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Marshall Scholarship At Large Awarded To Mercer U Senior

Rithia McGlaun Awarded Scholarship - at - Large By London Marshall Commission

Sir David Ormsby Gore, British ambassador to Washington, announces the award of a Marshall Scholarship to Mercer senior, Rithia McGlaun. Twenty-four Marshall scholarships were awarded by the London Commission in 1962; twelve of the 1962 recipients are currently enrolled at Harvard University.

The Marshall Scholarship program was initiated in 1953 by the British government as an expression of gratitude for Marshall Aid. Eighty America students were interviewed for the 1962 awards. Four of the twenty four awards are scholarships-at-Large; Rithia McGlaun received one of these. A Marshall Scholar is required to enroll at a British University in a program of study leading to a degree. The scholarship is tenable for a minimum of two years and may be extended at the discretion of the Commission. Rithia McGlaun will be a resident at the University of Leeds in October of 1962. A major in history and English at Mercer, Rithia McGlaun is editor of the Cluster, historian of Cardinal Key and a member of the

Law School Dance Tonight

A dance this evening will be held by the Law School Student Government Association. The first social function of the quarter for the law students will be held at American Legion Post 74. In addition to law students, their wives and guests, members of the pre-law club and their guests are also invited. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 6. There will be refreshments and an orchestra for the music. Post 74 is located next to Bowen Golf Course on Millerfield Road near Route 49 in Macon.

Debate Teams First In Austin Tournament

Mercer's debate team has won first place in the Southern Speech Association Tournament and Conference in Austin, Texas. The debate team has been in Texas since Monday in the week-long tournament in which schools and colleges from all over the South are participating. Mercer is the only college from Georgia, however.

Mercer debaters in the tournament are Nathan Deal, John Rue, Karen Gay and Gerald Harris. Ann Wofford, also a debater is an alternate and is assisting Dr. Thornhill who is in charge of the tournament this year. In addition to winning first place in the tournament, Mercer's debaters have won several individual honors. Nathan Deal was named top speaker in the tournament and also won a certificate for being superior in extemporaneous speaking. Certificates of superior speaking were also won by Gerald Harris in the Speech to entertain division, and Karen Gay in the women's extemporaneous speech division.

SGA Banquet Monday Night

S.G.A. will sponsor a banquet at the Lamplight Restaurant April 5, 1962 for the student government officers, Dean Hendricks, the faculty advisor, and his wife will also attend. The banquet is being held in appreciation of the fine work and cooperation which the officers have given this year. Tommy Storey, President of S.G.A. announced.

Harris And Lawson Contest Top SGA Post In Tuesday Election

The following students are seeking office in the forthcoming student elections. The vote will be taken April 10. Gerald Harris, candidate for President of the Student Government, is a Junior from Valdese, North Carolina. He is this year's Freshman Advisor, and has served as President of his Freshman and Sophomore classes. He is on the Debate Team, is a member of the Ministerial Association and is a member of Blue Key. Hugh Lawson, also campaigning for the office of President of Student Government, is a member of Blue Key, Circle K, and is Associate Editor of the Cluster. He was past President of his Fraternity, Sigma Nu, I.F.C. Treasurer, and Vice President of the Junior Class. Hugh, a Senior from Perry, Georgia, will enter the Law School next year.

Tommy Clark, a Junior from Macon, is running for the office of Vice President of the Student Government. Tommy is a Phi Delta Theta, and has served as Pledge Trainer for two years. He is presently Vice President, Alumni Secretary, and Scholarship Chairman. He was Circle K's International Delegate, and is also a member of Beta Beta Beta. He was Toby and Tot Homecoming chairman for two years, is a member of the Inter-Relations Club, served on the Executive committee of S.G.A. for two years, and has served as Vice President of his Sophomore Class. (Continued on page 4)

Erskin Defeated In Ninth Inning

Mercer scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to edge Erskine 5-4, on the local field on Tuesday, April 3. Rex Ruff pitched eight and one-third innings for the Bears before being relieved by Earl Troglin. Ruff gave up only four hits but four runs were scored. Troglin came in for Ruff and handily handled Erskine for the remainder of the game.

