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tant to Dr. Gail Luke Carver of the biology department; Professor John D. Allen of the journalism and English department; and Dr. John D. Freeman of the Christianity department.

Freeman was a major target of the group, although just three of the accusers had ever studied under him in class. He was born in Nova Scotia and received his doctorate from McMasters University in Canada. In 1893 he became a Baptist minister. Fifteen years later, after serving as a Canadian pastor, he attended as the first Canadian delegate, the organizational meeting of the Baptist World Allegiance in London and delivered there one of the major addresses of the convention.

In 1907 he became pastor of a Baptist church in Leicester, England, staying in England until 1925, when he returned to Canada where he pastored a church until 1927.

Then Dr. Rufus Washington Weaver brought him to Mercer as a professor of theology, homiletics and New Testament. In addition to preaching and teaching, Freeman also authored eight books. The best known of these was "Life in the Uplands," written on Psalm 23. The volume was published here and in England.

Among his children was Ralph Evans, an economist, Rhodes Scholar, and at one time head of the economics department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Both the son and his father were listed in Who's Who In America.

Dr. Spright Dowell in his history of Mercer University relates that on March 20, 1939, he received with the executive committee of the board of trustees a committee of the Macon Baptist Pastors' Union to discuss affidavits prepared by the 13 ministerial students on the character of the statements of certain Mercer professors. The pastors' committee called for an investigation.

Three ministers and three lawyers were appointed as the committee to hold the investigation. Composing this group were F. R. Martin, J. C. Estes, T. Hoyt Davis, T. F. Callaway, E. A. Kilgore and O. M. Seigler, all being members of the board of trustees.

The hearing was set for 10 days later in Roberts Chapel located in the present economics building. The hearing began at 11 a.m. and continued until after 9 p.m., without recess and without food. One member dropped out because of illness. The decision of the committee, clearing the faculty members, was announced after its meeting the next day.

The trial was limited only to students bringing the charges, the professors involved, any witnesses and any ordained ministers. Among the students who testified were Byron Kennerly, then president of the Ministerial Association, and Thomas Holmes, who testified for Dr. Freeman.

Fred Martin, chairman, constantly asked his question to students: "Has this teacher done anything to shake your faith?" For the most part, he received the answer, "No."

During the trial, for the case of student assistant James Wallace, a skelton was brought in. Wallace had been accused of saying that some babies were born with tails. The skelton was brought in to prove that the "tail" might be an extension of the spinal column.

Student emotion was at a pitch during the trial. The sign, "Lynch St. Birch," appeared on campus. At one time, Dr. Joseph Crudup, one of the accused, personally removed Reid Lunsford, one of the ringleaders of the accusing, from the campus for Lunsford's personal safety. Crudup's car was stoned as it left the campus. The night of the trial, policemen, called in, escorted all the 13 accusing students from the campus.

Outside the chapel this sign was posted: "Spanish Inquisition In Progress." A petition was circulated among the students requesting that the accusing students be removed from the campus.

Dr. Dowell, then president, called

ed for self restraint in a chapel address and asked the students to tone down their demonstrations. At this request, the petition asking the removal of the students was stopped.

The Pan Hellenic Council, now the Interfraternity Council, supported a resolution calling the action of the accusing students "unfair, unwarranted and undesirable."

Thomas Holmes, in a letter to the editor of the Cluster, called the 13 "unadjusted persons . . . seeking not the welfare of the university but the intellectual and spiritual maiming of it."

Honor Council . .

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tion marks. For example, 'political chicanery' or 'salient features',

phrases used by any author must be quoted by the student unless he substitutes his own words. Also note that when a phrase is identified with a famous person, unless the phrase is so familiar that it is in the public domain, it must also appear in quotation marks. For example, the following phrase by Milton 'simple, sensuous and passionate,' a phrase he applied to poetry, must be quoted, since it is not yet in the public domain.

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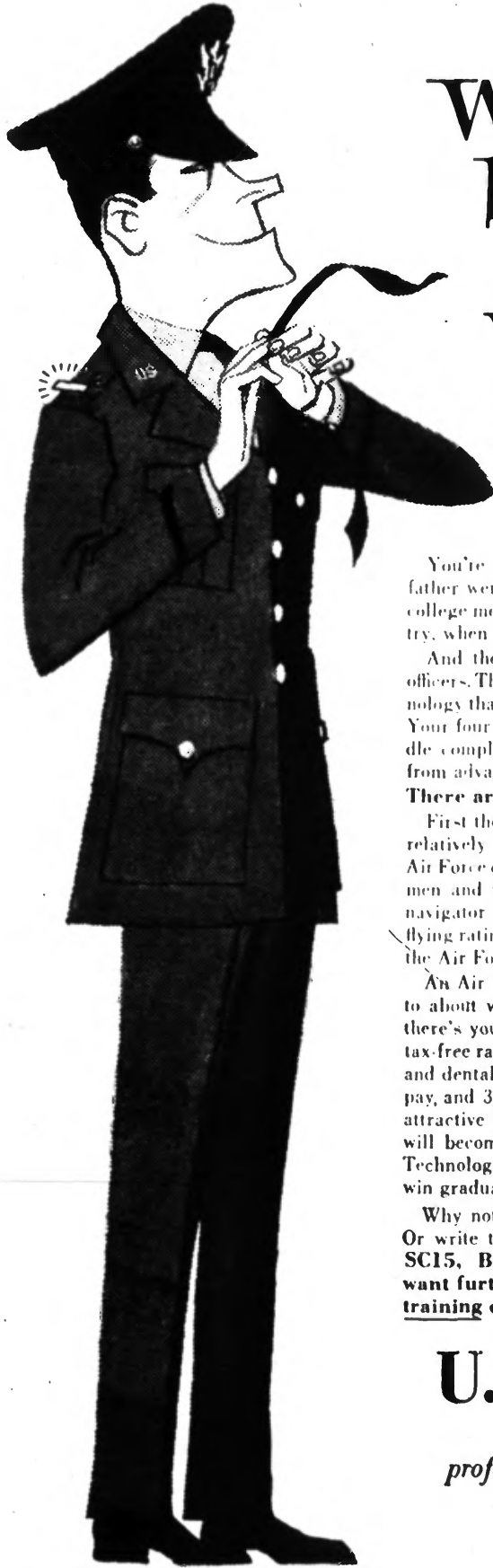
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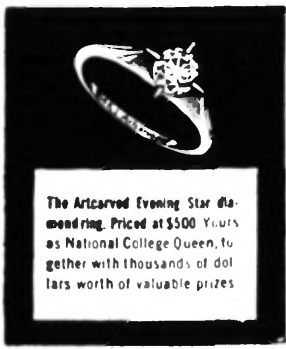
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