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Rat Week Will Begin October 4; Daily Duties Have Been Mapped

Any freshman "Rat" who does not comply with the following regulations concerning "Rat Week" will be subject to penalty from the student government.

"Rat Week" begins Wednesday, Oct. 4, and continues through Friday, Oct. 6.

Important: Only Sophomores are allowed to rat freshmen. They will be known by a black arm band.

The general rules for these days are:

1. Wear your rat cap until told otherwise.
2. Know all Mercer yells and songs.
3. Carry all books in a pillow case.
4. Speak to all upperclassmen and address them as Mr. or Miss.
5. You are to fall to the ground when a Sophomore yells "air raid".
6. All day students must be on the campus by 8 A.M. each day.

The general rules for the girls are:

1. Girls will use no make-up on the left side of the face, but must wear it on the right side of the face.
2. Girls may not at any time during ratting roll hair or use hair or hair clasps.

The general rules for the boys are:

1. Boys may at no time during ratting shave. R.O.T.C. included.
2. Boys must part hair in the middle and must slick down with lotion or hair oil.
3. Boys must serve on the jury in Moot Court when summoned.

The rules that apply for each day are:

Wednesday Oct. 4

1. Boys wear all clothes backwards and inside out. They are to wear one dress shoe with a white sock and one tennis shoe with a colored sock.
2. Girls must wear clothes backwards and inside out. They must wear different colored socks.
3. Both girls and boys are to wear a sign 12 in. long and 12 in. wide tied around their neck. They are to bend over and show these signs to the sophomores. The sign must read "I am a rat."

Thursday, Oct. 5

1. Boys are to wear gym shorts and dress shirts with the shirt tail hanging out. They must wear their shirts and ties backwards. Dress shoes must also be worn.
2. Girls must wear dressy dresses. They are also to wear one rainboot and one tennis shoe. One side of their hair must be braided into thirteen pig tails with a ribbon on each. The other side of the hair must remain natural.
3. There will be a cake race at 3:00 for all male freshman rats. No one to be excused except Bob Bonner or Ebb Kilpatrick.

Friday, Oct. 6

1. Both boys and girls wear same clothing as Wednesday and in the same manner.
2. Every one is to wear a string tied around his ankles. The string between the ankles must be twelve inches long and no longer. It must be no higher than the ankles. Sophomores will be posted about the campus to measure the string.
3. Everyone must wear a large old shoe tied around his neck.

Following these activities there will be a freshman reception at the home of Dr. Spright Dowell, on Friday, Oct. 6, from 8 to 4:30, sponsored by the student government. The night of the 9th rat court will be held in the gym. Every freshman must attend. Any Female rat who is asked to be in the freshman beauty contest must be a contestant.

Law School Election To Be Monday; Nominations Made Last Week

The members of the Walter F. George School of Law will elect members of the Honor Court and The Court of Corrections Monday October 2, in the general elections. Nominations were made last Monday for these posts.

Those nominated are as follows:
Chief Justice of Honor Court
 Seale P. Hipp, Francis M. Davis, Paul J. Jones

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES
Freshman Justices
 Max R. McGlamry, William P. Hicks, Clarence M. Streetman

Junior Justices
 George S. Carpenter, Jr., T. T. Minor, III, Wayne Montgomery

Senior Justice
 J. Clayton Hargrove, James C.

O'Conner, Walter E. Leggett, Thomas G. Matthews

Those of the Court of Correction are as follows:

Justice at Large

Will T. Whatley, Roy M. Tucker, Selwyn D. Packs, William Wesse

Freshman Judge

George H. Chamblee, Floyd Thomas, Jack Senter, William K. Buffington, Wallace G. White

Junior Judge

James W. Morgan, Jerry E. Conner, Andrew J. Aultman, J. Howard Pope

Senior Judge

James M. Kirby, Peter Z. Greer, Jr.



EMORY CLAY

New Officers Elected by B.S.U.

Three new officers were elected and a committee named to make plans for Freshman Week at the first general BSU meeting of the year, held Tuesday evening in chapel.

New officers elected were: Dr. Harold McManus, faculty adviser, Dr. C. DeWitt Matthews, pastor adviser, and Bob Burks, Atlanta, first vice-president. Nominations were presented by a committee including Warren Shields, chairman; Mary Helen Sims and Sarah Brown.

President Ann Black, who presided, named Ebb Kilpatrick as chairman of a committee to make nominations for council members to serve during Freshman Week. Serving with him on the committee are Don Reeves, Bobby Dollar, Ruth Flowers, Annie Lucy Wood, Bill Landress, and Barbara Fleming.

This committee will make their nominations on October 9, when election will be held for officers to serve during Freshman Week, October 15-21. Purpose of the week is to show freshmen the workings of BSU by letting them hold all the council offices and have complete charge of the organization for that week.

