

Profs. Leaving Concerns Students Petitioners

A student petition expressing concern over the number of professors leaving Mercer this year began circulating about the campus this week. The large number of students signing the paper also gave voice to a concern about the future of close teacher-student relationships at Mercer. The petition, when the signing is complete, will be presented to President Harris. The statement reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned students of Mercer University, are concerned about our educational future and the academic reputation of the University. Our concern, therefore includes the following disturbing facts:

"1. Dr. Snipes, Dr. Christopher, and Mrs. Plymale, are leaving the English department, and no full time Ph.D.'s are being hired to replace them. We are concerned that those professors who remain may find it difficult to devote the accustomed time and interest to each course because of the increased work load they will be forced to carry.

"2. No full time Ph.D. has been added to the Psychology Department since Dr. Knight's death two years ago.

"3. No full time Ph.D. has been added to the German department

since Dr. Newby left. "4. The vacancy being left by Dr. Pak in the government department, we understand, is not going to be filled by a Ph.D.

"We are disturbed by these facts which will vitally and immediately affect our academic future. One of Mercer's strongest assets as a small university has always been its high percentage of Ph.D.'s. And small classes have encouraged close student-teacher relationships which have been invaluable to many of us.

"With tuition being raised \$105.00 next year, it seems to us that the school should be financially able not only to maintain, but to enhance the quality of our faculty."

R.O.T.C. Day Held

Mercer's annual Army ROTC Day was held at the Mercer drill field beginning at 3 p.m. last Monday. Individual cadets received public recognition for accomplishments during the year.

Col. James L. Scott Jr. attended as the personal representative of Third U. S. Army commander Lt. General Louis W. Truman. Colonel Scott spoke briefly following the invocation by Dean Joseph M. Hendricks and preceding the presentation of awards.

Following the awards ceremony, the cadet battalion, commanded by Cadet Col. James L. Solomon of 1763 Adams St., passed in review. The program concluded with a fire and maneuver and hand to hand combat demonstration by the Mercer Marauders, counter-guerrilla unit of the Mercer Cadet Corps.

Miss LaRose Powell, Miss Macon of 1966 and Sponsor of the Mercer Battalion, occupied a position of honor during the event. She was surrounded by her court, which was made up of staff and company sponsors Debbie Dicks, Jean Harrison (Miss Mercer of 1966), Suzie Sumner, Sandra Underwood, Sandra Carroll, Kimberly Kiebertz, Ann Stanford and Susan Wiseman.

quired is not a fundamental change in the system, but a determination to apply the efforts and resources of federal, state and oftentimes local government to common problems in programs that recognize the legitimate rights and role of each.

"This is another way of saying that the urgent need is for more federal cooperation with the states and local government, and less attempt at federal domination," he added.

Russell also deplored the trend of decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court in recent years, which he said amounts to an "unmistakable assault on our Constitutional system and the doctrine of separation of powers."

"The truth is that on many occasions in recent years, the Supreme Court has usurped and exercised the powers that clearly belong to the Congress and to the states," he said. "In the process, it has encroached upon the constitutional powers of Congress and struck down the actions of state legislative bodies in areas clearly reserved by the Constitution to the states."

Russell said he feels the time is long overdue for the Court to return to its proper constitutional role.

"I do not believe it is too much to ask that the Court interpret the Constitution as it was written, and not as some of the justices might wish it had been written," he added.



Sen. Russell Criticizes Present Supreme Court In Law Day Address

Disrespect for law and authority is "an open invitation to anarchy" Georgia's Senator Richard B. Russell told a Mercer audience May 18. The principal speaker at the Walter F. George School's 18th annual Law Day observance stated that no citizen possesses the right to disobey particular laws he deems unjust and laid several criticisms at the feet of the U. S. Supreme Court during the course of his address.

"We cannot pick and choose among the laws, obeying those we like and ignoring those we don't like," Russell said, pointing out that the American system of constitutional democracy rests upon respect for law and order by all citizens.

"Today, this cardinal tenet is being flouted by some who enjoy the fruits of our free society," he added. "Some of those who take to the streets to demonstrate against actions or laws of their government which they happen to disapprove of claim the right to disobey the laws they deem to be unjust."

Russell said that "there is clearly no such right. If such existed, we would not have a government of laws. We would have an open invitation to anarchy."

The senior U. S. Senator from Georgia sharply criticized what he termed a trend toward increased centralization of power in the federal government at the expense of state and local governments.

