



## MU CAGERS LOSE IN SEASON OPENER

By BO SIBILSKY

Wednesday night Catawba College, from Salisbury, N. C., invaded Porter Gym to defeat the Mercer Bears in their 1959-60 basketball debut to the tune of 45-41.

The Catawba five jumped off to an early lead and had nine points showing before Mercer's Frankie Edwards tipped one in to make it 9-2.

Catawba came back with three more before Lloyd Henley hit for two to make the score read 12-4 in favor of Catawba. The two teams swapped a pair of baskets and Catawba capitalized on a free throw to run the score up to 17-8.

Then Donnie Veal dropped one through the net to make it 17-10. Catawba added three more, and with 7:20 remaining to play in the first half, led by ten 20-10.



Veal closed the gap to eight but Catawba's Flynn hit for two points to make it 22-12. The margin stayed at ten until Mercer's Jim Milton narrowed it to eight with a shot from the outside. Catawba then came back to score two quick baskets, and at intermission they led the Bears 28-16.

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# 'Messiah' Soloists Named; To Be Performed Dec. 6, 7

TWO 'MESSIAH' SOLOISTS

## MU's Thompson, One From 1958 To Be Featured

Soloists for Mercer's annual Christmas presentation of Handel's Messiah will be Carol Bergey, soprano; Ann Hood, contralto; Frederick Mayer, tenor; and Jay Thompson of the Mercer University music staff, bass.

The oratorio will be given in Willingham Chapel at 4 p.m., December 6, and at 8 p.m., December 7. The program will consist of parts one and two sung in their entirety. Under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich, the university choir of 125 voices will sing the choral selections. Mrs. Arthur Rich will be organist.

Miss Bergey, who is making a return appearance at Mercer, is currently singing opera in Germany but will return to this country. While in Europe she has been on leave of absence from her regular church position, Rutgers Presbyterian of New York, where she sings under the direction of Charles Baker.

She is a graduate of the Philadelphia Academy of Vocal Arts and a pupil of Madame Marinka Gurewicz of New York. She was the leading soprano in the New Orleans Opera Association performances for the 1959 season. She is a member of the Santa Fe Opera Association, the Civic Opera Company of Philadelphia, and Boris Goldovsky's Oglebay Opera Workshop.

She has been soloist with the Harrisburg, Pa., Symphony under Edwin MacArthur with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Leonard Bernstein, and the Little Orchestra Society of New York.

The contralto Beth Ann Hood, is soloist of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York. She is a pupil of Julius Huhn of New York, and Leola Turner of the La Scala Opera, Milan. She studied opera roles with Pietro Cimara, and Corrado Muccini, both conductors of the Metropolitan Opera, and lieder and repertoire with Lee Taubman.

For the past two years she has had the Sullivan Foundation Award; in 1957 she had the National Association of Teachers of Singing "Singer of the Year" (Continued on Page 4)



BETH ANN HOOD, FREDERIC MAYER

## Debate Team Wins Southeastern Honors

A Mercer University debate team has won top honors in a Southeastern debate tournament sponsored by Tau Kappa Alpha, national forensic fraternity.

The Mercer representatives won the coveted Governor's Trophy at the debate tournament, held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La.

### Win First Places

Taking honors for Mercer were Richard Davis of Atlanta and Velma Jean Young of Macon, who won first place among affirmative teams, and Nancy Childs of Butler and Bob Trammell of Luthersville, who tied for first place among negative teams.

The records of the two teams earned them the first place honor.

The affirmative debaters won a plaque for their team effort and individual plaques for their separate records. Trammell was judged one of the 10 superior debaters at the tournament.

### Fourteen Attend

Some 14 Southern universities were represented at the annual competition.

The Mercer team left Wednesday, Nov. 18, for the tournament. They returned Monday. Dr. Helen Thornton, chairman of the Mercer speech department and debate team coach, accompanied them.

Topic for the debate was, Resolved: That Congress should be given the power to reverse the decisions of the Supreme Court. Trammell and Miss Childs recently won second place honors among negative teams at a tournament held at the University of South Carolina.

## Harris Expected To Visit Soon

For the first time since his appointment, Mercer's president-elect may be on campus next week.

Dr. Rufus C. Harris is scheduled to attend a Georgia Baptist executive committee meeting in Atlanta on Dec. 8. He will probably visit the Mercer campus before returning to Tulane.

The president's office at one time stated that Dr. Harris would definitely be on the campus during the coming week, but has since withdrawn the statement, saying now that Dr. Harris' plans are indefinite.

According to a news release at the time of his election to the Mercer presidency, Dr. Harris was to commute until he takes over formally and fully.

The president's office admits there is business awaiting Dr. Harris' arrival for transaction and indicates he is expected to act upon some of these matters next week here on campus.

## Col. Sewell To Leave; Gets Cadets' Tribute

Cadets of the Mercer ROTC Battle Group have written their commanding officer, Col. Walter E. Sewell, who retires Dec. 31, "We wish to express our profound appreciation of your leadership here and our keen sense of loss at your retirement."

The letter, which cites Col. Sewell for his accomplishments, was signed by every member of the 220-man Battle Group. It was read before the cadet corps in full review ceremonies Monday.

### Here Since 1957

Col. Sewell has been professor of military science and tactics at Mercer since July of 1957. He leaves for Durham, N. C., and work in mathematical research at the office of Ordnance Research at Duke University. He assumes his new duties Jan. 1, 1960.

Mathematical study is an old interest of his. He holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from Harvard University and has written two books and numerous articles on mathematics. He also holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees in mathematics from the University of (Continued on Page 4)

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Dear Haywood,

It's good to know that the spirit of the Reformation is alive at Mercer. Although most of the 95 theses Scotch-taped to the column in the "Student Center" were in a humorous vein, a number of genuine truths were set forth. It would do us all good to reread these statements once again in this light.

—TOBY

## Cadets Inspected

Monday, the Mercer Department of Military Science and Tactics held their annual informal inspection. The inspecting officers were Colonel C. H. Licherie, ROTC superintendent for the southeast, and Lieutenant Colonel E. A. Fernstermacher.

Captain Johnson said that the inspecting officers commented favorably on the military courtesy and discipline of the cadets. On the inspection tour they visited the rifle range and the armory.

In conjunction with the inspection there was a military drill and review. During the drill a letter of gratitude was read thanking the retiring PMS&T, Colonel Walter E. Sewell, for the service that he has rendered to Mercer's ROTC Corps.

## ROTC Sets Military Ball, Selection of Sponsor Tonight

The annual ROTC Military Ball for all cadets and invited guests will start at 8:30 p.m. today in the Robins Air Force Base Officer's Club. The ball will be sponsored by the Macon Army Advisory Committee.

The receiving line will start at 8:30. During the evening new members of Scabbard and Blade, a military organization for outstanding military students, will be selected.

### Selected Sponsors

The highlight of the ball will be the selection of the Battle Group sponsor. The candidates are Ros-

lyn Rawls, Company A; Bonnie Sue Johnson, Company B; Jane Gladin, Company C; and Kitty King, Company D.

Frances Duggar, Band; Benjie Eidson, Battle Group Staff; Jimmie Blackwell; Headquarters Company and Pershing Rifles, are also candidates.



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