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Law School Student Body Asks Dean O'Neal to Stay at Mercer



SGA Vice-President Milton Gardner crowns Ann Tumlin, Queen of Mercer's May Court. Leaman Lindsey waits to be installed as King of the Court.

Tumlin, Lindsey Reign at May Day

by Cynthia Muse

Ann Tumlin was crowned Queen of May Day and Lehman Lindsey reigned as King in the annual festivities Tuesday afternoon.

Milton Gardner, vice-president of Student Government Association, crowned the King and Queen. Mary Ann Clegg served as Maid of Honor. The other members of the Queen's court were Jo Ann Roberts, Virginia Bell, Nan Fagan, Elizabeth Irwin, Phyllis Faircloth, Maya Zimmerman, Sebie Smith, and Sherrill Hamilton.

The May Day royalty descended the hill on the walk in front of the gymnasium. The royal throne was placed in the front of the gymnasium.

In front of the court were placed the two May poles used in the closing dance.

The Spring theme was carried out by the various groups of flowers who danced for the May Court and the spectators. Each social organization represented one of the flowers of Spring.

The Flowers of the Court were the "Ramblin' Roses," danced by MICA; the "Flappen Flags," Phi Mu; the "Dainty Daisies," ADPI; the "Daffy-Dills," Chi Omega; and the "Noddin' Narcissus," Unaffiliated. Georgia Phelts did a solo dance, the "Lone Rose."

Following the individual and

Senior Class Day Tuesday

Senior Class Day will be observed Tuesday when the seniors present the Chapel program.

Following the processional the invocation will be given by Everett Waters, a senior and past president of the Ministerial Association.

Jerry Walker, president of the senior class, will read the class history written by Nancy Yates, Ernestine English, Kristina Moore and Bill Young. Walker will formally announce the senior gift which will be a cash gift to be used for the Student Activities Building. This gift will be presented to Dr. Connell at a later date.

Chapel will close with the Alma Mater and Benediction.

group dances, the "flowers" joined together for the traditional May Pole dance.

Reece Middleton was the master of ceremonies for the May Day festivities.

Judges for the May Queen and Maid of Honor were Mrs. T. P. Haines, Miss Mae McMillan, Dr. Harold McManus, Dr. Thomas P. Gossett, and Dr. Marguerite Woodruff.

May Day is presented annually by Women's Athletic Association. Connie Adams served as chairman of May Day committee this year. On her committee were Nan Williams, Jo Ann Roberts, Joan LeCroy, Frances Wiatt, and Noel Doster.

Hinson Wesley Banquet Speaker

Dr. W. J. Hinson, professor of religion at Wesleyan College, will be the speaker at the Wesley Foundation Banquet Monday night. The banquet will begin at 6 PM at the Youth Center of Centenary Methodist Church, across the street from the campus.

Dr. Hinson, the chaplain at Wesleyan, is a minister in the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church. He holds degrees from Emory University, Union Theological Seminary, and The University of Edinburgh.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from Cynthia Muse, president of the Wesley Foundation, or any of the council members. The price of the tickets is 75¢, and they must be bought by Saturday morning.

BSU Director to Visit

State Baptist Student Union director, Awbrey L. Hawkins, will be in Macon Saturday, May 5, for an all day executive retreat.

Conferences on campus Friday with Mr. Hawkins may be arranged through the B.S.U. office in the co-op.

Students of the Walter F. George School of Law petitioned the Mercer University Board of Trustees and Mercer's President George B. Connell to make every possible effort to induce and encourage Dean F. Hodge O'Neal to reconsider his decision to leave Mercer.

The petition was signed by every member of the Law School student body and was presented to President Connell, the Board of Trustees and Dean O'Neal yesterday.

The petition read: WHEREAS Dean F. Hodge O'Neal has expressed his intention to resign his position as Dean of the Walter F. George School of Law to become affiliated with another law school and

WHEREAS the students of the Walter F. George School of Law recognize the outstanding work performed by Dean O'Neal in his capacities as Dean, Professor and advisor to students, and

WHEREAS we believe that it will be impossible to replace Dean O'Neal with a man of equal caliber, ability, and prestige,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the undersigned members of the student body of the Walter F. George School of Law do urgently request that President George B. Connell and the Board of Trustees of Mercer University make every possible effort to induce and encourage Dean O'Neal to reconsider his decision and remain with us in his present capacity as Dean.

