

Kvinnslund Speaks, Raps 'Political Ignorance'

Bjarne Kvinnslund, Rotary exchange student doing post-graduate work at Mercer, emphasized the importance of Great Decisions discussion groups in chapel Tuesday. "College students do have a duty to keep themselves informed about the political situation in the world."

Film Club Still Needs Suggestions

The B.S.U.-S.A.C. Film Club is seeking the assistance of students and faculty members in making film selection for presentation during the year 1960-61.

A new selection procedure now being employed will enable interested persons to suggest those films which they feel will be valuable for showing by the Mercer Film Club.

Suggestions must be accompanied by a brief description of the nature of the film, the favorable and unfavorable reviews given it, and the opinion of the individual as to whether or not it would be worthwhile for presentation.

Reviews in which such information can be found are available in the Mercer Library; the procedure for securing the information is to be found on suggestion forms prepared for the purpose of aiding in selection.

All suggestions will be considered by the Film Club which are not accompanied by the information requested on the suggestion form.

These forms are available in the Office of Religious Activities or from Frank Maxwell, 222 Sherwood Hall. All students and faculty members are invited and encouraged to participate in this new program of selection.

LSU Awards Honorary LLD To Harris

Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president-elect of Mercer has been awarded an honorary doctor of law degree by Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Harris received the degree at last year's commencement exercises. It is the tenth honorary degree he has received in recognition of his educational achievements.

He also holds the bachelor's degree from Mercer and two law degrees from Yale University.

Dr. Harris has been president of Tulane University since 1937. He is now completing his duties there prior to assuming the Mercer presidency full time in the early spring.

"As political and economical leader of the western world," he reminded his audience, "America is today in a position where political ignorance may not only be harmful, but disastrous."

Kvinnslund spoke well of Mercer, but he observed that the school might be "babying" students too much and might be seeking to make the institution one of "peace and harmony of opinions."

He cited for example the lockers for town students, which are not labeled with the adult terms of gentlemen and ladies, or even men and women, but rather "boys and girls".

He told the group, "As far as I can see it has never been the duty of a university to be a place of harmony and peace of opinions. I think a university out to be a place where opinions meet, are discussed in an academic manner and it is not necessary that one reach any conclusion."

He pointed out the monotony of the Tuesday and Friday chapel programs. These programs pointed up, he said, "That it is good to be good and if you are not good you are bad," and that "it is vital to study if you want to be a success in life - all pleasant things that we can agree on and all fall asleep on."

He suggested speakers of a contrasting nature, for example a Democrat and a Republican, who would encourage thought.

He showed how people might have different opinions by relating what the various sides felt on recent and current political problems.

The Norwegian student expressed his pleasure in being here, mentioning the "friendly atmosphere" and the "cooperation and helpfulness of the professors of this institution." In conclusion he urged the students to sign up for the Great Decisions discussion groups.

GREAT DECISIONS

Students interested in participating in the 1960 Great Decisions discussion groups should contact Joe Hendricks of the Office of religious activities immediately, before Monday, February 8, the date of the first meeting of these groups.

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BEAR WEEKEND WAS ROARING SUCCESS

By JOHN KREUGER

The Bear Day festivities of 1960 got off to a leaping start last Friday night with the Mercer Bears, in whose honor the day is celebrated, trouncing a tough North Georgia College team, 77-66, in Porter Gym.

Further highlighting this memorial event was the unveiling of the mammoth 12-foot paper mache Bear.

From there all the loyal Bear followers proceeded to the Army National Guard Armory for the Bear Ball.

The armory was enlightened with decorations contributed by most of the fraternities. The music further added to the effect.

Highlighting the Bear Ball was the announcement of the Bear Day Queen. Although the competition was stiff, Kappa Sigma's candidate

Carol Avery was honored with this coveted position.

After a brief time out for sleep the Bear Day festivities got back into full swing Saturday morning in the Porter Gym at 10:30 for the announcement of Toby and Tat and the sacrifices to the Bear.

Lynne Bradley of MICA was crowned Tat, while Marvin Hardy, Phi Mu's candidate, was chosen as her mate, Toby.

In the ceremonies for the Bear, everything was sacrificed from Dean Orr, to a pledge trainer, to a

slightly used toilet. Short speeches were given by the fraternity and sorority representatives before their sacrifice was made.