In the bottom of the ninth with Mercer trailing 1-2, Sandy Harris led things off with a triple. Frankie Edwards sacrificed Harris home. Jim Hearn and Bob Reeves both reached base on errors. Arnie White then forced Reeves out at second. With two outs, Bill Peagler knocked a double to right center field to score Hearn and White.

Earl Troglin was credited with the win and Joe Gaines took the loss. Mercer won over Valdosta State College 4-3, lost to West Georgia 8-3, and lost 11-2 to Davidson. This weekend the Bears will travel to Florida for games with Stetson and Florida Southern.

MIMA Initiates Payne, Cooper

M.I.M.A. initiated two Associates into full membership last Wednesday. They are Bob Cooper, Atlanta, and Eddie Payne of Marietta. An old brother has reaffiliated with M.I.M.A. He is Dave Chapman from Marietta. A new Associate pledged M.I.M.A. last Wednesday. He is Nolan Brookshire from McCaysville, Ga.

Golf Team Undefeated After Three Matches

The Mercer golf team, having its most successful season in four years, is still undefeated in its first three matches. The Bears have beaten Presbyterian College 11-13, and Appalachian State College twice, 14-12 1/2 and 14-13. Playing for the Bears are Byron Smith, Jim Chester, Joe Lee, Bubba Youmans, Bob Preston, and Roy Avant. Although three matches, one with West Georgia and two with Wofford, are undecided on dates.



Caryl Allen, new Miss Mercer of 1962.

Caryl Allen Named Miss Mercer 1962

Caryl Allen, Miss Mercer of 1962, began her reign last Friday evening when she was selected from the six semi-finalists—Linda Weaver, the first runner-up, Beverly Baker, second runner-up, Gail Norris, Jackie Knight, and Kay Moody. Caryl was presented with a dozen roses and a gold loving cup. Linda and Beverly also were presented with a cup and roses.

Navy Aviation Information Team To Visit Mercer

On April 26-27, the Navy's Aviation Information team will visit Mercer. During their visit they will be glad to explain all phases of the Naval Aviation program to those interested.

Men between the ages of 18 and 26 are eligible to apply for Naval Aviation programs. Upon graduation from college, successful candidates may select pilot training or one of the non-pilot Aviation Specialist programs. The Naval Aviation Cadet program is available for those with a minimum of 30 quarter hours or 60 semester hours. Unlike the AOC program, NavCads must be unmarried.

Those who qualify will be provided transportation to Naval Air Station Atlanta in Marietta, Ga. There they will take all necessary physical and mental examinations.

Cadets receive \$161.15 per month while in flight training. After commissioning as an Ensign (or second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps) the monthly wages are \$370.18 (single) or \$455.68 (married). After completion of 4 years active service it will increase to \$533.20 (single) or \$627.48 (married).

Caryl, a junior, was one of the ten finalists in last year's Miss Mercer contest. Other of her beauty titles include the Mercer freshman beauty queen, and Miss Macon of 1961. Caryl was also a candidate for Tot this year.

Caryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Allen from Macon, graduated from Miller High School with honors. She then spent one year with the company school of the National Ballet of Canada in Toronto, Ontario. Miss Allen has choreographed and performed in Dje Fledermaus and Cavalleria Rusticana. At present she is dancing the Mazurka and the Pas de Deux in Les Sylphides, which will be performed this spring by the Macon Ballet Guild. Caryl teaches a class in rhythms in the Mercer P. E. department.

Her other activities at Mercer include the choir, for which she was librarian, the third vice president of MICA, the SGA Honor committee, circle program chairman for YWA, and the Cluster and Gauntlet staffs. Caryl is majoring in history and minoring in Christianity and philosophy.

Linda Weaver from Atlanta, the first runner-up in the contest, was this year's freshman beauty queen. Linda is on the SGA Honor Council and a pledge of Alpha Delta Pi.

Beverly Baker, a junior from Griffin, is SAE sweetheart and was first runner-up in the Miss Middle Georgia contest. She is president of SNEA, a member of Mercer Players, and was a Mercer cheerleader for two years and an alternate this year.