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Recount Passes Amendment

by Jane Oliver

The proposed amendment to the student constitution changing slightly the selection of the Honor Council passed in a recount last week.

It had previously failed by three votes. With such a close difference, the election committee called a recount.

The amendment corrects the omission of the name of the Freshman Adviser on the selection committee for the Honor Council. Originally, his name was intended to be included but was accidentally left out.

The amendment also allows the council selection committee to alter the class distribution as it sees fit. Previously, the committee was required to select three seniors, four juniors and two sophomores. At times it became difficult to find qualified and interested persons to satisfy this class distribution.

Also Changes Dates

The present date for the appointment of the Council is three weeks after the SGA election. The new date established by the amendment is the second Tuesday in March with the Council assuming its duties on the last Tuesday in April. This arrangement allows the Council to be in office before the student elections.

"The passing of the second amendment is definitely a step in the right direction," said Chief Justice of the Honor Council, Bill Simmons.

"This and other accomplishments of this year were made possible by the work of all the members of the Council, past and present. Much of the groundwork was done under the leadership of former Chief Justice Alfred Perkins. The Honor Committee deserves much of the credit. They have proved to be the hands and feet of the Council."

When To Resubmit

It will be left up to the new Council when and if to resubmit the amendment requiring reporting of cheating. There is a slight possibility that they will choose a special election next fall.

Simmons listed the reason for the failure of this amendment as a lack of proper and adequate advertisement.

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15 Added To Dean's List

Fifteen Mercer University seniors, who did their student teaching during winter quarter, have attained the Dean's List, Dr. Malcolm Lester, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has announced.

These students all received the grade of A for their quarter of student teaching, which carries 15 quarter hours credit. Their names have been added to the regular Dean's List, which was published earlier.

These students are: Janet Iris Balcom, Athens; Beverly Joy Bowers, Rome; Sylvia Sue Cameron, LaFayette; Algy Carbonell, Miami, Fla.; Jane Caudill, Havana, Cuba; Mary Ella Clark, Thomasville; Barbara Edmunds, Bainbridge; Betty Gene Fine, Americus; Wynell Lanora Knowles, Savannah; Betty Carolyn Langford, Decatur; Ann Edge McCarron, Cedartown; Sara Gall Manley, Griffin; Margaret Moncrief, Roberts; James Claude Overby, Macon; Marilyn B. Ward, Franklin.

Take Responsibility Layfield, Bates Urge

Capt. Neyman Set to Speak

Capt. Robert L. Neyman, a veteran of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, is to speak at Friday's chapel program. His subject is unannounced.

Capt. Neyman, who graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1936, holds the Bronze Star with combat V; the American Defense Ribbon (Fleet Clasp); American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific (3 stars) World War II

Capt. Neyman

Occupation Service Medal (Japan); China Service Medal; National Defense Service Philippine Liberation; Korean Campaign (1 star); United Nations Ribbon; Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

The naval officer received a masters degree in electrical engineering after postgraduate work at Annapolis and M. I. T. He has also studied at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. He is now the commanding officer of the Naval Ordnance Plant.

Prior to reporting to the Ordnance Plant, he was commanding officer of the USS Manatee, an oiler operating in the Pacific. He served as gunnery officer on the USS Salt Lake City in 1944 and 1945. This was during the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

Capt. Neyman hails from a Navy family. His father, Capt. Clinton A. Newman, Chaplain Corps, USN (retired), is now associate dean of students and chaplain of the University of Southern California. His brother, Capt. Clinton A. Neyman Jr., is currently serving as inspection officer at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C.



Marty Layfield, left, and Beverly Bates, right, tell chapel audience it is time "to accept our responsibility." See story at left. Photo by Robinson

Debate Pair Tell Views

by Buddy Hurt

Marty Layfield, former Mercer student back from a debate tour through the North, has warned that if the South doesn't take responsibility for its race relationships, then "we will have other people taking it for us."

"If we don't take the responsibility for the problem, then we will have other people taking it for us," Layfield said.

At the same time, Layfield, who spoke in Tuesday chapel with his debate partner, Bev Bates, said that the North is not extreme in its insistence on integration.

"They are not extreme about how fast . . . we are going to see acceptance of colored people in the South," he said.

"But they are extreme in wanting to see some progress."

Bates, with Layfield a Mercer student of last quarter, took the chapel floor first to explain the argument the two debaters took in their 13 debates before some 5,000 people.

"Our approach," he said, "was somewhat on these lines: Segregation must be maintained at the present time . . . as a means of practicality."

"We did not debate the issue morally or ethically."

