



Army Officials To Inspect Mercer ROTC Battalion, Mon.

A three-man team of Army officials will be on campus Monday, meeting with university officials and examining the Mercer ROTC Battalion during the unit's annual Federal Inspection.

Col. William M. Slayden, II, of the University of Tenn., heads the inspection team. With him are Lt. Col. Kenneth I. Bechtold of Georgia Tech, along with Staff Sergeant Roy D. Brothers, also of the University of Tenn.

The team will begin the long day of inspection early Monday with a meeting of the Army personnel operating the Mercer unit. They will observe advanced cadets teaching classes during various periods of the day.

Col. Slayden will inspect the ROTC facilities, and be briefed by the cadet staff members.

Later Monday morning Col. Slayden will meet with university President Rufus C. Harris.

The inspection team will have lunch with several Mercer administrative officials, including Dean of Men Joseph M. Hendricks, Assistant Dean Thomas M. Trimble and Admissions Director John Mitchell. After lunch the inspectors will witness a demonstration by the Mercer Marauders, a counter-guerrilla unit. The Mercer cadets will demonstrate hand-to-hand combat techniques, bayonet training, mountain rappelling and other combat skills.

Monday afternoon the entire cadet battalion will be inspected by

three-man team, and a battalion review will be held in their honor.

ROTC Scholarship Grants Available

Students wishing to apply for Army scholarship grants or for entrance into the new two-year ROTC program have until May 1 to make application, Lt. Col. Robert L. Pitts has announced.

Both these programs are available this year for the first time under provisions of the recently-passed ROTC Revitalization Act.

Under the two-year plan, college sophomores with no prior military training may obtain an Army commission upon completion of their degree requirements.

The scholarship program provides selected ROTC students with full tuition plus \$50 per month, textbooks and laboratory fees on both a two and a four year basis.

Gamma Beta Phi Is Organized at Mercer

Tuesday night saw the organization at Mercer of Gamma Beta Phi, a service-leadership organization for students in American Colleges and universities. Responding to mailed enquiries, some twelve Mercer students, former members of high school Beta clubs, indicated interest in the establishment of such an organization on the Mercer campus and selected Lee O'Brien, Cluster business manager, temporary chairman. At their organizational meeting Tuesday night the group elected Dr. Palmer their faculty sponsor and voted to meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. There will be a special meeting for the adoption of a constitution 5 o'clock, Thursday, April 30, to which all interested Beta members are invited.

NOTICE

All Mercerians are cordially invited to attend the evening worship service and youth fellowship on April 25, at T-Square Baptist Church. Some members of the cast of the musical, Oklahoma will present a preview of the show at the fellowship hour.



Members of the cast of Oklahoma entertain students being honored at banquet Tuesday night.

Outstanding Students Honored At Banquet

by Diana Denton

Mercer inaugurated Tuesday night what it hopes will become an annual event with its Spring Honors Banquet in the upstairs dining room. The banquet, aimed at honoring those students who have made the Dean's List or exhibited academic excellence in some other manner during the 1964-65 school year and thus encouraging scholastic achievement, was attended by some one hundred students and interested professors.

Assistant Dean of the Liberal Arts College Thomas Trimble presided at the informal supper meeting, with Dr. Ray Brewster delivering the invocation, and entertain-

ment provided by the four leads from the Spring play "Oklahoma!" and a group of student jazz musicians headed by Jim Gibson.

Dr. Doris Raymond, Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships briefly encouraged juniors and undergraduates to consider applying next year for a Fullbright scholarship for their graduate schooling. Mercer has yet to produce a Fullbright scholar, and hopes to do so in the near future. Dean of the Liberal Arts College Garland Taylor concluded the program with a brief address commending and challenging those present on to higher attainments.

MU 'Oklahoma' Production Nearly Ready

The Mercer production of Oklahoma is entering final stages of preparation for the production slated for next Thursday and Friday nights.

The first rehearsal with the orchestra was held Tuesday and make-up work is slated for tonight. The final dress rehearsal will be held Wednesday.

A combined effort of the departments of Music Speech and Drama, the production of the popular Rogers and Hammerstein musical is being directed by Miss Linda Shuler, drama coach, and Jack Jones of the music department. Mrs. Gladys Lasky of Macon is choreographer.

The set is expected to be one of the most elaborate to appear on Mercer's stage in some time.

Outstanding ROTC Cadet

The Mercer ROTC Cadet of the Week is V. G. Williamson, a freshman from Alcoa, Tenn. Williamson, 19, is a member of the first squad of the second platoon of C Company. He is also a member of the National Rifle Association.

This is Williamson's first time as Cadet of the Week. The Cadet of the Week is selected on the basis of appearance, general military knowledge and proficiency.

History Prof. Head Receives Award

Miss Constance Head, instructor in history, is the recipient of a Lakesbury Graduate Award in College Teaching, granted by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church for the academic year 1965-66.