Another break for lunch and the Bear Day activities once again resumed in the Porter Gym for athletic competition between the fraternities and sororities.

The events included sledged races, wheelbarrow races, basketball relays, basketball free throw competition, peanut rolling, and rope climbing.

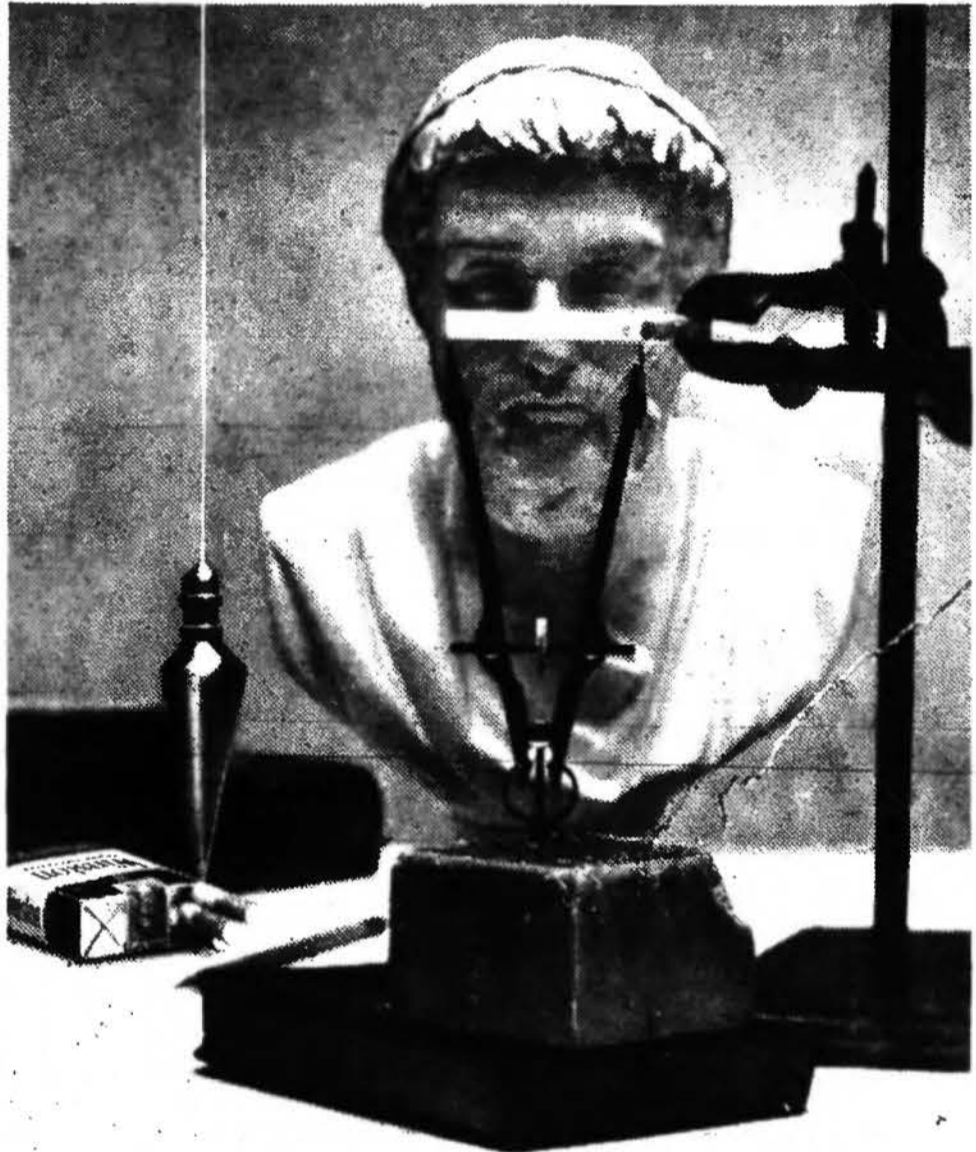
Receiving the first place trophy in the girls division was MICA, while Phi Mu grabbed top honors and a trophy in the male division.

The afternoon activities wound up with the annual faculty-student basketball game, in which the superior seniority of the faculty led them to an unmerciful slaughter over the student team, 11-9.

The Mercer Bears added the final (Continued on page 4)

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