



Law Alumni Oppose Mercer Integration

The Mercer Law Alumni passed a resolution opposing "the integration of the educational facilities of Mercer University" at a stormy meeting of the Law alumni last week.

King Awarded UDC Certificate

Dr. Spencer B. King is the recipient of a Certificate of Merit from the Georgia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, it was announced this week to the MERCER CLUSTER.

The award given at the annual convention in Macon on October 5, reads, "for his contribution to Southern literature and interest in Confederate history."

King, chairman of the History Department at Mercer said, "I am pleased to be the recipient of this award."

He has written books and published essays on the Civil War and is a recent contributor to the Encyclopedia Britannica. Since December, 1960, he has conducted a Civil War column regularly each Sunday in the Macon "Telegraph-News". The UDC officials bestowed this honor upon King for his outstanding work in the field of Southern History.

Harris Re-Elected

Dr. Rufus Carrollton Harris, President of Mercer University, has been re-elected chairman of the National Advisory Board to the U. S. Veterans Administration on education, employment and rehabilitation programs.

Dr. Harris, who has served on the board since 1945 and been chairman since 1958, was re-elected to the post at a meeting in Washington, D. C. earlier this week.



GRIFFIN B. BELL

Courts Rely On Executive For Power

Mercer alumnus Griffin Bell, associate justice on the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals said that the strength of all federal courts depends upon the strength of the executive branch of government.

Speaking before the 15th annual Law Day Bell stated that he felt that the original division in the federal government was wise. "The executive department can simply use to enforce court orders, and history records that this has happened," he said.

He also noted while tracing the history of the American judiciary that the Supreme Court is the only part provided for by the Constitution. All other courts are established by Congress and derive their power and jurisdiction from Congress.

Dr. Rufus C. Harris, President of Mercer University welcomed the Law Day gathering and told the group that the rule of law is "con-

The resolution was passed after some heated debate by a 27-17 vote. No notice of the resolution was given to the body prior to the meeting. A motion to table the resolution was voted on and defeated.

A protest to the manner in which the resolution was presented was voiced by David L. Mincey, Judge of the Macon Recorder's Court. Mincey called the procedure a "denial of due process" and termed such an action by a group of lawyers "shameful".

Malone Sharpe, introduced the resolution which was signed by Sharpe, Lee Grogan, Robert L. Steed and Robert Barfield.

A motion to disband the Alumni group was made following the adoption of the resolution, but was ruled out of order by the chair.

The meeting of the Law Alumni was part of the annual Law Day program held at the Walter F. George School of Law.

Choir Performs For Convention

The Mercer Choir will make its annual presentation of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" for this year's Georgia Baptist Convention to be held in Macon's Mable White Baptist Church.

Each year the choir presents the "Hallelujah Chorus" and other selections to the opening session of the state convention which begins on Nov. 12.

The choir will be directed by Mr. Milton Swenson and will also sing "O Be Joyful All Ye Lands" by Gretchaninoff, and "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" by Brahms.



JOHN W. F. DULLES

Dulles To Talk On 'Alliance For Progress'

Mercer will host Mr. John W. F. Dulles, of the University of Texas next Thursday. Mr. Dulles, Professor of Latin American Studies at the university, will speak on "The Alliances for Progress" at 4:00 p.m. in 314 Student Center.

Mr. Dulles, a son of the late John Foster Dulles, is the author of Yesterday in Mexico, a book on the revolution of 1919-1936 in Mexico. He is currently working on a similar book about Brazil. Mr. Dulles' authority on Latin American matters stems from the fact that for sixteen and one-half years, prior to his joining the Texas faculty this year, he lived and worked first in Mexico and then in Brazil as an executive in the ore purchasing departments of American-owned metal companies. As an ore buyer, Dulles was required to travel throughout the countries in which he lived.

Dulles and his wife helped to develop the Union Church of Monterrey and were interested in the American School of Monterrey while they were in Mexico.

Dulles has earned degrees from Princeton, Harvard, and the University of Arizona.

Army's Special Weapons Defense Exhibit Set Nov. 13

The U. S. Army will open a three-day showing of its famous chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) defense exhibit at Mercer University Nov. 13.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Pitts, USA, professor of military science, announced that the exhibit will be on view in the Connell Student Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. There will be no charge for admission and trained CBR specialists will be on hand to guide visitors through the display.

The threat of chemical, biological and radiological attack and the ways and means of protecting against these weapons provide the main theme of the exhibit, which

has been seen by more than five million persons from coast to coast.

Colorful displays at the exhibit will show how to survive a CBR attack through the use of equipment and procedures developed by the CBR Agency for the Department of Defense.

On display will be such items as military and civilian protective masks, tent-like protectors for children too young to wear masks and decontamination equipment.

Sponsored at Mercer University by the Department of Military Science, the exhibit will continue through Nov. 15.

tral to social existence" and that "it cannot be made to serve merely as a means to elevate archaism to a throne of respectability."