Miss Head plans to utilize this scholarship grant by returning to the University next year for further study leading to the Ph. D. degree. Miss Head, who was a graduate student at Duke prior to coming to Mercer, also holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from that institution.

Run-Off Results

(See Elections Story)
Nunn, 69; Broadnax, 56. Thompson, 70; Tapley, 46. Masada, 185; Phillips, 141. Weston, 164; Plunkett, 160. Roberts, 183; Thornton, 11.

SGA Elections End With Close Results

by Bill Dayton

Close races were order of the day for the recent student elections at Mercer. Winning the presidency of the Student Government Association 364 to 340 was Brady Creel, defeating John Collier.

The posts of SGA Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were uncontested. Bob Herschner, Liz Potter and Linda Walton were the only persons to qualify for these offices.

In the Race for Freshman Advisor, Arden Kelly defeated Bill Thielmann, 349 to 332.

Dickie Childs and Linda Davis defeated Mary Jane Bloomfield, Peggy Smith, Bill Westwood, and Jeri Windham. Childs received 320 votes, Davis, 229. Bloomfield came close with 225 votes.

Being unopposed for Town Senate Representatives, Margret Ann Dupree and Janet Shirley obtained these two posts.

Tina Simmons defeated Judy Clark for Cauldron Editor, 386 to 319.

Mary Teal (450 votes); Mike

Norton (432), Mary Eaton (386), Carol Ann Wright (369) and Marilyn Magg (334) defeated Judy Howell (302) Diana Garrett (317), Diana Hepner (293), and Janice Gazaway (224) for Student Appropriations Committee posts.

Though only one person qualified, there was a race for the Cluster editor's post, brought about by a write-in campaign for T. D. Lewis



Lewis

who privately stated before hand that his "campaign" was not an attempt to win the post, but a gesture to "put some life" into the election. SGA figures gave the final tally as 617 votes for Diana Denton, 38 for Lewis.

In the Senior Class, Harry Doss defeated Jim Gilbert for the presidency. In the race for Senior Vice President, a run-off between Gary Broadnax and Roger Nunn was called for, along with another run-off between Carole Tapely and Mary Sue Thompson for Secretary. Julie Murphy defeated Lynn Loessner for Senior Treasurer.

In the Junior Class, Steve Moody defeated Tom Pye for president, Jay Brewster defeated David Laney for Vice-president, Jean Harrison defeated Beth Brown for Secretary, and Joanie Bougher defeated Peggy Geren for the Treasurer's post.

The Sophomore Class saw run-offs called in the race for the office of president, between Bobby Phillips and Jerry Masada, between Tom Plunkett and Charles Weston for Vice-President, and between Lou Roberts and Suzanne Thornton for Secretary. For Treasurer,

Janie Baker defeated Connie Lawrence.

Due to the very close races for several posts and the fact that none of the votes were recounted, several sources have said that there would be requests for recounts in several of the races. It has also been rumored that due to alleged improper procedure in conducting the election, the whole proceeding will be contested.

INTERVIEW WITH NEW SGA PRESIDENT

by Slayton Shaw

Brady Creel, in an interview shortly after his Tuesday election to the office of President of the Student Government Association, said, "It is with humility and pride that I accept the office of President of SGA. I fully realize the trust and responsibility which you have given me and I will do my best to live up to your expectations. But in order to do this I will need the support of All, so I extend to you a challenge to unite behind the SGA and push it to greater heights."

He went on to say, "We, the students of Mercer, are living in an age which is moving at a rapid pace. Each day is a day of decision; each day can bring us closer to our goals . . . or drop us farther away. Through your efforts we can make the SGA obtain its goals to promote the general welfare of the students and to protect their rights and privileges at all times. These goals will be obtained only through your efforts so I again extend to you the challenge to accept your responsibility as students and unite your Student Government Association."

Laney And Stanton Co-Edit Law Review

John T. Laney of Columbus and Courtney W. Stanton of Ft. Pierce, Florida, have been named co-editors-in-chief of the Mercer Law Review.

The Law Review, published twice yearly, is edited by the highest ranking students in the Walter F. George School of Law. Membership on the editorial board is based upon scholastic achievement and ability in legal research and writing.

Laney and Stanton have also been awarded the Charles Elihu Nadler Legal Writing Award. The award, presented annually in honor of a late member of the law faculty, is designed to honor dedication to excellence in the field of legal writing.



Lambda Chi Alpha Easter Bunny Larry Freeman nibbles on an Easter egg from the hand of a child from the Washington Avenue Day Nursery. Diana Garrett of Alpha Delta Pi and Roger Nunn, president of Lambda Chi Alpha watch. About 20 children from 4 to 6 years of age packed the eggs. The event which was held April 18 was a part of the fraternity's community service program.