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## Progressives Win Overwhelming Victory

### Law School Elects Bell Chief Justice

by Bill Wheeler

Hal Bell, Macon, yesterday defeated Lamar W. Sizemore in the election for Chief Justice of the Honor Court of the Walter F. George School of Law. Bell polled 56 votes against 53 for Sizemore in an election in which six other justices were named to the Honor Court and four to the Court of Corrections.

Justices elected to serve with Bell on the Honor Court are Mac Hardeman, Macon; Albert Reichert, Macon; G. A. Hilburn, Plant City, Fla.; Mel Ward, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Bill Tyson, Ashburn; Carl Westmoreland, Rutherfordton, N. C. Representation on the Honor Court is based on the selection of the Chief Justice from the Student body at large and two members from each of the classes.

Members of the Court of Corrections who were elected Tuesday are Wallace Askew, Chibley; W. W. Hemingway, Macon; Roy Tribble, Chandler, Ariz. One member of the Court of Corrections is selected from the student body at large and one from each of the classes. The Chief Justice of the Honor Court also serves as presiding justice of the Court of Corrections.

As provided for in Article IV, Section 2, of the new law school constitution, the jurisdiction of the Court of Honor extends to the trial and punishment of any student violating the code of honor in force in the George School. This court is also charged with the responsibility of drafting court procedure which, in turn, is introduced to the assembly for legislative adoption.

The jurisdiction of the Court of Corrections is to hear and rule on petitions of hardships and equity of any student seeking relief of reason of an act of the assembly. This court also rules on the constitutionality of acts of the assembly and officers of the student government.

### Brewster Wins Student Presidency As Representatives Take 9 Offices

Student Government officers elected yesterday will be installed May 4.

Ray Brewster, Cedartown, Progressive candidate for Student Body president, defeated "Bird-Dog" Thornton, Parrott, Representative candidate, in Tuesday's elections 566-378 as the Progressive party captured 24 of the 33 contested offices.

Broadus Willoughby, Colquitt, Progressive, was chosen Freshman Advisor, receiving 568 votes to Tom Matthews, Representative, 370. Student Body vice-president was won by Frank Kemp, Valdosta, Progressive, who polled 520 votes. His opponent, Buck Melton, Representative, received 411 votes. Frankie Thompson, Shellman, Progressive, defeated Jackie Ward, Representative, 522-417 for student body Secretary-Treasurer.

Jim Cowan, Albany, Representative, polled 506 votes for Cluster editor to John Herring's 412, and Herman Bowers, Progressive, was elected business manager over Joe Gossett 528-398.

Editorship of the *Bearskin* went to Pete Nunn, Covington, Progressive, who polled 553 votes to Charles Scholz's 388. Wallace Duval, Progressive, defeated Howard Hartley for business manager of the magazine 549-380.

Cauldron editorship was won by Lib Howard, Augusta, Representative. She defeated Becky Watson, Macon, by a vote of 500-436, and Grady Wheeler, Progressive, won over Frances Clements 485-450.

Ruth Dunwoody, Progressive, polled 519 votes as cheerleader to her opponent's, Malcolm Davis, 403.

A complete tabulation of votes for other offices and candidates:

Student Activities Committee	
Henry Durham (P)	543
Sanford Fitzsimmons (P)	442
Eloise Peavy (P)	505
Carlisle Minter (R)	414

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### Business Leaders

The Future Business Leaders of America recently pledged the following candidates for membership in the organization: Clarence Smith, Dan Dunwoody, Charles Henderson, Lee Smith, Donald Peavy, Royce Gordon, and Warren Sewell, all of Macon, and Joe Hazel of Vaughn.

Ray Harris of Macon is the F.B.L.A. president.



Gene Dyar

### Gene Dyar Heads Honor Fraternity

Gene Dyar of Savannah was chosen president of Blue Key honor fraternity in the recent election of officers for the coming six months. Dyar, a student in the Walter F. George School of Law, is the former editor of *The Cluster*.

Other officers elected were vice-president, Hugh Wamble, Cairo, former president of the Baptist Student Union; treasurer, Broadus Willoughby, Colquitt, varsity half-miler on the Mercer track team; and secretary, Art Fuller, Newnan, past editor of *The Bearskin*.

### APS Meet Attracts Campus Physicists

The Physics staff of Mercer University, and a representative group from the Physics Club attended the southeastern section meeting of the American Physical Society held Friday and Saturday in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The instructors and students who represented the University are Dr. and Mrs. Rufus H. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt, Reba Moye, Arlena Duggan, Robert Dean, Robert Lehman, Dick Hudson, Ralph McElreath, James Collins, Melvin Brooks, and Stanley Tanner.



