

High School Students Convene For Annual Contests

Gamecock Gets High Rating In Survey

ACP Gives USC Paper First Class Honor

The Gamecock was awarded First Class Honor Rating for 1938-1939 in the annual critical service conducted by Associated Collegiate Press among college newspapers all over the United States.

This is the second highest rating given by ACP, and was won by only two South Carolina newspapers. The Johnsonian, publication of Winthrop College, was also accorded this rating.

Prince Entered Paper
Harold Prince, editor of The Gamecock the first semester, entered The Gamecock in the judging and received the announcement of the results this week.

College newspapers receiving first class honor rating are described by the judges as "excellent." Commenting on the news values and sources in The Gamecock, the judges urged use of more interpretative feature articles about modern trends in education.

Balance, vitality, originality, and treatment of the news were rated as excellent, and coverage was rated good.

Similar results were shown in news writing and editing; copyreading and proofreading were judged excellent, and features and news stories were described as good.

Typography Rated Good
Typography in The Gamecock was rated as good, but several suggestions on improving make-up and headline schedule were made by the judges.

The editorial columns of The Gamecock were also said to be excellent, and features good. The sports page was also rated as well above the average.

More than 401 college newspapers were entered in the critical service this year. Fifty-five received All-American rating, highest honor awarded; and 151 were given First Class honor rating.

Some Eat Goldfish, Some Eat Mice; USC Students May Gulp Manuscripts

If Wardlaw Will Act, Students Will Be Forced To Eat Words Written In Feature Story Class

The University of South Carolina would be in line for one of the intercollegiate gulping championships which are sweeping the nation if Frank Wardlaw, journalism professor, would do one little thing.

Every day papers carry new stories of new records. For example: New York City—Aaron Hirsch, a pre-dental student, put New York University out in front in collegiate kissing circles by kissing 45 girls in 28 minutes.

Alturas, Calif.—Sheldon Harden, high school fullback, wolfed down 600 live grasshoppers without salt or pepper.

Swallows Mice
Champaign, Ill.—John Poppelreiter, University of Illinois freshman, put goldfish gulpers in the shade and won a \$10 bet by swallowing five live mice in the record time of 3 minutes 40 seconds. Poppelreiter wrapped the mice in lettuce and dipped them in mayonnaise.

While these records are being broken, Prof. Wardlaw sits unmoving, holding in his hands the honor of the University. If—and this is a very big if—if certain authors in the professor's feature story writing class were required to eat every word that was not true in their feature stories, Carolina would hold at least one gulping championship.

Suicide Failed
Among the stories which raised doubt in the classes' mind were (1) a description of an attempted suicide in which the author told how he built a guillotine and did his darndest to kill himself but failed. The class, however, seemed to regret the escape. (2) an account of the time the author cursed Hitler while in Germany and went through the indignity for his deeds. (3) a story telling of the author's supernatural powers and experiments with mental telepathy and hypnotism.

McKissick Breaks Ground



Work Begins On Carolina's Modern \$600,000 Library

McKissick Breaks Ground For New Structure Monday In Simple Ceremony

Work began on Carolina's new \$657,792 library building Monday morning, with crews of W. P. A. workers beginning preliminary excavation.

Ground was officially broken by President J. Rion McKissick in a simple ceremony.

The first stage of the work will consist of excavation, and the moving of a city water main. The library, which will have a capacity of approximately 300,000 volumes, will consist of a basement, ground floor, and four additional floors. The top floor will be confined to a large dome.

The new building will be located slightly in the rear of the historic old president's home at the head of the main campus. Plans call for the removal of the old building, which is in bad repair.

Of the total cost of the new building, \$325,000 was provided by the state of South Carolina under the college buildings act. The balance of the amount will be supplied by the Works Progress Administration.

President McKissick expressed himself as being highly pleased that the work on the new building had started.

Final decision as to the use of the old library building, the first separate college library building in the United States, has not yet been made. The decision rests with the Board of Trustees.

It has been suggested that the main floor of the old building be turned into a museum for South Carolinian material, while the

Hsioa Addresses YMCA Freshmen

Y. E. Hsioa, student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in China, spoke to the Freshman Council of the University Y. M. C. A. last Thursday night, concerning the struggles of the Chinese students in China.

Present at the meeting were students who have been active in the campaign to raise money for Chinese students, in addition to the regular members of the council.

