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Turnout Is Disappointing

Baucom out-poll his opponent by over 100 votes to become the 1971-72 SGA President in the recent spring elections. As of this writing Baucom was sure of only one office in the person of Myra Hughes who ran unopposed for the office of Treasurer.

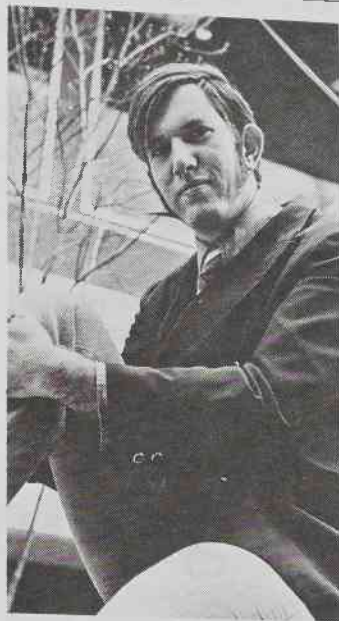
joined the publications leadership in her defeat of Dawn Hassell. Linda will become the new Pine Knot editor. Dark-horse candidate, Diane Hickman replaced her opponent, Myra Price as Head Cheerleader.

Other winners by virtue of running unchallenged include: Barbara LaCourse, Collegiate Business Manager; Imogene Thomas, Pine Knot Associate Editor; and the CCA officers, Mike Wenger, President; Linda Hanna, Vice-President; Kathy Lilley, Secretary; and Steve Sprinkle, Treasurer.

Voting was sparse in the election with spring break interrupting the continuity of the process. Only 375 students voted in the presidential race which showed the heaviest voting.

There was some question as to the validity of the election procedures. Details of the problems may be found in the Executive Board report.

The new officers will assume office on or around April 15 following installation.



Bobby Baucom is the new President of the Student Government Association. Bobby beat out three other contestants for this title. In assuming this new position, Bobby will succeed Joe Harwood.

Collegiate Is Finalist

Editors and reporters on twelve college newspapers of the Carolinas shared the twenty-eight awards in the 1971 College Press Awards competition sponsored by the Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte News.

Judges considered 308 different entries submitted in the six categories from 21 college newspaper staffs. All senior college newspapers in North Carolina and South Carolina were invited to submit entries.

First, second, third, and merit awards were presented for the best editorials, best news stories, best feature stories, and best sports stories. Two \$75 awards were presented for the best over-all college newspapers — one for colleges under 3,000 and the other for the larger colleges.

ACC's Collegiate came home with the second runner-up certificate in the Best Small College Newspaper Competition.

The Davidsonian of Davidson captured top honors in this category with the Indian of Newberry College placing first runner-up!

The awards luncheon was held Saturday, April 3 in Charlotte's Manger Inn. Kaye Hollowell, Collegiate Sports Editor and Joyce Copeland, Editor, represented ACC at this affair.

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Second prize for fiction was awarded to Pat Outlaw Cooper of Wilson. A past contributor to "Crucible," she has also published in "The Rebel," "Corradi," "Windhover," "Southern Poetry Review," "Atheneum," and "Success in Reading" (Silver-Burdett). She is presently working on a novel.

Third prize for fiction went to Sue Ellen Bridgers, wife of an attorney in Chapel Hill. She attended East Carolina University, where she worked on the staff of "The Rebel." She is rearing three children, but she writes whenever she finds the time.

Contributors to the contest numbered 135 and they came from 43 different towns, cities, and rural communities in North Carolina. Over 500 pieces of writing were submitted. The winning pieces of writing will be published in "Crucible" in the May 1, 1971 issue.



Collegiate editor, Joyce Copeland, accepts certificate for second-runner up in Best Small College Newspaper category of the recent Charlotte News, Charlotte Observer College Press Awards. The Collegiate placed behind first place Davidson and first runner-up Newberry College. The contest was open to all senior institutions in N. C. and S. C. with an enrollment of less than 3,000.

Executive Board Hears Protest

Voting procedures in the recent election came under heavy fire in the Monday night meeting of the Executive Board. Two attempts to prove irregularities in the voting procedure were dismissed by the group.

The first protest came in the form of a resolution presented on behalf of the Junior Class by Class Senator, Jerry Broyal. The resolution protested the lack of efficiency in fulfilling the rules of procedure in the recent election. The class resolution asked for an investigation of the election by a faculty, student, and administrative committee. This committee was not to include any members of the SGA Executive Board, but was to be open to everyone.

Pat Parvin defended the action in explaining that the resolution was not a protest of the elections but rather of the procedures involved. Mahlon Aycock, SGA Treasurer, refuted this statement due to the omission of board members from the investigating committee.

