

Bears Defeated In NAIA Tourney

The Mercer Bears lost their first game of the Region 25 NAIA tournament to Stetson University last Friday night. The Deland five edged the Bruins 118 to 91.

Coach Jim Cowan said the Mercer quintet looked good on offense but the defense was far below par. Woody Richardson was high for Mercer with 22, followed by Cary Moore with 21, Bob Graham with 14, and Roger Bolton with 13.

Also on Friday night the Georgia Teachers beat Tampa University 90 to 68. The game was good for a time but the teachers turned it

into a runaway in the third quarter.

The tournament was won by Georgia Teachers when they defeated Stetson 114 to 86. Chester Webb, the Professors star center, scored 44 points in this final game. The Teachers go to Kansas City to the National NAIA tournament.

The tournament was reported a financial success and all four teams are expected to benefit financially by it.

CHAPEL RITES SET

Johnnie Binns to Marry Walker Later in March

By Jackie Walters

Mrs. Billie Willis of Atlanta announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Johnnie Binns, to Mr. Jerry Walker of Lyndale, son of Mrs. Brother Liles of Macon and Mr. Gilbert Wildes of Norman Park. Miss Binns is the daughter of Mr. Joe Dukes of Augusta.

The wedding will take place in Willingham Chapel at 8:00 PM on March 29. The ceremony will be performed by a well-known personality.

Miss Binns attended Mercer University in Macon where she was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the Pre-Law Club, of which she was Chief Justice. She played on the Mercer Bears basketball team and served as a member of Student Government Association.

Mr. Walker attended Mercer University and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity also. He served as Cadet Lt. Colonel of Mercer's ROTC and as president of his senior class. He was a member of Blue Key Honorary Fraternity and of Student Government Association.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend this wedding.

OFFICIAL RULING TEXT

Council Expresses View In Statement on Decision

Whereas, we recognize that the Constitution of the Student Government of Mercer University has no specific statement to authorize the Elections Committee to extend the time of the student elections,

Whereas, the election for the ratification of the revised Constitution of the Student Government is a special election not based on precedent,

The Honor Council unanimously declares that there is within the context of the said Constitution sufficient evidence (Article II, section 5, b) of implied power whereby the Elections Committee with the consent of the President of the Student Government is authorized to extend the time of said election from Tuesday, March 6, 5:00 PM through Friday, March 9, 3:00 PM.

The Honor Council recommends that the Committee on the Constitution make specific constitutional provisions to govern all future elections.

Roy Thornton, Chairman
Lawson Sayer, Vice-chairman
Betty Beasley, Clerk

Louise Bransford
Harville Hendrix
Jasper Keith
Dean Cook

Official Notices

Registration for the spring quarter will be on Tuesday, March 20. The order of registration will follow the schedule printed on the first page of the class schedules for the year.

Order of registration is as follows:

- 8:15-9:30—A-F
- 9:30-11:30—G-L
- 2:00-3:30—M-S
- 3:30-4:30—T-Z

Frank Clark Registrar

The Student Government Bookstore will re-open March 20, 1956. Hours will be from 1-5 PM. The Bookstore will be open for five days only.

Please support your Student Government Bookstore by selling and buying your books through the Bookstore.

Bob Cooper, Manager Student Bookstore

Hickman Named New ADPi Head

The new officers of ADPi were announced last Friday night after the leadout of the ADPi Gay Paree formal.

Pat Hickman is the new president. Shirley Harden is the vice-president. Claranel Hobby is the secretary, and Seabie Smith is the treasurer.

Background Shows Origin Of Proposed Constitution

(Editor's Note: In an effort to provide Mercer students with full information on the Constitution ratification election, THE CLUSTER presents the following information on the background of the election.)

By Norman Burnes

The proposed constitution is the result of a campaign platform in last spring's political campaign. A committee was appointed in October, 1955, by SGA President Sid Johnson to prepare the new constitution.

Hard and tedious work was done before the constitution was presented to the Student Government

Association on February 20, 1956, and was passed without opposition. On March 6, in Chapel the constitution was presented to the Mercer Student body and at that time there was no discussion.

Later that same day at approximately 4 o'clock, Jerry Walker, chairman of the elections committee, observed that the necessary two-thirds of the student body had not voted. Upon contacting three other members of the election committee, besides himself, it was agreed to permit the polls to remain open until Friday at 3 PM.

Three students of the Walter F. George School of Law, namely, John Holley, Paul Montjoy, and Earl Jones, petitioned Roy Thornton, chairman of the Honor Council to issue an injunction to the Student Government Association on grounds that the election was not valid.

FROM THE MAIL

Election Chairman States His Views for Students

To the Students of Mercer University

On Tuesday night of this week a "special" group of students saw fit to bring an injunction against the ballots which had been cast in the constitutional election on that day. It was most disheartening to myself and to those who had worked hard to bring about what we hoped would be a constitution that would fulfill the requirements, deserved by the students of this University.

The group bringing this injunction are people who consider themselves very special, and yet are not so special at all. They are the type students who do not want to be considered a part of the University in-so-far as their campus life would be affected by the new constitution. I, for one, was very disappointed by their actions, as those who wrote the new constitution tried as best they could to include this group. I realize, however, that the small group who brought the action against myself and others does not represent all the students who fall into the same classification as they do. They should be ashamed and unable to look other good students of Mercer in the face. I feel, also, that a certain graduate of the school of Mercer that this group represents would be very unhappy over this matter, as he has seen fit to be the President of the Alumni of Mercer University and not of the Walter F. George School of Law.

Again let me say that I am well aware that this group does not adequately or truthfully represent the Law School and they have cast bad light upon those who are here as students of the University. It is, of course, unfortunate that this group and others like it are the ones who are heard the most, only because they talk more than the rest.

I would like to thank those people who helped in the election, and say to you, that we have nothing to be ashamed of, but we can ask this "special" group to take stock of themselves and then be able to answer as we have done.

Jerry Walker, Chairman SGA Elections Committee

Petitioners Say They're Pleased

We are well pleased with the decision that has been handed down by the Honor Council for we believe that it will prove to be very satisfactory to the majority of the students of Mercer University.

Our purpose in bringing the action, was not to thwart the work of the Constitutional Committee on Revision, nor to arbitrarily override student opinion, but to bring what we honestly felt was a questionable constitutional action before a competent body for a judicial determination of its validity.

Respectfully,
Paul Montjoy
Earl Jones
John Holley

Petitioners Give Views

To: Editor, Mercer Cluster

In regards to the recent election held to ratify the new Student Government Constitution, we, that is Earl Jones, Paul Montjoy, and John Holley, requested a judicial ruling from the Mercer University Honor Council to determine whether or not an extension of the time allowed for balloting was legal and in accordance with established election rules and procedure. We did not bring this before the Honor Council out of any animosity or personal antagonism but because we love Mercer University and most of all because we honor and respect the principles and traditions of Christian Education which have always been taught and followed at this Institution.

We ask you—all of you, who work, live, and play here at Mercer—to recognize the fact that we are a political unit—that we are just as much a sovereign unity as Macon, Ga., and as such we are governed more by our Student Government Constitution and other rules than we are by the Macon City Code. As such our Constitution and other rules must be specific and definite and the authority delegated under their banner must be jealously and cautiously guarded.

We proposed certain questions to the Mercer Honor Council—questions that effect each and every one of us and, as such, their ruling will establish the supreme authority for the carrying out of elections in the future.

We know that their ruling will be the result of a wise and diligent consideration and whatever it may be will be accepted by all in the true Mercer spirit.

E. Jones, P. Montjoy, J. Holley

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