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Dr. Harold McManus, chairman of the inauguration committee, and Marshall Daugherty of the art department, inspect the mace that was designed by faculty members for the inauguration.

Mace, Presidential Seal Designed By MU Heads

Two traditional emblems, mace and a presidential seal, were designed by Mercer faculty members for use in the inauguration of Dr. Rufus C. Harris as sixteenth president of Mercer University.

The presidential seal was designed by Dr. Otis D. Knight, dean of the graduate program, and Professor Marshall Daugherty, head of the art department. Professor Daugherty designed and executed the mace.

The seal, which was carved directly in fine silver and bronze by a firm in Cincinnati, is a mandorla-shaped pendant that depicts the tower of the Mercer Administration Building, a ribbon, and a stylized stained-glass window of Willingham Chapel.

The background is in bronze, and the window is in a blue and red cloisonne enamel. On the ribbon are the Latin words for science, law, religion, and the arts. Around the seal in Latin is the inscription: "Seal of the President of Mercer University."

The seal, which is executed in a shape which is traditional for early university seals, symbolizes the spiritual and intellectual life of the university as well as the administrative authority of the presidency.

The mace, which is used in the inaugural ceremony as an emblem of the office of the presidency of the university, has long been traditional in university ceremonies. Oxford and Cambridge use silver maces that date from the seventeenth century.

The mace, which was originally a weapon of war, was once carried by the sergeant-at-arms to protect the king's person; the mace later came to be used in church, civic and university ceremonies as an emblem of authority. The United States House of Representatives



The Presidential Seal

uses a mace, always placed to the right of the speaker.

The mace executed by Professor Marshall Daugherty for the Mercer ceremonies depicts a cross atop a globe, symbolizing the spiritual commitment of the university as it seeks to understand the world we live in. Around the globe are the words "Mercer University, 1833," symbolizing the influence of Mercer throughout the world.

Beneath the larger globe is a smaller one, symbolizing the microcosm of the university. This is atop a form suggestive of a spire.

The mace, in ancient times a symbol of physical power, is in the university setting a symbol of spiritual and intellectual power.

Cauldron Marks Half-Century Year

This year the 50th volume of the Cauldron, the Mercer year-book, will be published under the direction of John Black, editor and Jim Willingham, business manager.

The first edition of the Cauldron was published in 1911 and was dedicated to Miss Sallie Boone.

Dr. Dowell tells in his history that the name "Cauldron" was selected in a contest sponsored by the senior class of 1911. W. B. Murray of Ashburn made the winning suggestion, the name "Cauldron," indicating the varieties of campus activity being poured into one pot.

Holmes Elected To CSF Helm

Lynn Holmes has been elected the 1961-62 president of Christian Service Fellowship.

Holmes, a ministerial student, is a transfer from Brewton-Parker. An English major, he will be a senior next year.

Elected to serve with him were Phyllis Lane, vice-president; Dean-in Dudley, secretary; Ina Claire Watson, social chairman and co-program chairman, Janice Jackson and Ralph Medlock. Dr. Marguerite Woodruff was again elected advisor to the un- organization of BSU.

Also elected were Leroy Bowen, chorister; Caroline Gull, pianist; Marie Ammons, chairman for the old folks' home; Otis Andrews, chairman for the detention home (Sundays); Carolyn Walker and Charles Brownlee, co-chairman for the detention home workshop and Thelma Davison and Glynn Hayes, co-chairmen for the detention home recreation.

Al Rahn was elected community center chairman; Don Bennett, training school chairman and Betsy Livingston, publicity chairman.

Ogburn Donates Father's Portrait

An oil portrait of Dr. William Fielding Ogburn has been donated by his son, Fielding Ogburn, to the university and has been hung in the second floor of the administration building opposite the president's office.

Dr. Ogburn, a Mercer alumnus, was for 24 years a professor of sociology at the University of Chicago. He died in 1959.

A native of Butler, Georgia and a member of the class of 1905, Ogburn was regarded as one of the leading social statisticians and social philosophers in the nation. He was a director of research for President Hoover's committee on social trends.

Dr. Ogburn, whose works have classed him as a sociologist, economist and political scientist, wrote on social changes, child labor legislation, minimum wages, marriage, French postwar economic development and urban sociology.

He received his Ph.D. from Columbia and taught there and at Princeton before going to Chicago. Later he lectured at the Universities of Calcutta and Delhi and Oxford.

The Mercer alumnus held his first teaching position at Darlington School for Boys in Rome.

