

# Kentucky Wins Debates; Sponsored By MU Team

By NANCY MINTER

Defending champion debaters from the University of Kentucky carried the magnificent Dixie all-school trophy back to the bluegrass for a second year of winning the Dixie Debate Tournament.

The Dixie Tournament, held here this week-end, emerged as a major contribution to southern debating circles three years ago when it was organized and sponsored by the Mercer debate teams and club.

Former debater Marty Layfield, who judged this year, called it the most important inter-collegiate encounter of fall quarter.

Taking second and third all-school varsity places were Birmingham Southern and the University of Florida. First, second, third place winners in the novice class were the University of Florida, Howard, and the University of Kentucky respectively.

As sponsoring and host school, Mercer was eligible for no awards, although the University was represented in every round, varsity and novice. Dr. Helen Thornton is tournament director, and Bob Trammell managed it this year.

### Colleges Participating

Sixteen colleges and universities, including six major state universities or institutes, participated in debating the question "Resolved: that Congress should be given the power to reserve decisions of the Supreme Court." Those here were the U. of Kentucky, U. of Georgia, U. of South Carolina, U. of Florida, Georgia Tech, Florida State University, Howard College, Northwestern of Louisiana, Mississippi Southern, David Lipscomb, Birmingham Southern, Alabama College, Wofford College, Reinhardt College, Mars Hill College, and Armstrong Junior College.

Between noon Friday and noon Saturday there were six rounds of debate, each round including 17 varsity debates and 16 novice debates. Presiding over these 198 debates of the week-end were some 20 Mercer faculty members who, with the help of six Mercer law

students and a varying number of faculty members from other campuses, judged the debates.

Some 150 Mercer students assisted by keeping time and tabulating scores. Official score keepers were Miss Lucille Pollard and Dr. Louise Sands.

A debate from Woffard commented, "This is the best tournament that we have attended, and the student body seems to be very cooperative."

Final event of the invitational was an awards luncheon at Pinebrook Saturday, which was attended by some 170 students and faculty. Mercer debaters Jim Prescott and Jimmy Nelson, assisted by Charlotte Benefield and Mary Leonard, entertained the group with an original and comic operatic-debate.

### Individual Awards

Individual certificates were given to those varsity and novice debaters whose scores rated them superior and excellent. Affirmative first, second, and third places were given to varsity teams from Birmingham Southern, U. of Ky., U. of Fla., and novices teams from U. of Fla., Northwestern of La., and U. of Ky.

Negative first, second, and third scores were given to varsity debaters from U. of Ky., Howard, U. of Fla., and novices from U. of Fla., Howard, and Miss. Southern.

Tournament manager Bob Trammell said, "I consider the tournament overwhelming success. Many of the visiting students commented on the well-organized tournament. Of course, this organization and cooperation is the kind of impression we like to make as host of the Dixie Debate. The tournament could not have been what it was without the aid of the students, faculty, and administration.



MATTHEWS RABUN

Well, the southern portion of our fair nation has its great teams in LSU and Ole Miss, Georgia has its own good teams in Tech and the University, and even on Mercer's campus up until last Monday the intra-mural program sported its two powerhouses in the Sigma Nu "Snakes", and the Lions of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

This was up until Monday however. On that memorable date the Lions and the Snakes met in a classic football encounter. The winners of that game would almost undoubtedly decide the winner of the 1959 intra-mural football trophy, with only two games remaining for SAE, and three for Sigma Nu.

Entering the faras Monday, both teams were undefeated in this season's play and each sported an extended winning string dating into last year. Sigma Nu hadn't lost in its last fourteen outings, while SAE was working on a solid twelve game string. While neither team had lost, the two had played to a 6-6 tie in the final game of the season last year with the Lions needing a win to share first place honors in football.

The game Monday began with three straight interceptions, SAE coming out on top in the quick exchange. Then suddenly, behind the strong right arm of Tommy Webb, the Lions needing a win to share for the rest of the first half the score remained 6-0, although the leaders had repeated opportunities to score.

Most of the initial half was played deep in Sigma Nu territory and the Snakes were unable to mount any semblance of a threat. At that point it looked as though the final score would have been 6-0.

This was not to be however, Sigma Nu came out for the second with venom dripping from their fangs and took the kickoff, moving in a series of six plays to a score. The quick, long drive was culminated in a twenty-yard pass from Marvin Tarpley to Byron Foster, with the extra point being scored in the same manner.