Thomas J. Holmes, Director of Development and Alumni Relations announced to the audience that "despite differences of opinion" among Mercerians, financial contributions to the University this year are above those of last year.

Glenn In D. C.

Miss Helen Glenn, dean of women at Mercer is attending the annual convention of the Southern College Personnel Association in Washington, D. C., this week.

Miss Glenn is Georgia membership chairman of the Association.

Seminary Fracas Stirs Faculty Here

Fourteen Mercer faculty members have issued a 500 word statement presenting their views on the "Message of Genesis" controversy involving Dr. Ralph H. Elliott.

The statement was issued about two weeks before Elliott was dismissed from his position of professor of Old Testament Christianity at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Since the dismissal, a spokesman for the professors said that the firing is viewed as a "grave threat" to education in Southern Baptist schools.

Dr. C. Dewitt Matthews, professor at the Midwestern Seminary commented this week on the firing of Ralph Elliott by the Seminary.

Matthews, speaking at Vineville Baptist church in Macon, told the congregation that many of the people who feel strongly about Elliott's book The Message of Genesis had not even read the book itself, but had only read something about it.

Matthews, former pastor at the Vineville Baptist church, said that the many critics had so "muddied the waters until now the truth cannot be had."

Elliott, he pointed out, will be in Macon in April to conduct the revival at the Vineville Baptist Church.

Matthews has spoken many times to Mercer students in Chapel and delivered the address at commencement this past August.

The spokesman for the group also said that because any Mercer professor's name does not appear on the statement it does not signify acceptance or rejection of the views presented. He said, "In no sense of the word was any attempt made to contact all of the university faculty and offer them an opportunity to sign or reject the statement."

Following is a list of the professors who signed the statement. See page five for the complete text of the statement.

James Y. Holloway, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Christianity; Harold L. McManus, Roberts Pro-



Cluster Photo by Charles Grant
Mercer Students show how to Bob for Apples.

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Hepzibah Orphans Hosted By Circle K Membership

The Circle K Club entertained children of the Hepzibah Orphanage at their home Wednesday afternoon. Twelve of the club members along with fourteen girlfriends were responsible for the preparation of the party. The Mercer students decorated the luncheonroom of the home in typical Halloween fashion with black and orange streamers along with the traditional pumpkin jack-o-lantern.

The party began at 3:30 when the recipients, ranging in age from eight to twelve, arrived home from school. Several games were played

under the supervision of the Mercer co-eds from the Educational Department, the most interesting one being the apple bobbing contest. While a few were shy, others dove in "knee deep" for their highly treasured prize.

After the entertainment refreshments were served. Popcorn, cokes, and "Trick or Treat" bags full of candy, gum, and other goodies, climaxed the afternoon.

The Kiwanis Clubs of Macon and Ingleside supported the Mercer Circle K Club.

Elliott Refusal Prompts Firing

Dr. Ralph H. Elliott's refusal to voluntarily ban his controversial book, "The Message of Genesis," has caused his dismissal from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Elliott's book has been a center of controversy among Southern Baptists since its publication over a year ago. Elliott's critics have said the book violated Baptist doctrines by interpreting Genesis as symbolic rather than literal truth.

The firing came about two weeks after a group of 14 Mercer professors distributed a two-page defense of Elliott and an attack on elements of the Southern Baptist Convention which have attempted to have The Message of Genesis banned and Elliott censured.

The faculty statement said in part: "We believe that the freedom to study and listen, and to confess and obey the authority of Scripture is a gift of God, not a prerogative of any man or men, and that the endeavor to circumscribe or restrict this freedom and this authority is fraught with heresy."

Elliott would not agree to a trustee demand to suspend further publication as "a precautionary measure to avoid a recurrence of the recent disturbance."

Elliott said he would not voluntarily halt republication of his book, but that he would do so if the seminary trustees formally requested him to not republish.

Controversy over the book received national attention in June when a movement was started in the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco to prevent republication of the book and to fire Elliott. The Convention delegates defeated a motion to ban the book but passed three resolutions which while not mentioning Elliott by name were directed to the doctrinal conflict. One of the resolutions reaffirmed "our (the Convention's) abiding and unchanging objection to the dissemination of theological views in any of our seminaries which would undermine such faith in the historical accuracy and doctrinal integrity of the Bible."

Students at Midwestern have protested Elliott's dismissal and presented the trustees with a pro-Elliott petition signed by 70 per cent of the 230 member student body.

PAD Initiates

The Fish chapter of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity recently held the formal initiation of eleven pledges in the Moot Court Room of the Walter F. George School of Law.

New initiates are Robert Cooper, Robert Coleman, Floyd Moon, James Balaiger, Alexis Mattei, Jerry Poole, Jerome Strickland, Robert Shipp, James Rowe, Tyler Evans and Richard Lee.