Great Decisions Groups Finish

The eighth and final Mercer Great Decisions group met Wednesday night in the student center with Milton M. McPherson of the

Students Did Manual Work At Old Penfield

Students under the first presidents of the Mercer Institute at Penfield faced a stringent life. Work was expected of each as was obedience to the strict regulations of the school.

Each student was expected to labor three hours a day for the five day week at some task assigned by the principal and the steward. For his work in the fields, the student was expected to have a sunbonnet to protect him from the sun.

School began at sun-rise, with Scripture reading and prayer, followed by class exercises until breakfast. Between breakfast and dinner there were periods of study and recess arranged so that the student studied about five hours before the noon meal.

He continued his studies again in the afternoon and after normal studies were ended with a prayer two hours before sunset, the student worked on the farm.

Rules for study hours were strict. Students could not visit each other during these hours without permission; all doors were to be kept closed, but a teacher could enter a room without knocking.

One 1835 rule stated: No washing shall be done in windows nor on floors . . . nor yard littered by litter from windows. All students must account for lost tools, and broken doors . . . Later a student was required to pay 25¢ for every pane of glass he broke.

According to Dr. Spright Dowell's History of Mercer, students were punished for such offenses as being "absent from prayers; idleness in school . . . tardiness at recitations; bad lessons; reading a borrowed composition; unprepared to speak . . . disorderly on the Sabbath and in time of prayer; idleness in study and labor; found sleeping in another student's room . . . singing in disorder on the Sabbath; indignities to ladies at millpond; pillaging orchard after church on Sabbath; using such curse words as dast, God dast, damn, doust; trespassing in potato patch . . . smoking; and refusing to work."

Smoking, wine or any other intoxicants, firearms and gunpowder were all forbidden.

history department leading the discussion.

The topics for the evening concerned current U. S. economic problems. One of the major topics discussed was what could be done to stop the drainage of the gold supply. Another issue considered was the continuing demand of labor for higher wages which causes the cost of living to increase.

The Kennedy proposal to tax the more prosperous states in order to relieve the depressed areas of the country was also discussed.

The Mercer Independent Co-ed's Association and the Mercer Independent Men's Association sponsored the joint discussion.

Social Set

by DERYL DAUGHERTY

Sigma Nu is planning their White Star weekend for April 21-23.

The ADPI's held a "Polynesian Paradise" party recently, to announce their new officers. They are president, Marian Rivers; secretary, Lucy Tatum; treasurer, Pat-

ti Paulette.

Among the visitors for the party were Anna Watts, Mary Kay Fowler and Diane Shropshire. Also visited was Nora Savage, ADPI vice president at Emory.

Janice Poindexter, pledge, is going steady with Tommy Faircloth of Kappa Alpha.

At the annual March of Dimes formal, Sigma Nu fraternity was awarded a trophy for their outstanding work during the recent March of Dimes drive.

Visitors Discuss Foreign Countries To Geographers

The class in world geography at Mercer recently completed the series of discussions of The Great Decisions in which persons who have lived in the various countries considered led the discussions.

Interpreting the situation Germany and France was Robert Carroll, assistant professor of European history. Mrs. Charles Nadler, who spent several months in Russia in 1957 with her husband, a retired law professor, spoke on conditions in the Soviet Union. Col. Robert Pitts, PM, discussed the economic and political relationship of the United States with Japan where he recently spent three years.

Mrs. Maria Hertwig, retired Bibb County teacher and former teacher in the Belgian Congo, interpreted the background of the Congo crisis. Pastor Walter Moore of the Vineville Baptist Church, a former Baptist missionary to Cuba, discussed the American relationship to the Latin American countries with emphasis on Cuba.

Victor Heck, professor of economics at Mercer and formerly associated with the U. S. Embassy in Costa Rica and Greece, discussed United States aid to underdeveloped countries.

Each discussion was introduced by a student leader from the class and was concluded with a question period. Mrs. Zeb Vance is teacher of the course.



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Second Prexy Left Suddenly

The second president of Mercer left the school suddenly.

President Otis Smith department from Penfield late in January 1843 as a result of strain between him and Billington Sanders, chairman of the local board of trustees.

Smith, a native of Vermont and graduate of Andover Theological Seminary in 1826, once commented, "The excellent brethren who selected the present site for the college (Penfield) also married it to Madame Manual Labor, the consort instead of being a helpmeet to her husband, was a millstone tied around his neck."

Dowell's History.

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