

AMENDMENT PASSES

Monitoring By Faculty To Cease

By BUDDY HURT

Faculty members who are monitoring their exams apparently will stop this practice in view of the student body's vote Tuesday to report academic cheating.

Officially the faculty is still on record as being resolved to monitor exams "until the status of the Honor System is clarified to the satisfaction of both student and faculty."

Concerted faculty action will probably come before the end of the present quarter at a regular faculty meeting. Dr. Willis B. Glover, professor of history, said he expects some action then.

Dr. Glover also said he expected any faculty members who are now monitoring their tests would cease and that he would no longer monitor tests himself.

Dean Malcolm Lester expressed the same view and said that "The Honor System is in effect now for the first time in history."

Dr. Harold McManus, church history professor, said he is "delighted the Honor System amendment has passed with such an encouraging majority." He said he would think most faculty members would go along with the student vote and leave monitoring to the students.

Dr. Edwin Johnston, Christianity professor, said he is "very pleased" with the vote, that some official position from the faculty is in order and that he thinks the student approval is "sufficient clarification."

Only a few faculty members are apparently now monitoring tests.

Dr. H. L. Batts, chairman of the faculty committee set up last fall to study the Honor System and faculty adviser of the Honor Council, could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Memorial Service To Be Held Today for Dr. Connell

A memorial service will be held in Willingham Chapel today in memory of the late president of Mercer, Dr. George Boyce Connell. Dr. Spright Dowell, acting president and president emeritus will preside over the hour-long service. The program will consist of addresses from representatives of various groups in the Mercer family. Bev Bates, president of the Student Government Association, will represent the student body. Sara Cordell, president of the 59 Senior Class, will speak for the graduating seniors.

Trustee Harry Fleming, a former chairman of the board, will speak for the trustees of Mercer. T. Smalley of Atlanta will express sentiments for both the faculty and alumni. He was appointed professor emeritus of English during the administration of Dr. Connell.

Georgia Baptists and the general public will be represented by Dr. Louis D. Newton, pastor of the Mid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta.



MANLEY GAINES RECEIVES the Third Army Certificate of Meritorious Leadership Achievement from Maj. Gen. Frank S. Bowen Jr., during Wednesday's ROTC Day observance, as Col. Sewell looks on. —Photo by John Robinson

Cadets Receive Awards During 10th ROTC Day

Awards were presented to some 20 Mercer military students at the annual ROTC Day, Wednesday. This was the tenth annual program sponsored on the Mercer campus.

No Exodus By Faculty Is Foreseen

Despite rumors, there will not be a major shake-up in the Mercer faculty this year.

This year's faculty turn-over is no more than usual, pointed out Dr. Spright Dowell, acting president of the university. Three faculty members have resigned, and four others will complete their contract with the ending of the spring quarter.

Dr. David Johnston, biology teacher, has resigned to assume a position as assistant of biology at Wake Forest. He will begin his duties there in September, after having stayed on the Mercer campus during the summer quarter to do research on crows.

Mrs. Louise Gossett, who during the 1958-59 academic year was on leave of absence from Mercer to work on her Ph. D. at Duke University, has submitted her resignation. Mrs. Gossett, a recipient of Danforth and Woodrow Wilson foundation fellowships, will join her husband at Trinity College in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Inez Barnes, instructor in sociology, has also submitted her resignation.

CONTRACTS COMPLETED

Several faculty members who have completed the terms of their contract will not be back. Among these are Mr. Thomas Sherman and Miss June Martin of the English department and Mrs. Mildred Koen, who has served her term on the faculty as a teaching fellow in chemistry and physics and as a graduate student.

Roy Wells of the chemistry department has also served the terms of his contract and will do graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

Assistant history professor Carlos T. Flick has been granted a leave of absence for one quarter of the next year.

During the afternoon's activities, Maj. Gen. Frank S. Bowen Jr., commanding general of the XII U.S. Army Corps (Reserve) spoke. Also on the program were the presentation of sponsors and awards and a full dress parade by the cadet corps.

The awards given and the recipients were: Third Army Certificate of Meritorious Leadership Achievement, Charles M. Caines III; Armor Association Award, Charles C. Richardson; outstanding ROTC student in first year basic course, Floyd H. Sanders; outstanding ROTC student in second year basic course, Watson Lamar Samples; AUSA ROTC Medal, James C. Holliday; top marksman, Hoyt G. Farr; and Rifle Team sweaters and medals, Rufus L. Crawford, Nathan F. Dobbs, Hoyt G. Farr, Edward A. Johnson, William Oliver Noles and John D. Parker.