"The truth is that our constitutional system is fully capable of coping with the changes and meeting the needs of 20th century America," he added. "What is re-

FINALS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 31

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon All 1st period classes.
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. All 2nd period classes.
7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. All 8B period classes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon All 3rd period classes.
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. All 4th period classes.
7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. All 8A period classes.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon All 5th period classes.
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. All 6th period classes.

Miss McKethan Named M.U. Alumni Director

The appointment of Miss Lois Theresa McKethan of Savannah as director of alumni affairs at Mercer University has been announced by Dr. Rufus C. Harris, Mercer president.

The announcement was made at the annual Alumni Day program, during which Gene F. Dyar of Savannah was reelected president of the Mercer Alumni Association. "Miss McKethan's appointment will mean much to the effectiveness of the alumni program at Mercer," Dr. Harris said. "She has the energy, the direction, and the dedication needed to carry on this important work." He added that the appointment will become effective July 1st.

Miss McKethan attended Armstrong State College in Savannah for two years, and is secretary of the Board of Directors of the Armstrong Alumni Association. She was graduated from Mercer in 1957, and has done graduate study at the Tulane University School of Social Work.

She has been a child welfare worker for the Chatham County Department of Family and Child-



LOIS MCKETHAN

ren Services for the past nine years. She is active in civic and religious work in Savannah, where she is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and the Little Theatre of Savannah.

Miss McKethan is president of the Savannah Chapter of the Mercer Alumni Association and helped initiate the first Mercer Alumni College program.

Dyar is a prominent Savannah attorney, civic leader, and a member of the Chatham County Board of Education. Named to serve with him was The Rev. James W. McRay, pastor of the Lakewood Baptist Church of Gainesville, president-elect; and Miss Harriet Cork of Macon, vice president. J. Fred Carson and Miss Frances Floyd, both of Macon, were reelected treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Alumni awards for outstanding service to Mercer and the Alumni Association were presented to Judge Harley Langdale of Valdosta, Miss McKethan, John C. Polhill of Clearwater, Fla., Dr. Thomas F. Sellers of Atlanta, and The Rev. James W. Waters of Macon.

STUDENT-FACULTY BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET

Fine Arts Series

Drama	\$3,000.00
Music	8,000.00
Film	1,000.00
Art	3,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Cauldron	9,000.00
Hifi-TV	300.00
Law School	1,000.00
Mercer Literary Review	1,500.00
Mercer Cluster	6,000.00
Science Exhibit and Lectures	850.00
S.G.A.	3,000.00
W.S.G.A.	250.00
Honor Council	100.00
Campus Parties	500.00
Contingency	1,000.00
Total	\$40,000.00



ALUMNI DAY

Mercerians of past years registering for annual Alumni Day ceremonies, here, Saturday, May 14. High points of the day were three seminars, reunions, barbecue luncheon, and concert by the Conarc Band, from Robbins Air Force Base.

DR. HARRIS CITES EDUCATION NEEDS TO ALBANY KIWANIS

Mercer President, Dr. Rufus Carrollton Harris, has called for an improvement of the total forces of American education, and said "our foreign policy will advance no faster than the effective curriculum of our classrooms."

Speaking at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Albany, he said "taking the long view of the modern scene, one must be impressed with the fact that the chief danger of our society is the inadequacy of the total forces of American education — public, private and church-related."

He added that "it contributes to the national danger because it is obvious that if the children of our adversaries are adequately educated and ours are not, we will not be able to compete with them."

Dr. Harris pointed out that the primary causes for this inadequacy in modern American education stems from several sources.

He said one is the "failure of parents to understand the unremitting need for disciplined, uninterrupted effort by their children." "Another factor," he added, "is the dissipative power of community trivia plus the lack of knowledge by community leaders in the difference between good and bad education."

The Mercer president commended the State Board of Education for stressing academic endeavor.

"Every occasion should be employed to commend the State Board of Education for its recent endeavor to concentrate more on the academic side of high school life and less on the ever-broadening, almost continuous athletic performances, which have reached almost scandalous proportions," he said.

Dr. Harris said the problem of the colleges is chiefly that of good teaching and the lack of facilities to attract better teachers.

"This is the heart of the issue," he said, "and the lack of money to provide the compensation and facilities for the good teacher constitutes an increasingly difficult shortage."

"The private colleges are in a pitiful plight in this instance, because their constituents, not having tax funds to draw on, find it exceedingly difficult to provide adequate funds either for the teachers or for facilities."

He concluded that "in the judgment of most of the long-time educators in this country, such colleges that deny themselves access to federal funds for these purposes will almost surely perish in a very short generation."

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