Dean O'Neal announced late last week that he would become professor of law at the Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, Tenn.

Dean O'Neal, who has been at Mercer since 1948 said that he would move with his family for the beginning of fall term this year.

The nine years of Dr. O'Neal's deanship at the Walter F. George School of Law have seen the facilities and the prestige of the institution grow. In 1949 the Mercer Law Review, at that time the first law journal published by a Georgia law school, was established. In 1948 the school's annual Law Day began.

In 1953 the four-year law program was initiated, and the legal internship program, through which Mercer law students gain practical experience with the Macon Bar was started in 1955.

For the past two years the Mercer moot court team, of which Dean O'Neal is faculty advisor, entered the National Moot Court Competition and last year the team went to the finals of this nationwide event.

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Nash, Lee, Lindsey Win

Bill Nash defeated Charles Carter in the senior vice-presidential run-off election held Tuesday, April 24. Nash and Carter tied in the original elections held on April 17.

On a recount by Elections Committee Chairman Jerry Walker and SGA President Sid Johnson, Billy Lee was announced as the winner of the junior class presidency.

As a result of the recount Lehman Lindsey was declared business manager of the Cauldron.



Dean F. Hodge O'Neal, shown here at his desk, has received a petition from the students of the Walter F. George School of Law asking him to remain at Mercer. Dean O'Neal announced last week that he would join the law faculty at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Recognition Day Awards Presented Last Tuesday

By Morton Boyette

Annual Recognition Day was presented by Student Government Association in Chapel Tuesday. Milton Gardner, vice-president of SGA, presided during the presentation ceremonies.

Women's Athletic Association presented trophies to the coed organizations that won in intramural sports. Chi Omega received the tennis and volleyball trophies, and retired the badminton trophy. The basketball trophy was presented to MICA.

In boy's intramural sports, Alpha Tau Omega retired the football trophy and won the track trophy. Basketball was won by Sigma Nu, tennis by Phi Delta Theta, and volleyball by Kappa Sigma.

The trophy for outstanding sportsmanship in intramural football was presented to Ken Hudson. Ronnie Cumbie was the winner of the ping-pong tournament with Walter Butler placing second.

Tau Kappa Alpha debating fraternity presented a trophy to Henry Heflin for outstanding speaker.

Chi Omega annually presents an award to the senior girl majoring in a social science and having the highest average in this field. Barbara Fisher received \$25.00 for this award.

For the freshman Mathematics Achievement Award, the Chemical Rubber Company presented John Poole with a copy of the latest edition of their "Standard Mathematical Tables."

Beta Beta Beta honorary biological fraternity presented Lawson Sayer with an award of merit for best symbolizing the precepts and (Continued on page 3)



Henry Heflin receives the Tau Kappa Alpha trophy for debating. The award was made in Tuesday's Recognition Day Chapel program.

Student Program in Chapel Today

Ben Johnson and Sid Johnson, Mercer students, will present a musical program in Chapel this morning. They will use two pianos and include in their program "Tea for Two", "Canadian Capers", "Blue Moon", and "Sabre Dance".

Jack Crews and Doyle Pinholster will join Ben and Sid and form a quartet to sing "Tutti Frutti", and "Crazy Little Mama".

Spring Play Set Middle of May; Cast Is Named

The Mercer Player's spring production, a murder mystery entitled "Ladies In Retirement," has been set for the 14th and 15th of May.

Katie Reed and John Wilson, student directors of the play, announced that Clarabel Hobby will play the part of Mrs. Fiske, and Julie McDuffie will play Lucy.

Other members of the cast include Suzanne Hatchett as Ellen Creed, Ronnie Wilbanks as Albert Feather, Naomi Clevenger as Emily Creed, Fran Mobley as Louisa Creed, and Betty Bryant as Sister Theresa.

The play is under the supervision of Miss Audrey Needles of the speech and drama department.