This quick score took the fight out of SAE and from this point the game was all Sigma Nu, as much as the first half had been all SAE, with the very notable exception that the Snakes were able to make the most of their scoring opportunities. They paraded into

# Law Day Inaugrated In 1949 Serves As Law Homecoming

By BILL ENGLISH

Law Day was inaugurated by Mercer's barristers-to-be and the faculty of the Walter F. George School of Law in 1949. Law Day was to have the same function for the members of the law school as that of a homecoming day. With a program arranged by the students, it is intended to bring alumni and students of the law school into closer contact.

## Committee Elects '59 Cheerleaders

Cheerleaders for the 1959-60 basketball season were elected Monday. Four of last year's squad were re-elected: Mimi McMahon, Carolyn Robertson, Jimmie Blackwell, and Linda Watson.

New members are Beverly Baker, Gail Norris, Sandra Hutto and Kim Small. Patsy McKrae and Jane Hatchett were elected alternates. Twenty-eight girls were in the competition for the varsity squad.

Judges for the competition were Mr. and Mrs. Zeb B. Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, Mrs. Bobby Wilder, Bill Finch and Bev Bates.

the promised land again on a pass to Foster and still again on a short pass to Jim Rogers.

These three second half touchdowns were enough to insure a final score of 20-6 and a justified rating for the Snakes as number one on the Mercer campus in the world of football, such as our meager football world may be.

This football triumph by Sigma Nu causes some early speculation in the land of the unpredictable. If both Sigma Nu and SAE continue the rest of the season undefeated they will wind up one-two in the final standing. This type of finish will give them five and three points respectively in the race for the intra-mural as so stated in Robert's Rules of something-or-the-other. The Intra-mural trophy is currently residing in the abode of Phi Delta Theta, who could conceivably upset both the apple cart and Sigma Nu by winning their game with the Snakes Wednesday.

This would cause a three way tie for first and throw all speculation out the window and bring on only confusion. If, as I was saying, Sigma Nu and SAE end up rated one-two, then the race for the trophy would develop in the following manner.

Sigma Nu would get five points for a football first and one for third place in tennis. (this is all speculative again, assuming that the prolonged tennis season goes as it has, with Phi Delta beating SN and SAE defeating Phi Delta) SAE would then get five points for a tennis first and three for football.

The first Law Day featured one of its earlier graduates and the law school's namesake. Senator Walter F. George. The day's event featured other well-known speakers and a barbecue which was served on the Mercer campus. With the first Law Day a success it was evident that the affair would be made an annual one.

By the next year, because Law Day preceding had been such a success, it won approval from the city of Macon. In fact Mayor, Lewis B. Wilson, proclaimed the following: "I hereby proclaim Friday, October 14, 1949, to be Law Day in the city of Macon, Ga."

Law Day at Mercer from the first day that it was observed in 1948 has been one of the focal points on Mercer's calendar of events.

Its purpose was fulfilled in providing a homecoming for the law students and alumni and giving a day for Mercer's School of Law to take a bow.

### Best Speakers

The history of the Walter F. George School of Law and the quality of its alumni and students is such that Law Day has been able to obtain the best of nationally famous speakers to fill the rostrum.

In 1949, the speakers included Chief Judge J. C. Hutcheson of the United States Court of Appeals for District Five, Senator Walter George, and Herman E. Talmadge. The topic of this Law Day was "Law and the Law Giver."

The next year, 1950 Law Day boasted of being host to the Vice President of the United States, the Hon. Alben W. Barkley. Proceedings for November of 1951 headlined the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, William H. Duckworth.

In 1952 the guest speaker was Dean Samuel F. Prince of the University of South Carolina School of Law. The chairman of the Republican Party of Georgia and the General Counsel for the United States Treasury Department presented the major addresses in 1953.

## ★ THE ★ I M SPORTS

Nancy Anderson  
Ronald Heath

Phi Mu was victorious over ADPi in the tennis matches Tuesday afternoon, to clinch a first place. In the single match Benjie Eidson of Phi Mu was defeated by Pam Paulk of ADPi by a score of 6-3; 6-3.

Jenny Maddox and Betty Faircloth, Phi Mu doubles players, were defeated by Janice Cooper and Janice Hall, of ADPi, by a score of 6-0. The score was thus tied and had to be played off in one set of doubles. At this point Pam Paulk was sent in to play in the doubles. Even Pam was not enough to stem the doubles team of Maddox and Faircloth in their quest for an unbeaten season, and the Phi Mu won by a final score of 7-5. Phi Mu needs only to beat the Alpha Gamma Delta team to win the intra-mural tennis title.

Volleyball intra-murals got off to a big start in the girls gym Tuesday night, with Phi Mu winning handily over ADPi by scores of 15-2 in the first game, and 11-0 in the second game of the night.

In the second tilt of the night Chi Omega played MICA. Chi Omega was victorious in both games by scores of 14-3, and 13-

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