Editor Announces Cauldron Staff

Ann Beall, Editor of the 1951 Mercer Cauldron, has announced her staff for the coming year in a meeting held Wednesday, September 24.

Charles Cureton is Business Manager and will appoint his staff as soon as possible.

The Cauldron will contain around 225 pages and will be filled with snapshots, individual pictures and group pictures. All pictures will be taken starting Monday, October 16, from 9 to 5:00 and will run for two weeks. A chart will be placed in the Co-op Monday for anyone to sign up by the time they are going to have their pictures made. All appointments must be held.

Those appointed by Miss Beall are as follows: Jack Perry, Associate Editor; Emory Clay, Organizations Editor; Ernest Durloo, Fraternity Editor; Lillian Patton, Faculty and Administration Editor and Robert Bone, Head Class Editor;

Dot Hamilton, Senior Class Editor; Ed Lily, Junior Class Editor; Gerrye Clegg, Sophomore Class Editor; Ann Williams, Freshman Class Editor; Winkle Harris, Sports Editor; Buz Alderman, Girls Sports Editor and Ronald Eason, Art Editor.

Clay Is Named Cluster Editor

New Business Manager Will Be Appointed Today

Emory Clay, Macon junior, yesterday was elected editor of the Cluster to fill the vacancy left by the death last June of John Hyde.

Clay received 176 votes to 50 votes polled by Judson Moss, junior from Savannah.

New Counsellors Chosen For Sherwood Hall

Five new councilors were elected last Tuesday night to have charge of the wings in Sherwood Hall.

Billy Woods has charge of the first floor while Earl Brigeman and Frank Kesler are to have charge of the second floor. The councilors for the third floor are P. J. McNatt and John Woods.

This is a new system and it is hoped that by instituting this method the new freshmen will be able to study better and will be able to make better grades.

Moot Court To Be Next Thursday

Erown vs Columbus Baking Company has been docketed as the first trial case before Moot Court which will convene its first session Thursday in the Walter F. George Law School.

Mr. J. Douglas Carlisle will be presiding judge. All four counselors recently admitted to the Georgia Bar will be on hand.

The jury will be made up of freshmen. The case is a \$40,000 damage suit resulting from a pedestrian allegedly having been struck by a truck owned by the bakery company.

Prosecuting and defense attorneys have not yet been announced.

Players Plan Meeting Oct. 3

Mercer Players held its first meeting last Tuesday in the Green Room.

The constitution was read and new members were introduced to the organization. A treasurer and program chairman will be elected at the meeting next Tuesday at 10:00 P.M. in the Green Room as announced by David Jordan, president.

John Meeks, vice-president, and Joanne Eckels, secretary, were introduced. Miss Patricia Peteler and Mrs. Mary Brooks Hicks, faculty advisors, were present for the meeting.

Riddle Speaks in Mercer Chapel At Formal Opening of School

Monday, September 25, found Lord's Prayer, led by Dr. Dowell, the hymn "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" was sung in unison. Larry Lowe, soloist, sang the Lord's Prayer after the reading of the scripture and litany for students given by Dr. Hansford Johnson.

The highlight of the service was the address given by Dr. J. I. Riddle of Judson University from Marion, Alabama. Dr. Riddle spoke mainly on new students entering college for the first time and their reaction to college life. Following Dr. Riddle's address, the benediction was given after which the faculty adjourned from the chapel followed by the student body.

The academic processional was led by Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University and Dr. J. I. Riddle, president of Judson University, followed by the entire Mercer faculty.

Following the invocation and

Elected last year to the post of business manager of the Cluster, Emory will resign this position to assume his editorial duties. A meeting will be held today to appoint a new business manager.

Clay has served on the Cluster as News Editor, in 1950, and reporter. His other newspaper experience includes typing, editor and feature editor of his high school paper, Freshman Editor of the Cauldron, reporter for the Bearskin, and his present capacity as organization editor of the Cauldron.

The new editor is corresponding secretary of Kappa Alpha, a member of Alembic Club, secretary of the Press Club, member of Mercer Players, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Phi Kappa, Alpha Phi Omega, Tau Kappa Alpha, debate team, Future Business Leaders of America and Future Teachers of America.

Moss, a ministerial student, is editor of the Gauntlet and active in other campus activities.

Since only one member of the original staff for 1950-51 has returned to the campus, a new staff will be appointed by the editor and business manager of the Cluster.

Any student interested in assisting in the publication of the Cluster is urged to contact Emory Clay or the Cluster office.

First Class Rating Awarded Cluster

A rating of "first class" was awarded the Mercer Cluster by the judging board of the National Collegiate Press Association for the period from January through May, 1950.

The publication was judged on news reporting, features, make-up, typography, editorial content and other points, and received 905 points out of a possible 950.

Miss Sybil Hartley, August graduate of Mercer, was editor of the Cluster during that period.

News covering and editing received highest percentage of points, totalling 245 out of a possible 250 points.