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Candidates Slates Announced for Elections to be Held Apr. 8 Honor Council Constitution Proposal Vote at Same Time

The Honor Council has begun a campaign to include in the Honor Pledge a provision in effect requiring students to report academic cheating.

The provision, which is in the form of a constitutional amendment, will be voted on by the student body in the April 8 general election.

Complete Rewording

In fact, the Council is proposing a complete rewording of the Honor Pledge. Under the proposal, a student by signing the Honor Pledge will signify:

No Aid Given

"1. That he has neither given nor received aid on the examination, or individual assignment or paper nor has he used any information other than that allowed by the instructor,

Report Violations

"2. That he will not allow to go unreported to the proper persons any violation of the above,

"3. That he will give true and complete information before the Honor Council."

The Honor Council has long sought to encourage students to report cheating. However, this is the first attempt to make reporting a part of the Honor Pledge since 1954.

It is no secret that the Council feels the Honor System can be fully operative only when students do report. At present, an easy majority do not.

If ratified the proposed amendment will have the effect of greatly "encouraging" students to report. Honor Council Chief Justice Bill Simmons explained.

Crucifixion Is Presented

The Mercer University Choir presented Stainer's The Crucifixion for their Easter program last Sunday afternoon in Willingham Chapel.

The hundred voice choir under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich assisted a corps of soloists headed by Luther Bloodworth, Jr., of Macon and James Woodward of Vineville Baptist Church.

Other Soloists

Other soloists were John Johnson of Roswell, Donald Forrester of Macon, Carl Dora of Decatur, Doug Davis of Atlanta, James Orr of Tennesse and Jean Howell of Dublin.

The program also included the Gounod Sanctus, the Mozart Ave Verum, and the Fiaale to Beethoven's Mount of Olives.

20-foot Cross

Special decorations included a 20-foot silver cross, palms and Easter lilies. A selection of paintings by June Martin were on exhibit in the Willingham Galleries in correlation to the music program.

The public was invited without charge, but a free will offering was taken.

1948 Presentations

The Crucifixion was last presented on the Mercer campus in 1948. The script portrays the closing days in the life of Christ. The music bears out the various emotions which the mobs would have felt as a group and as individuals.

Dr. C. DeWitt Matthews, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, spoke the prayers. The Macon Federated Music Club sponsored the program and furnished the ushers.

Simmons emphasized the Council sees little chance in trying anyone for not reporting. Such a violation, he said, would be almost impossible to prove.

Rather, it is hoped the proposal "will encourage students to live up to a responsibility that has existed since the Honor System was instituted in 1954," Simmons added.

Other Amendments

Other proposed amendments, which will also be voted upon at the general election give the committee that appoints the Honor Council the power: 1. To appoint justices without making class distinctions (the present system requires a certain number of seniors, juniors, etc.); 2. To appoint the Council before student government elections, thus avoiding conflict between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of student government.

For the complete proposed amendments, see page 2.

Robuck Graduates

Byrd New President

Ed Robuck, SGA president, graduated at the end of winter quarter. He was installed into the office last April.

As provided in the new SGA Constitution, vice-president Charles Byrd has assumed the duties of the vacated presidency.

Mercer's spring political season got off to a cracking start Tuesday as Iverson Joiner and Barry Moore both qualified for election to the SGA presidency. Joiner qualified as a Progressive party member, Moore as a Cooperative.

Two full slates of prospective student government officers qualified with them for the April 8 election.

Opposing student government vice-presidential candidates are John Averett (P) and Don Mims

(C); SGA secretary-treasurer, Beth White (P) and Sherrill Hamilton (C); freshman advisor, Hoyt Farr (P) and Tom Hoogerland (C).

Progressive Norman Burns and Cooperative Sara Cordell oppose each other for presidency of the senior class.

Prospective Cluster editors are Bob Stephens (P) and Buddy Hurt (C). Judy Williams (P) and Doug Bailey (C) are the Cauldron editor nominees.

The full slate is:

Senior class: President, Sara Cordell (C) vs. Norman Burns (P); vice-president, Bobby Ogden (P) vs. Jerry Vines (C); secretary, Fran Mobley (P) vs. Juanita Tanner (C).

Junior class: President, Sam Daniels (P) vs. Snuffy Jerry Smith (C); vice-president, Charles Deal (P) vs. Wayne Jones (C); secretary, Sue Snow (P) vs. Linda Bellamy (C).

Sophomore class: President, Bill Martin (P) vs. Jerry Bray (C); vice-president, Bobby Voyles (P) vs. Bob DeJarnette (C); secretary, Jane Oliver (P) vs. Pat Newberry (C).

Student appreciation committee: Progressives, Wallace Dorn, Andy Dillard, Mimi McMahon, Jim Hannah, Mary Leonard, Julie Smith, vs. Cooperatives Olin Thompson, Cliff Hendrix, Nancy Stone, Daniel Boone, Jim Seay and Kitty King.

Publications committee: Progressives Flora Jane Fowler, Charlie Andrews, Billy Beckworth vs. Cooperatives Ida Jane Hicks, Jerry Mullinax, Sammy Letson.

Student Senate: Progressives Marvin Hardy and Anna Watts (town seats), Shirley Davis and Bill Fidler (dormitory seats), vs. Cooperatives Spencer King and Camille Adams (town) and Connie Smith and Charles Richardson (dorm).

