Miss Needles commented that Ustinov's characters are so well-developed that even the minor parts are "gems".

A synopsis of "Romanoff and Juliet" is forthcoming.

Willard Returns

Next week's Cluster will feature the return this year of Willard Clutchmyer, ever-popular Cluster columnist and *bon vivant*. The editors have it on good authority that heads will roll.

Stephens Is Head Of Tri-Beta Here

Robert O. Stephens of Macon is the new president of the Mercer chapter of Beta Beta Beta, national honorary biological fraternity.

Stephens is a senior pre-medical student.

Other new officers are Paul Tucker, junior from Macon, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Roughton, senior from Perry, secretary; and Frances Carswell, senior from Cordele, historian.

T. P. Haines, chairman of the Mercer biology department, is adviser to the group.

ENROLLMENT OF 1,447 NEW YEAR AT MERCER FINDS PACKED BUILDINGS

Mercer's classrooms and dormitories are loaded to the limit. This is made up of 784 men and 503 women.

Total enrollment is 1,447. This includes evening and Saturday classes as well as the regular enrollment.

The figure is about what it has been in the past. Mercer has been packed full for several years.

The four dormitories on cam-

pus are "filled to the brim," said Dr. Richard C. Burts Jr., dean of students.

Dr. Burts added the school could not increase its enrollment without an expansion of facilities. "This is about as many as we can take," he said.

There are 1,287 students in the college of liberal arts, law school and graduate school.

The enrollment breakdown by classes: freshmen, 422; sophomores, 258; juniors, 270; seniors, 219; law school, 92; unclassified, 5; graduate, 7; and post-graduate-special, 11.

Night school and Saturday classes account for 157 students.

Beauty Reigns In Chapel; Louise Mitchell Is Queen

By RITHIA McGLAUN

Blonde Louise Mitchell, who didn't know until the night before that she was going to be in the beauty contest and had to borrow a gown for the occasion, is the new reigning beauty of the freshman class.

When asked by the master of ceremonies, Joe Mathis, what she thought of freshman orientation, Louise replied that she didn't know since she was not present on the Mercer campus at the time. The audience laughed and applauded.

She went on to explain that she had been in the hospital and received a "special" orientation there. After Louise was awarded roses and the crown from the hands of retiring queen Carol Avery of Macon, she received a kiss from Charles Williams, president of the sophomore class.

RUNNERS-UP

From the group of six semi-finalists Phi Mu's Florida Davis, and Patsy Dorminey of Alpha Delta Pi sorority were runners-up to the queen. Both received special medallions. Susan Otwell, Claudia McIntosh and Gail Norris were also semi-finalists.

Other contestants were Karen Ethridge, Martha Hall, Bonnie Johnson, Lisa Thornton, Carolyn McIntosh, Kim Small, Dianne Zuber and Linda Hall.

The contestants represented the social organizations Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Chi Omega, Phi Mu and the Mercer Independent Co-ed Association; the unaffiliated women students and the student nurses.

For the first time, contestants in the freshman beauty contest were asked questions selected at random from a glass bowl. Also, for the first time, freshmen were selected from the audience to afford entertainment while the judges conferred. Among other sounds an exhibition of hog-calling rang through Willing Chapel during intermission.

Judging the contestants on the basis of poise, personality and beauty was the task of Mrs. Sam

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Theologian Will Visit Campus November 12, 13

Richard R. Niebuhr of the Harvard Divinity School will be a visitor on the Mercer campus November 12-13. Niebuhr's first book, a re-appraisal of the nature of scientific knowledge and the reality of historical experience, is regarded as having made a significant contribution to American theology.

Niebuhr's visit is a joint project of the BSU and the Faculty Christian Fellowship. In preparation for his visit, members of the faculty are conducting discussion groups during October.

Faculty members named as leaders of the discussion groups will be Ray Brewster, Kenneth Cauthen, James Clegg, Willis Gloyer, Joe Hendricks, Edwin Johnston, Harold McManus and Robert Otto. There will also be a general meeting of all participating students and faculty for a symposium on Niebuhr's book.

SPECIAL CO-OP POLL

Monday afternoon The Mercer Cluster conducted a poll of students who were present in the outer area of the co-op between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Occasion of the poll was the discovery that all of the Coke machines were empty.

Following are some of the answers to the query: Would you like to comment on the co-op's closing and the fact that all the Coke machines are empty?

Raymond "Skeeter" Bell: "I think the co-op is starving the students. How can we study if we suffer from mal-nutrition?"

Joyce Rowe: "I do like to come here and it does seem to be closed

every time I come."

Joe Sakal: "Oh, for a Coke."

Mary Jane Carter: "It shouldn't close."

Brenda Green: "Why?"

Phyllis Fletcher: "We don't have a place to relax before we start studying in the afternoon."

Prof. Riley Plymale: "They ought to keep Cokes down here if they are going to close. At least they ought to give service out here."

Bert Sheffield: "I agree with the Cluster editorial written last Friday. I think it would be well for the administration or whoever is in charge of the co-op to read the editorial."

A publicity-shy young lady: "Fame is not what I'm seeking; all I want is a Coke."

Jim Holliday: "I think the closing is a good thing. Not only does it save us money but brings the waitresses back to using the morning, bright-eyed and rested, thus enabling our streamlined co-op to operate on an even more efficient basis, willing to serve us when we can't be served, hurriedly closing before we can arrive."

The most frequent comment heard on the co-op Monday afternoon was one similar to the one voiced by Jerry Poole: "Where do we get a Coke around here?"

NOBILITY TO SPEAK OCT. 15

An English knight who formerly served as an Indian legislator will lecture at Willingham chapel while visiting the Mercer campus, Oct. 15 and 16.

Sir Frederick James, sponsored by the University with the cooperation of the Macon Council on World Affairs, is scheduled to deliver his principal address, "Concentration of Power in the Modern World," at the chapel on Thursday, October 15, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this lecture. Sir Frederick will be introduced by Dean of Students Richard C. Burts Jr.

The Englishman will address the student body in chapel on Friday morning. At other times during his two-day visit he will have informal contacts with students.

Sir Frederick spent a quarter of a century in India where he was active in government circles, serving on the Bengal Legislative Council at Calcutta for five years, the Madras Legislature for three years and the All-India Legislature Assembly at Delhi for 13 years. During his years there he authored a report on public health in India.

While the native of Nottingham, England, was in Asia he worked with YMCA and other social service organizations and helped to establish Rotary in many towns throughout that section of the world. He has also served in Rotary International positions.

At present he is managing director and deputy chairman of the London branch of Tata Limited, manufacturers of steel, textiles, chemicals, locomotives, automobiles and other products vital to the industrial development of India.

In England Sir James is vice chairman of University College, London, the largest college of the University with over 3,500 students. He has also served with commercial and social service groups there, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Study Conference on the Human Problem of Industrial Communities.

While on campus, Sir Frederick will occupy the guest room in Sherwood Hall.

Debate Officers

New officers for the Mercer Debate Club have been announced. Bob Trammell from Luthersville heads the Debate Club slate, with Larry Bryant, Buford, vice president; Nora Bishop, White, secretary; Nancy Childs, Butler, treasurer; Nancy Minter, Elberton, reporter.