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Annual Folk Festival Offers Variety Of Styles

The current widespread interest in college circles in folk music was amply demonstrated Saturday as folk singers from Georgia, Alabama and Florida gathered here for the second annual Folk Music Festival to sing and discuss folk songs.

The festival's director Dr. Ben Griffith, chairman of the English department, presided Saturday afternoon over an informal session that included discussions of the meaning and definition of folk music, instrumental techniques and spirited as well as sympathetic singing.

A wide variety of singing styles and instruments were exhibited.

Styles ranged from warm renditions of classical folk ballads to gay, worldly, hu-

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Above left—Martha Gilveath of Oglethorpe sings "The Trees They Do Grow" in Saturday's folk fest. Center—Bluegrass group from Milledgeville. Right—Dr. Ben Griffith and Mercer participants.

morous songs. The influence of various popular recording personalities was quite evident, the main ones being Joan Baez and the Kingston Trio.

But also represented were examples of "bluegrass" music, religious folk music, and contemporary parodies on folk music and satires after the fashion of folk music. Many of the latter type were composed by

the performers themselves.

The guitar and banjo formed the core of the singers' accompaniment, but also used were such varying instruments as a mouth harp, an Appalachian dulcimer, zither and Dobro guitar.

The discussion Saturday afternoon of folk music provoked lively discussion as to the defining characteristics of folk mu-

sic; whether the song must grow from a specific incident, whether the author must be uneducated, whether a song must have a certain age to be considered "folk."

Leading the discussion were four college professors Irving Foote from Georgia Tech, Stuart Silverman from Auburn, Clyde Faries from Georgia Southern and Griffith.

The loosely arranged program Saturday night added group singing as the audience joined in several songs. Spirited "bluegrass" groups from Milledgeville and Emory contrasted strongly with the thoughtfully rendered ballads such as those by Martha Gilveath of Oglethorpe and Patricia Dale of Atlanta.



SARAH DISTELHURST

MIMA Honors Sarah Distelhurst

Sarah Distelhurst, a sophomore from Thomasville was pinned by the M.I.M.A. sweetheart this week.

Sarah is treasurer of M.I.C.A., a member of the Student National Education Association and vice-president of C.S.F. She is also a member of Mercer's B.S.U., Y.W.A. and Religious Education Association.

MICA Gives Tea

Mercer Independent Coeds Association had a tea for women faculty members and for faculty wives Sunday, April 7. Cakes, candy and punch were served.

M. I. C. A. is planning a swim and dance party for Friday, April

Sinfonia Fraternity Comes To Mercer

A new fraternity has joined the Mercer campus. The Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, Sinfonia music fraternity of America, received its official charter last month.

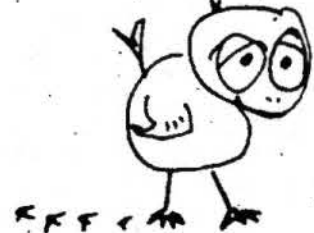
Phi Mu Alpha, a professional music fraternity and largest honorary fraternity in America, has begun to form a chapter at Mercer last fall.

The group, currently consisting of twenty students who have demonstrated an interest and ability in music, will be initiated by the Epsilon Iota Chapter for Florida State University May 4. Professor Herman Gunter, Province Governor of the fraternity, will also be present.

Elected officers are: Jack Caley, president; Walter Scott, vice-president; Phil Mullenax, secretary; Tommy Faircloth, treasurer; Jim Maxwell, historian; and Jerry Poole, warden.

Dr. Arthur L. Rich and Mr. Ronald W. Hill, faculty advisor, are also members of the fraternity. Mr. Milton A. Swenson is a pledge of the Mercer chapter.

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