This political season marks a decided shift in the political party line-ups. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma both switched parties during Winter quarter.

SAE joined the Cooperative party; Kappa Sig switched to the Progressives.

The election, the first to be held under the new constitution ratified last May, brings to the ballot several new offices.

Created under the constitution were the publications committee and the Student Senate. This is the first time members of the two groups have been voted on by the student body. The Senate of 1957-58 was appointed by the SGA.

The publications committee's main job is to screen applicants for publication editors. It will handle that responsibility before 1959's election. This year, it will select business managers of both publications and the Cluster managing editor.

Law School Dean's List For Winter Quarter

The Walter F. George School of Law has announced the names of four students making Dean's List for Winter Quarter. Students on the list are Mitchell P. House Jr., Frank M. McKennedy, Roy Thornton Jr., and Mrs. Joline Williams.

APRIL 11-13

BSU Plans Rock Eagle Retreat, Varied Program

Registration is open for Mercer students planning to attend the Georgia Baptist Student Spring Retreat April 11-13 at Rock Eagle Camp, Eatonton, Georgia.

Those wishing to attend should see Heslip Lee for registration cards and payment of \$.75 fee—no later than April 7.

The program features many speakers. Mercer's professor of philosophy, Robert Otto, will open

each session with a Bible Study.

Dr. H. Y. Mullikin, atomic scientist from Georgetown College, will deliver three major addresses on the theme That I May Know Him.

Representing the Convention-wide Student Department will be Bill Junker, associate in the department in charge of campus evangelism. Mr. Junker will speak on this area of campus responsibility on Friday night.

W. H. Rittenhouse, Jr. of Sylvan Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta will narrate a film on his war-time experience. The film has previously been presented on the television series, Crossroads.

Saturday night, Missions Emphasis night, will feature Mr. Anis Shorosh and Miss Josephine Harris. Mr. Shorosh, a native of the Holy Land, is now studying at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Miss Harris, missionary to Hawaii, will be the featured speaker on missions.

At this time the 1958 student summer missionaries from Georgia will be officially confirmed and given their assignments.

The Sunday morning worship service will be led by W. Griffin Henderson, former pastor of Marietta First Baptist.

The BSU bus will transport the Mercer students attending. The only expense at the retreat will be room and board figured at the rate of \$4 per day.

Germany Teters Between East and West -- Shirer

by Buddy Hurt

If a new and powerful Germany were to defect to Russia, it would be a "major catastrophe" for the West, William L. Shirer said in chapel Tuesday.

And the danger of such a move does exist, Mr. Shirer, former top newsman and author of the Berlin Diary, stated.

"I hope Germany will go with the West," he said. But Mr. Shirer pointed out that Russia can offer to Germany: 1. markets in Eastern Europe; 2. German reunification; 3. the opportunity to industrialize Red China.

These offers would be tempting, indeed, to a Germany which feels the United States has done all it can for the country, Mr. Shirer said.

"Neo-Nazism"

On top of that, Nazi hysteria has not been destroyed in Germany, Mr. Shirer said. "Destruction of Nazism may be a fact, but in its place we have what the Germans call neo-Nazism and I can't tell much difference."

Mr. Shirer, who covered much of the Second World War and was in Austria when Hitler annexed that country, has spent years covering the European scene. He is now continuing his writing, planning to add a history of the Third Reich to his already noteworthy Berlin Diary.

Though modern weapons make human survival both dangerous and questionable, Mr. Shirer said he believes "there is a way out."

Word of Khrushchev

He pinned much of his hopes on the present attempts at some sort of disarmament agreement. But he emphasized he is not in favor of disarmament without an inspection system. "I would hate to see American survival depend on the word of Khrushchev . . . or any Russian I know," Mr. Shirer said.

He added that the Soviet may fear its police state would be endangered by an inspection system, which "would explain U.S.S.R. reticence to agree to the American proposal."

Centering his speech around "some of the problems you and I as Americans face about foreign affairs," Mr. Shirer made these points:

1. That "the Soviet Union has now reached a high technological level" and the resulting mass education may imperil its dictatorial government. The horizons of the young people growing up in the U.S.S.R. are too broad to be controlled by Stalin's type of brutality. "This is a challenge to the Soviet Union . . . and to us."

2. "From now on, we are vulnerable to a nuclear attack."

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On Their Own

Two MU Debaters Defend Segregation in Yankee Tour

by Buddy Hurt

Two Mercer students are continuing their tour of Northern colleges and universities this week, debating the pro of segregation and attracting nation-wide attention in the process.

Marty Layfield and Bev Bates, both Mercer seniors of last quarter, have scheduled a March debating trip through the North. On their itinerary are such schools as Princeton, Amherst, Lincoln, and Rochester.

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The two have the affirmative side of the topic: Resolved, That racial segregation in the South should be maintained. Layfield and Bates explained, prior to their March 11 departure, that this was not incongruous with their description of themselves as "Southern liberals." The purpose of their trip, they said, is to "provide a means of communication between North and South."

They have debates scheduled through March 25, after which they plan tentatively to swing through more of the North and then head West with a series of civic club speeches and possible panel discussions on the segregation topic.

Newspaper stories on the students' project appeared in both Macon newspapers. Statewide papers carried the story via Associated Press wires. Time magazine picked up the debaters, carrying a report on their Princeton debate.

No Official Connection

Layfield and Bates emphasized they have no official connection with Mercer University. They were (Continued on Page 3)