University Faculty Has High Average Of Degrees; Staff Statistics Reveal High Type Of Training

Their professional training, their service records, their membership in numerous societies and associations, their many publications and contributions to periodicals, and their extra-curricular activities make the faculty of the University of S. C. one of the most competent in the United States.

206 Degrees Here
To illustrate the extensive study of the teaching staff of the University: The sum total of degrees held by the faculty is 206. This shows that each professor has an average of 2.05 degrees.

Twenty-seven members hold their first degree from the University of South Carolina, and nearly all of these have supplemented their study by attending other institutions.

Graduate work and advanced preparations records, according to Dean L. T. Baker, disclose that the majority of the

Athletics As Well As Brains Count In Varied Contests

Prof. J. B. Jackson Heads Committee In Charge Of Arrangements For Affair

The annual University of South Carolina high school week opened Wednesday with 1,100 South Carolina girls and boys participating in the three day testing program and athletic competition.

This number represents a considerable increase over previous years. Approximately 800 students will participate in the mental contests, 54 in forensics, and more than 250 in track and tennis.

Grant Approved For Nine Courts On USC Campus

Location To Be Determined By Trustee Board

A grant of \$8,038 has been approved by the Works Progress Administration for the construction of nine tennis courts on the University campus, it was announced by Dr. J. Rion McKissick this week.

The location of the courts will be decided by the Board of Trustees of the University, Dr. McKissick stated. No action has yet been taken on this phase of the matter.

Contributions Taken
Contributions continued to come in in Kappa Sigma Kappa's drive for \$500 to match the federal funds.

As The Gamecock went to press, a total of \$92.00 had been reported as collected. James G. Thomas, president of the organization, said that many of the workers had not reported on collections. Alpha Kappa Gamma, girl's organization collection contributions from non-sorority girls, had not reported no progress. Workers in most of the tenements on the campus had also failed to report by Wednesday night.

Collections Reported
The following collections were reported:

Delta: Delta Delta sorority, \$25.00; Euphradian Literary Society, \$15.00; Clarisophic Literary Society, \$15.00; Hypatian Literary Society, \$3.00; Tenement 21, \$9.75; Tenement 10, \$3.25; Faculty, \$31.00. Three contributions of five dollars each have been received from among the faculty.

K. S. K. was requested by the Administration of the University to aid in collecting the fund to match the federal money.

Depository??? Where Is It???

A Carolina student was very much puzzled when approached by a colored delivery boy yesterday. "Can you tell me where the women's depository is at?" the negro queried.

Cross-questioning revealed that he was looking for the women's dormitory.

Alumni Group Plans Election

Vice-president for the ensuing year will be elected at the regular annual meeting of the third judicial circuit of the University of South Carolina Alumni association at Sumter, Tuesday, May 2. John B. Duffie of Sumter will be in charge. The third district includes the counties of Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg. William P. Baskin is present vice-president.

High school students in Columbia for the final contests have been picked after preliminary tests in the nine league districts.

Contests are being held in English, French, history, general scholarship, junior and senior algebra, geometry, junior and senior Latin, declamation, expression, debating, typing, shorthand, book-keeping, short story, and arithmetic.

Track meets will be held for class A, B, and C schools separately, and tennis tournaments are being conducted for both girls and boys.

Sleeping Quarters Furnished
Sleeping quarters are being furnished to contestants who wish to remain in Columbia free of charge. Boys are being put in the field house, and girls in the gym.

Prof. J. B. Jackson heads the committee which is sponsoring high school week, and more than 25 members of the University faculty are assisting in carrying out the program.

Contest examinations are all of the objective type and will be scored by Prof. W. C. McCall in the Personnel Bureau. Announcement of the winners are being made shortly after completion of the test.

In addition to the faculty members who are in charge of the various tests, a large number of additional members will be called on to serve as judges in debating, declamation, and expression.

Aid Students
Those assisting are: W. H. Harth and coaching staff, boys' quarters; Mrs. Arney Childs, girls' quarters; R. W. Morrison, declamation and expression; W. C. McCall, mental tests; Frank Wardlaw, publicity; E. T. Bonn, history; F. W. Bradley, general scholarship; H. C. Davis, English; Nancy Pope, girls' tennis; W. Y. Wagener, boys' tennis; R. M. Stephan, French; J. A. Crawford, track; J. E. Norwood, debating; E. C. Coker, junior and senior algebra; W. E. Hoy, general science; J. T. Penney, biology; R. L. Jones, geometry; Vernon Cook, Latin; W. L. Williams, declamation; R. D. Bass, expression; Hav-

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Honor Day Held In May

Andy Marion Gives Date Of Event

Next Thursday, May 4, will be Honor Day at Carolina, according to an announcement made by Andy Marion yesterday.