The debate topic was, Resolved: That racial segregation in the South should be maintained. The Mercer pair debated at, among others, Princeton, Brandeis, Will-

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Who's Got The Trophies

by Charlotte Moore

A rash of trophy stealing has broken out around Shorter Hall recently.

Kappa Sigma has been hardest hit, with a loss of eight trophies and a plaque. Among the trophies were a number of intramural sports trophies and this year's first place trophy for their homecoming float.

The theft took place late Saturday night. The Kappa Sigs have found no trace of the trophies yet.

Five trophies were stolen from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Lodge Monday night but were returned in a few hours. Among those taken were the Minerva Scholarship Trophy and the Graydon L. Ware Service Trophy.

Several Kappa Alpha trophies were taken during Winter Quarter

New Mercer Social Hour Makes Debut

Mercer's first Student Social Hour was held Tuesday night—an attempt to create Mercer fellowship.

The hour was sponsored by the BSU, David Ewing as promotional vice-president of the BSU conceived and fostered the idea.

The purposes of the social hour, according to Ewing, are to create fellowship and to ease some of the complaints about not enough to do at Mercer.

The Tuesday night program consisted of singing, entertainment, and refreshments. The singing included popular ballads and folk songs.

As part of the entertainment, Voncille Compton played and sang. Her selections ranged from an operetta to a popular selection.

Hicks Directs Program

Several students did imitations of the antics of some of the faculty members. Ida Jane Hicks was director of this portion of the show.

As the plan now stands the social hour will be held twice a month. The future of the plan depends on student response. Ewing expressed the hope of being able to change the time to Saturday night in the future.

On Competitive Basis

Plans are underway for putting the entertainment on a competitive basis between the 12 social organizations for next year. A trophy would be awarded to the winner at the end of the year.

The method of judging will consist of making a tape recording of each entertainment program. The best minute of each program will be replayed in a student chapel. Each student will then vote on the best program.

Scholarships Listed

More than 25,000 scholarships for Americans who wish to study abroad and for foreign students who want to study in the United States are listed in the new 1958 edition of the Handbook on International Study recently published by the Institute of International Education.

Cooperative Party Has Big Platform to Fulfill

When the Cooperative party won the election last week, it also won the doubtful privilege of putting into operation one of the more lofty platforms seen in recent years.

The Cooperatives promised, among other things, a high-school weekend, when high school seniors would visit the campus, presumably under the auspices of student government.

The weekend project will probably prove to be a full-sized headache, requiring extensive funds and careful planning of programs.

Both publications editors promised—in substance—the Cluster and Cauldron would be the best yet. They will have a chance to fulfill their promises.

The party also promised: 1. a bus-stop shelter; 2. signs on Macon highways with direction to Mercer; 3. a centrally located social directory; and 4. all campus organizations listed in the Macon phone book under the heading Mercer University.

Printed below is the full text of the Cooperative party platform:

"1. Cluster: We shall provide you with a fair and impartial coverage of all Mercer news, comprehensive and complete use of pictures, and a hard-hitting and de-

cisive editorial page with guest columnists including famous national and local figures. The Mercer Cluster will carry the latest news, complete through each Thursday, including Friday reviews of Thursday evening plays. Backed by an experienced, enthusiastic staff, we can predict with confidence the best Mercer Cluster yet—a college newspaper that will depict the life of the school and win national recognition in the process.

"2. Cauldron: We will endeavor to present a stylized, yet accurate, replica of the school year in our yearbook. We will describe more than events and faces—rather we will catch the personality and impact of all phases of our university life. This yearbook will strive toward capturing the feelings, unique in 1958 and 1959, an effort to delineate those memories from all others. Our journalistic aim will be to gain recognition by the National Collegiate Press Association and to set a Mercer precedent by

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Thompson Heads BSU

Branan Thompson has been elected president of the BSU Executive Council for 1958-59. The election was April 8.

Other officers elected were Betty Lou Byrd, enlistment vice-president; David Ewing, promotional vice-president; John Jamison, devotional vice-president; Mimi McMahan, social vice-president; Pat Bateman, recording secretary; and Jim Seay, treasurer.

Installation of these officers and other new members of the slate will take place immediately after the spring retreat—April 20.

Enthusiastic And Hopeful

The newly elected president is enthusiastic about the coming year's activities and hopes that the students will take an active part in the work of the organization.

"Having been on the council last year," says Thompson, "I am convinced that if BSU means anything to the students, they must take part in its activities, offer suggestions, and be willing to lend a helping hand. The BSU should be the most active and most important organization on campus.

Healip Lee, director of Religious Activities, said, "I think we have a fine slate of officers for the coming year and that with their leadership BSU should continue to enrich the spiritual life of the Mercer students."