President Joe Harwood explained the time element involved in the elections, "We had to cram elections into the time specified in the constitution. Last year elections were held later according to the break. Activity cards were bought and placed in the Student Center having been announced in the Collegiate and the Green Slate as well as constant announcements in the Student Center. It is not the job of the SGA to spoon feed the student body."

The inclusion of faculty and administration on the investigating committee drew opposition from the board. "This is a student organization, not a Co-op. We can carry out our business," stated Aycock. Parvin insisted, "You evidently cannot without help from somebody as evident in this election."

The early closing and late opening of the polls, distribution of Activity Cards, and the failure to display I.D.'s were cited as revealing irregularities in the procedure. Several board members accused the proponents of the resolution of questioning the integrity of the Executive Board. Parvin later reminded the governing group that they had vowed to uphold the constitution.

The Junior Resolution was tabled but the issue did not end there. Ten of the candidates in the recent election were represented by Kathy Hartenstine as she presented a petition contesting the election.

The petition cited violations of regulations regarding I.D.'s, the necessity of a run-off unless a candidate formally concedes, the position of the ballot box, and the posting of the results. Several affidavits accompanied the petition stating participation in or observation of violations.

The question of strict adherence to the constitution versus the inclusion of human

error in all elections underwent heated debate. Harwood expressed his belief that the elections were carried out as honestly as humanly possible. The negligence of the poll workers, he explained, was not the fault of the board.

Several students did admit to not showing I.D.'s along with their voting cards. The polls, according to Day Student Senator, Bert Crawford were not closed more than five minutes early and those students arriving during that time were allowed to vote in the SGA offices. The ballot box was placed on the table manned by the poll workers rather than in the booths. The results were posted by Collegiate Editor, Joyce Copeland in the absence of and at the request of the SGA President. Those candidates who could be involved in the run-offs were not told that they had to concede the elections or run-offs would be held.

All these discrepancies were contributed to human error and interpretation of the constitution when the board overruled the petitions. Note was made of the probable existence of such problems in all elections no matter how many times they were held.

Junior Class nominations were ruled invalid by the SGA at the request of Sophomore Senator, Arnold Hamm. "A meeting was called last Tuesday with only 10-12 showing up," he stated. Another meeting was held the following Thursday with only nine in attendance yet nominations were held. Only one officer was opposed. "One of the nominees," Hamm said, "closed the nominations after she was nominated."

The class was instructed by the board to re-open nominations.

A petition by Sandra Huggins protesting the candidacy of her opponent, Jimm Abbott, was presented to the group and promptly ruled out of order by the president. The acceptance of Abbott in the previous board session was made as an exception to constitutional dictates.

Huggins argued that Abbott did not file in written form as specified in the constitution nor was he a student at the time he filed. She stated that any student from any college could file for an office at ACC.

SGA president, Joe Harwood, explained that Dean Lewis Swindell had told him that Abbott was on a leave of absence from the college and was currently taking correspondence courses that would transfer to ACC.

The previous board rule on the matter was made under the recommendation of the publications committee that this not be set as precedent and that appropriate changes be made in the constitution.

The board adjourned having declared the election valid in all terms.

Winners Announced

Editors of "Crucible," literary and art magazine at Atlantic Christian College, have announced seven winners in its third literary contest. The contest was made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

First prize in poetry went to Bennette Mize Rogers of Manteo. Miss Rogers graduated from Atlantic Christian College with a B.A. degree in art, after which she studied under Reuben Ham at the Brooklyn Museum Art School, where she held the Max Beckmann Memorial Scholarship. In 1970 she was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with the MFA degree. She received, there, the Graduate Purchase Award. In the summer of 1968 she studied in Provincetown, Mass. on the Provincetown Workshop Scholarship, under Leo Maneo and Victor Gardell. Married to Henry Applewhite, she now lives and works in Manteo.

Second prize in poetry was given to Todd Steven Davis, a senior student at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. He has worked here with Ron Bayes in creative writing. Third prizes for poetry were awarded to Ann Deagon and to Becke Jenkins Roughton. Mrs. Deagon, who holds the doctoral degree in Latin from the University of North Carolina, is a member of the faculty at Guilford College. She has published in "Red Clay Reader" and the "Wormwood Review." Mrs. Roughton lives in Southern Pines where she writes and paints. Poems by Mrs. Roughton have been accepted for an anthology soon to be published.

First prize for fiction went to Mike Mirman of Raleigh. A retired personnel counselor, he has published short stories in "Windhover" and in "The Long View Journal." He has studied creative writing with Cheryl Wheaton, Guy Owen and Sam