Ray Brewster



Broadus Willoughby

### Dowell Participates In Baylor Program

Dr. Spright Dowell, President of Mercer University, left Monday by plane for Waco, Texas, to attend and take part in the inauguration of William R. White as President of Baylor University. Baylor awarded Dr. Dowell an honorary doctor's degree at their Centennial Celebration in 1945 in recognition of the long historical relationship of the two universities, and because Mercer is looked upon as the "Mother" of Baylor by the officials and students of that institution.

There is an interesting history behind the naming of Baylor. In 1845 William Tryon went to Texas for the purpose of establishing a college. He enlisted the aid of one Judge Baylor to write a charter for the proposed institution. Since Judge Baylor dictated the contents of the charter, Mr. Tryon did the actual writing of the document. His modesty prevented his allowing the school to be named for him, even though it was he who had first conceived of the idea. At his suggestion, then, the school was named for the Judge who had dictated the contents of the charter, and that is the name it bears today, Baylor University.

### Alpha Psi Omega Chooses Bettis

Charles Bettis of Atlanta was elected president of Alpha Psi Omega national honorary dramatic fraternity at Mercer when the local chapter held its election of officers last Tuesday evening. Hard Storey of Ashburn was chosen vice-president and Miriam Evans of Jackson was named secretary-treasurer.

The election of officers followed the formal initiation ceremonies for four new pledges: Tommy Ward, Atlanta; Hard Storey, Ashburn; Jim Cowan, Albany; and Albert Mullis, Eastman.

### Junior Auxiliary Sponsors Contest

The Mercer Junior Auxiliary is sponsoring a contest to find the baby with the "mostest" of the following: Cuteness, Health, and Personality. Contest officials emphasized that beauty would play no part in the selection of the winner. The only requirement for entering a baby in the contest is that one of the parents of the child must be a Mercer student. A winner will be picked in each of the following age groups: 1-12 months; B Group, 1-2 years; and C Group, 2-4 years.

Anyone interested in entering a child in the contest should send a photograph or large snapshot of the baby to Mrs. Anne Wood at the Mercer Book Store in the Co-op. Entries should be in before May 4, and the winners in each of the three groups will be announced May 12. The following information should be written on the back of each (Continued on Page 3)

### Political Sidelights

The student election Tuesday culminated the most hectic political campaign in Mercer University history. It was a campaign which by mutual agreement was to be conducted on a very idealistic, constructive level, but which instead turned into one that would probably overshadow the most heated gubernatorial race in Georgia. Bubble gum and contented cows played a large part in the very original campaign of the Progressive Party, while the Representative group stumped the campus on the basis of their past record, climaxing this activity with a parade from the Mercer campus to downtown Macon, Monday. Not many hours before this the Progressives presented "in concert" a string band in the

middle of the campus.

Election fever in the past few days has reached fever pitch. The public address systems in the Co-op have been blaring forth all kinds of music and all kinds of speeches from all kinds of office-seekers. Wherever one looked there would be slogan after slogan, promise after promise, and picture after picture. Though the campaign started out in a lackadaisical way, it soon developed into one that typified the ultimate in mud-slinging, heated accusations, and promises to the student body.

Now it is all over except for the happy expressions of the victors, and the mournful ones of the vanquished, plus the expectancy of the student body to have promises made to them carried out.

### 'Pinafore' - Romantic Opera

Rehearsals were underway this week for the April 22 and 23 presentation in Willingham Chapel of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, HMS Pinafore, which is being produced by the Mercer University departments of music and speech and is under the joint direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich and Miss Mary Brooks Popkins.

The plot, long since familiar to music fans of the semi-classics, revolves around the efforts of Ralph Rackstraw, a common seaman on the 19th century British battleship Pinafore, to win the love of Josephine, the lovely daughter of Captain Corcoran, the ship's skipper.

Josephine admits to her father her love for Ralph, but promises never to reveal this to anyone else. At this point, the Right Honorable

Sir Joseph Porter, KCB, First Lord of the Admiralty, enters the scene with a proposal of marriage to Josephine. Despondent over this state of affairs, Rackstraw is about to take his own life when Josephine stops him confessing her love for him.

The lovers make plans for elopement, but are foiled by Deadeye Dick, the most hated sailor aboard the ship. Captain Corcoran stops the elopement and Sir Joseph Porter has Ralph Rackstraw thrown into chains. A happy ending is reached, however, when Buttercup, a peddler, reveals that Ralph is of noble birth and in reality the rightful captain of the Pinafore. Needless to say, the hero and heroine are wed as are Captain Corcoran and Buttercup, Sir Joseph Porter and Hebe.