



staff photo by Ward Lowrance
Col. Robert Pitts, professor of military science and tactics at Mercer, congratulates Roy Tucker who recently received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Mercer Student Realizes Goal To Make West Point

By Bill English

Roy Tucker's childhood dreams will come true in July of this year when he goes to West Point to begin training for his commission in the U. S. Army. Tucker received his nomination from Senator Russell of Georgia, chairman of the Senate arms service committee.

Last November Tucker scored second highest on the civil service test which are given to all West Point applicants. This score placed him in the position of second alternate on Senator Russell's nominations.

When the principle nominee failed to qualify for medical reasons, Tucker received his appointment to West Point. The only other qualification which he must meet is a medical examination, which he has passed for the past two years.

Tucker received his first nomination to West Point in his senior year in high school. However, he was not able to accept this appointment because of an injury sustained on the night of graduation. The following year he also received an alternate nomination. But that year the principle nominee was accepted.

It has been the dream of Tucker since he was five to have a military career. As an Eagle Scout at the 1956 World Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, he and other Eagle Scouts were brought together to hear an army officer talk of careers in the army. This talk was the thing that convinced him that he should apply to West Point. In his junior year in high school he took the practice admissions test.

Tucker is now a sophomore at Mercer and a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He is a cadet squad leader in ROTC and a member of the Pershing Rifles, a precision drill team. During his freshman year he was an honor military student. To continue in his Scout work, he is a scout master of troupe 84 at Tattnell Square Baptist Church.

While at West Point Tucker hopes to letter in a sport and to be graduated with honors. Upon finishing he hopes to be stationed in Germany. To help fulfill this ambition he is now studying German and plans to continue this study at West Point. While in the Army he plans to serve in the adjutant corps as a lawyer or go into the army infantry. If he decides to study law he will return to Mercer after completing his schooling at the Point.

'The Messiah' To Be Sung At 2 Mercer Performances

The Mercer choir under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich will render Handel's Messiah on December 4 and 5 in Willingham Chapel for the 17th time.

This year the soloists include Maxine Yeater, soprano; Jean Sanders, mezzo-soprano; James Wainner, tenor and Clyde Hiss, baritone. Mrs. Rich will be organist and Dr. Rich will direct the 125-voice choir.

The program will consist of parts one and two in their entirety. These treat the prophecies of Jesus' birth, the meaning of His coming, man's relation to Christ, His death and resurrection.

A native of Wheeling, West Virginia, Miss Yeater gave an unusually successful Town Hall recital in New York last season, according to New York critics. She has also sung frequently with major symphony orchestras in the East and on radio and television programs.



James Wainner returns as Messiah tenor.

ment as a token of appreciation for American aid and named for Gen. George Marshall.

After the Washington meeting on the 5, Dr. Harris meets with the Georgia Baptist executive committee. As president of one of the five Georgia Baptist sponsored colleges, Dr. Harris is a member of this committee.

Harris Interviews Applicants In Washington, D. C.

After having spent the week at the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools meeting in Memphis, Dr. Rufus C. Harris travels to Washington for a meeting of the Marshall Scholarship committee.

Following the scholarship committee meeting, Dr. Harris returns to Georgia on December 6 for a meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Dr. Harris, along with Deans Robert H. Spiro and Richard C. Burts and Dr. Hayden Bryant of the education department, has been in Memphis for the Southern Association's meeting. Dr. Harris is a past president of the association.

He is also serving as a member of the study committee which has recently recommended a revamping of the association's program.

While in Washington, he will assist in interviewing applicants for the Marshall scholarships, sponsored by the British govern-

Rabbi Speaks During Vespers

The Mercer Interfaith Council brings a variety of visitors to the campus next week for vespers. The evening service will be under the direction of the council.

According to Dwight Honeycutt, council member who arranged the programs, a Jewish rabbi will speak on Jewish holidays on Monday night, a Catholic priest will discuss Pope John's call for an ecumenical council on Tuesday night.

A Lutheran minister will reveal his church's program of evangelism for the Wednesday night service and a minister from the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) will talk on the Protestant ecumenical movement on Thursday night.

Dan Boone is president of the council; Sara Isaf, vice-president and Carol Avery, secretary.

Military Ball Tonight; Sponsors Presented

Mercer's military department's twelfth annual military ball will start at 8:30 tonight. Steve Cloe will provide the music for the ball which will be at the Warner Robins Officer's Club.

During the evening all the senior military students and their dates will be presented. Cadets will also select the battle group sponsor for the company sponsors who will also be presented during the evenings ceremonies.

Tapping for Scabbard and Blade will be part of the evenings festivities. Scabbard and Blade is a military fraternity composed of students who excelled in military as

well as academic studies.

Chaperones for the evening will be Dean and Mrs. R. H. Spiro, Dean and Mrs. Richard C. Burts, Colonel and Mrs. R. L. Pitts and other members of the military department staff and their wives.

This year the ball will be semi-formal. Dinner will be served to those cadets and dates who wish it at the officers' club before the dance.



Jean Sanders makes her third appearance with the Mercer choir in the Messiah.

At present she is soprano soloist at the West Park Presbyterian Church and the Temple Emanu-El in New York.

Among her solos for the performances are "Come unto Him," "How Beautiful are the Feet of Them that Preach the Gospel of Peace," and "Rejoice Greatly."

Miss Sanders, mezzo-soprano of the New York City Opera, will return to Macon this year for her third engagement of the Messiah. She was last a soloist in the 1958 production. She flies to Macon from engagements with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra. In recent weeks she has had performances in New York and other Eastern cities.

A Pennsylvanian, Miss Sanders trained at Oberlin College and made her debut with the Philadelphia Summer Orchestra. She has appeared with the Chicago Symphony and has performed in 20 different oratorios. A featured mezzo-soprano soloist at the Bach festival at Bethlehem, Pa., during the past season, she is soloist for St. Bartholomew's Church in New York.

Tenor James Wainner will also be returning to Mercer for the Messiah, having been here also in 1958. He is tenor soloist at Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's home church, the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City.

A native of Kansas, he was graduated from the University (Continued on page 5)

Baptists Approve New MU Trustees

The Georgia Baptist Convention approved the new trustees for Mercer at its recent Savannah meeting

Six new trustees were appointed with terms to expire in 1965. Three others were appointed to fill unexpired terms.

Those appointments to end in 1965 are T. Baldwin Martin, former trustee and member of the president's council as well as a Macon attorney and alumnus of Mercer; Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of the Vineville Baptist Church who served during previous years as a trustee.

Judge Carlton Mobley, associate justice of the Georgia supreme court and alumnus of Mercer; Thorpe Sanders, Monroe businessman and great-grandson of Billington M. Sanders, first president of Mercer.

Also included in this group are the two alumni trustees, Joe J. Cordell and Dr. A. Barnum

Hawkes. Cordell is superintendent of schools in Albany and Dr. Hawkes, who has been a trustee before, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waycross. He is the father of Mercer co-ed Gracelyn Hawkes.

Hugh H. Hill, vice-president of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association in Macon, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Cecil A. Baldwin. Claude Christopher, Griffin attorney and father of Mercer faculty member Georgia Christopher, fills the unexpired term of Thomas J. Holmes, now serving as director of university development and alumni affairs. Christopher is an alumnus of Mercer.

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