Honor Day has been an annual event for the past several years. It is a day set aside for emphasis and encouragement of the honor system at Carolina, and is sponsored by the Honor Council.

A special program will be put on in Chapel. The principal speaker will be the Honorable J. H. Marion, former judge of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Received A. B. In 1893
Mr. Marion graduated from the University in 1893, receiving both A. B. and L. L. B. degrees that year. He began the practice of law in Chester shortly afterwards. He has served in both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the state at various times. In 1922 he was appointed to the state Supreme Court; in 1926 he resigned to become general attorney for the Duke Power Company, a position which he still holds. At present he lives in Charlotte, N. C. He will be introduced by Doctor McKissick.

Meeting Tuesday
The Honor Council also announced a meeting of code signers at 4 o'clock Tuesday in the Chapel. Election of next year's Council will be held, and any changes in the Honor System will be discussed.

"The Council believes the Honor System to be functioning admirably," said Andy Marion, chairman, "and although we realize that it may not be perfect, we are confident that it is one of the best systems in use in this section, if not in the entire country."

South Carolina Writers Featured In Coming Issue Of Carolinian

Gaines Gives Radio Talk

Miss Lodema Gaines, assistant dean of women, was interviewed by Prof. F. H. Wardlaw of the University news service on the regular "University School of the Air" program Wednesday.

The subject of the program was the relation between the University of South Carolina and the high schools of the state.

In her work, Miss Gaines has visited 48 South Carolina high schools this year. Phases of her work with high school students were discussed on the program.

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Twelve Have Contributed

South Carolina writers and artists will be featured in the next issue of The Carolinian, Carolina's literary magazine, it was announced by Dan Millsaps, editor.

Twelve of the most outstanding authors and artists have contributed autobiographical sketches and other original material for the issue.

Among those included will be Herbert Ravanel Sass, Archibald Rutledge, Samuel G. Stoney, John Bennett, Alice R. Huger Smith, Elizabeth Verner, Julia Peterkin, DuBose Heyward, and Chapman J. Milling.

Bennett Contributes Silhouette
John Bennett, noted for his "Master Skylark," "Pigtail of Ah Lee Ben Lou," and other works, has sent a silhouette by him to be used as the frontispiece. Bennett is noted as an artist in this line as well as having gained world-wide note as an author.

All regular features of the magazine will appear as usual, Millsaps said.

The next issue is slated to appear about the middle of May, it was announced.

College Forms Helpful Plan

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.—(ACP)—A new plan to coordinate extracurricular activities and education has been formed on the Williams College campus here to aid students who work in undergraduate organizations.

A newly formed committee of the Undergraduate Council will recommend or discourage lines of extracurricular endeavor in particular instances. It is expected that complete information on any student can be collected, on a basis of which advice can be given to him as to the direction and extent of his extracurricular affairs. The committee will be a purely advisory body.

Tom McCutchen To Participate At World's Fair

Thomas E. McCutcheon, Jr., of Bishopville, University of South Carolina law student, will represent the University in a parade at the New York World's Fair which will formally open Sunday, April 30.

One representative from each state university of the original 13 states has been asked to appear in the parade.

McCutchen will be in New York with the University debating team, which left Columbia, Tuesday, April 23, for a tour which will include debates with Johns Hopkins, Davidson, University of Pennsylvania, West Point, City College of New York, New York University and Columbia University.

Neoma Newsome Chooses Maids For May Court

Miss Neoma Newsome, recently elected May Queen of the University of South Carolina, has announced her maids for the May Court to be held in the University Field house, May 15. Miss Rannah Heyward, runner-up in the May Queen election, will be maid-of-honor.

The attendants selected are: Frances Smith, Harriet McBrayer, Virginia Peoples, Virginia Webb, Rebecca Mack, Gerry Shapiro, Virginia Brown, Patricia Jeter, Margie Collins, Eva Abbott, Beverly Bates, Martha Newman, Floride Nelson, Fay Reyner, Fontie Wilson, Irene Mars, Jewel Martin, Helen Burch, Maude Byrnes, Chisholm, Betty Welchel, Billie Lewis, Peggy Lollis, Margaret Mitchum, Reba Hunt, Dorothy Bramlett, Gaynelle Wilson, Sarah Harrison, and Sandy Hartman.

Pages will be Macky King and Amelia Arthur. Further plans will be announced later.

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