Also, manual of Arms, for first year basic students, Curtis A. Jordan; for second year basic students, Luther E. Brown; for first year advanced students, Robert W. Hearn Jr.; honor squad, commander, Robert W. Hearn Jr.; honor platoon, Norman K. Carter; Superior Cadet Ribbons, Jimmy R. Asbell, first year student; Robert C. Garrett, second year student; Robert O. Stevens, third year student; and Robert O. Ogden, fourth year student; Sons of the American Revolution Citizenship Award, Spencer R. King III; National Pictorial Rifles Award, James H. McKinney; and the Rifle Team Ribbon and Letter of Appreciation, James C. Holliday and James H. McKinney.

TWO RETURNING

Two faculty members will return for the coming year after having been away with leave of absence. Ray Brewster, who has completed two years of work at Union Theological Seminary, will return to assume his position as director of religious activities and as a teacher in the Christianity department.

Miss May McMillan, English graduate work at the University of Minnesota, is to return, too.

Third Election Try Results In 80% of Voters Approving

By RALPH BASS

A united group of Mercer students threw the full force of their votes behind the twice-defeated amendment to the honor system endorsing it with a vote of 458 to 117, Tuesday. There were 575 votes cast with only 20 percent of those voting opposing.

STUDENTS MUST SIGN FOR FALL

For the first time Mercer students are being required to sign up in the spring to return for the fall quarter.

Cards to indicate a student's return will be distributed among the students at chapel Tuesday. These filled-out cards are to be returned to the business office no later than July 1.

A fee of \$25 for town students and \$50 for dormitory students will be required with these cards. This money will be subtracted from the student's fall quarter's expenses.

Dean of Men Richard C. Burts has urged that all students expecting to return for the fall quarter turn in these cards as quickly as possible, preferably during the week the students receive them.

He also is requesting the students to pay the \$25 or \$50 fee in either check or money order so there will be a double record of the transaction.

In the past, students already enrolled in the university have been permitted to return for the fall quarter without having to pre-enroll during the spring quarter.

Under this system the administration had no idea how many students would return and did not know how many had come back until the results of the fall registration had been announced by the registrar's office.

If a student does not indicate that he will return during the fall by means of card and payment, he may be denied entrance.

But this year more applications than usual have been received. Dean Burts indicated that the number of freshmen and transfer students would be determined after the number of returning students had been established. This will cut down the possibilities of a student's being able to return without having pre-enrolled.

The voting on the amendment was the third within almost a year's time. In the spring elections of 1958, the lack of 17 votes caused the defeat of the amendment. In the fall election of 1958 when almost 800 students voted, the amendment lacked approximately 100 votes for passing.

After this greater defeat the Student Senate announced its intentions of working to produce "something really good," but nothing original came out of their efforts.

The Honor Council, too, was working to improve the present honor system. On January 28, the students endorsed the idea of a "student-administered honor system at Mercer" by a vote of 469 to 76.

The amendment did not come up again for voting in the spring elections of this year, but last week the Student Government Association announced that it would bring up the ill-fated amendment for voting the third time.

Bev Bates, president of the SGA, attributed the surprising endorsement to the students who realized that they had to take action to strengthen the present Honor System.

"It's an indication that the students really want it, respect it, and will work for an Honor System and council," he said.

In order for an election at this time to be valid, approximately 520 students would have had to vote. In all, 575 cast lots. According to the SGA Constitution it is necessary that two-thirds of those voting favor the measure in order that it might pass.

Of the votes cast Tuesday, 80 percent approved, 20 percent disapproved. It is to be noted however, that only a little more than half the student body voted in the elections.

Bates said of the success of the voting, "The Student Government Association is indebted to those who have stood by the Honor System, especially the Honor Councils and the honor committees of the last couple of years who have

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Boone, Ruis, Patterson Picked For New Council

Dan Boone, Terrell Ruis and Fredonia Patterson have been chosen by their respective denominations to serve as a tentative Inter-denominational Council. Serving with them will be representatives of all denominations at Mercer.

There have been two meetings in the past weeks with Margie Hurst, president of Wesley Foundation, and Jean Blankenship, president of B.S.U., presiding.

The meetings, which were called at the suggestion of Wesley Foundation, have included representatives from every denomination on

the campus. Rev. Heslip Lee has served as co-ordinator for the group.

Only suggestions were made by the group, with no definite plans set. The three largest denominational groups appointed one representative to serve as a temporary council.

The function of the council will be to study councils on other campuses, to write a tentative constitution, and to investigate possible projects for the Council. A permanent Council will be selected in the fall of next year.