



Folk Fest At Mercer

Pictured above is Miss Patricia Dale of Atlanta, one of the participants in Mercer's second annual Folk Festival held last week in the Connell Student Center and Willingham Chapel.

Miss Dale, seen here with an Appalachian dulcimer, was one of the many amateur folk singers who participated in the day's performances, workshops and group discussions. The week was climaxed with a three-hour informal program in Willingham Chapel.

Cluster staff writer Davis McAuley gives a complete account of the festival's activities on this week's Mercer Cluster feature page.

Drama And Music Dept. To Present 'King And I' Here

By Bill Dayton

"The King and I," one of Rogers and Hammerstein's most popular musical productions, will be performed at Mercer next Thursday and Friday at 8:14 p.m. in Willingham Chapel.

To stage the work at Mercer, the Mercer Players have joined with the university Music department in coordinated musical coaching in addition to the usual evening rehearsals. The performers will be accompanied by two pianos.

One of the most unusual features of the production is the large number of children involved. Most of these have been borrowed from Macon families and carefully trained for the program. Miss Audrey Needles, the play's director.

Based on the book *Anna and the King of Siam*, "The King and I" describes the often amusing experiences of a nineteenth century British governess employed by an oriental potentate, the King of Siam. Anna is to tutor the twenty-old children of the king's more favored wives. Her Victorian impressions of the Siamese and their impressions of Victorian westerners are all dramatized.

The principal roles in a very large cast are played by Jack Caulley (the King) and Jane Hatchett (Anna). Other important parts are: the Kralahome (Tommy Faircloth); Lad, Thiang (Betty Cooper); Captain Orton and the Interpreter (David Payne); Tuptim (Jeretha Andrews); Lun Tha



Jane Hatchett (Anna) and Tommy Faircloth (Kralahome) rehearse next week's performance in informal session Tuesday.

(Bruce Powers); Lewis, Anna's son (Mike Tinkey); Prince Chulalongkorn (Mike Hall); Princess Ying Yaowalak (Verna Hamm); and Sir Edward Ramsey, the British Ambassador (Jerry Caccio). The production is directed by Miss Needles. Professor Swinson directs the music and Jane Griffin is the Technical director.

S. Pharmacy Decision Put Off By Trustees

Mercer's trustees in their meeting last week decided to wait until May 1 to decide the fate of the university's Southern College of Pharmacy.

The trustee's Executive Board will make the decision on May 1 whether or not to close the school. Trustees had earlier recommended that unless sound financial backing was assured the college should close at the end of the year.

Members of the Advisory Committee of Southern have been driving for new financial support of the college for several months.

A move by Atlanta pharmacists in Drug Mutual Inc. to save the

college by guaranteeing financial support has given new hope to saving the college. Drug Mutual is an organization of 210 member drug stores in the Atlanta area.

The druggist organization asked to be given until May 1 to guarantee financial backing for the next five years. Presumably if they can not provide this guarantee by the May 1 meeting the Executive Board will order the school closed June 30.

In the April 18 Trustee meeting, university president Dr. Rufus Carrington Harris said that there were three reasons for Southern's operating deficit: (1) decrease in enrollment, (2) lack of support from retail and wholesale pharmacies.

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Senate Holds Post Open Till Election

Mercer's Student Senate Tuesday decided how to fill the vacant town Senate representative slot and moved to make the two Student Publications Committee representatives part of the Student Activities board.

The Publications representatives were in effect without jobs because the same election which voted them in passed a constitutional amendment to abolish their committee as a separate SGA unit.

The amendment made the Publications Committee part of the Student Activities Board. The two committee representatives were elected automatically because they were the only candidates for the three-man committee.

In the Tuesday meeting the Senate decided to make the two committee ex-officio members of the Activities Board.

Brando, Ford In SGA Film Tonight

The "Teahouse" of the "August Moon," a cinemascope and color film starring Marlon Brando and Glenn Ford, will be shown this evening in room 314 Connell Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Film Committee chairman Graydon L. Ware said the film is a good natured spoofing of occupation troops in Okinawa revolving around an army captain's attempts to rehabilitate Okinawa by introducing American customs which resulted in the American becoming subtly Okinawaized.

The full cast of the film includes Marlon Brando, Glenn Ford, Eddie Albert, Paul Ford and Machiko Kyo. It is adapted from the play by John Patrick, based on the novel by Vern Sneider.



Lettermen clown during novelty number in Monday's concert.

Lettermen Spark SGA Concert; Say S. Universities Are Friendly

By Joyce Davis

The Capital recording trio, the lettermen, drew a responsive audience to Willingham Chapel Monday evening as the SGA marked up their second annual Spring Concert as a success.

The group, made up of Tony Bula, Bobby Engemann, and Jimmy Ike, have been called America's best rising vocal group, and they did their best to live up to the title Monday.

In an interview between acts, Bobby was asked how he felt about the current interest in folk music. He remarked that their latest record, "Allentown Jail", is along this line and that all of the trio enjoyed folk songs.

The trio members also said that their folk numbers seemed to be the most popular songs with their concert audiences, which are usually made up of college students.

The trio declared that they "en-

joy doing southern schools a little bit more than northern." They stated that there was better participation with the smaller schools where everybody knows everybody. Jimmy expressively declared of Southern Hospitality—"It's just great!" There is definitely a "warmer reception" and more friendliness in the South.

The group has been together about two years. Jimmy and Bobby

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