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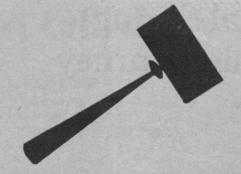
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Wes Hayes



Debbie Carpenter



Harvin Belser



George Quillin

Wes Hayes Named SBA President

By Rick Fulmer

Voters turned out in record numbers for the recent Student Bar Association elections. The high turn out of nearly five hundred law students for this year's SBA election reflects increasing student involvement. This increased student involvement is largely attributable to the efforts of this past year's officers.

The president-elect of the SBA is Wes Hayes. Wes was the past treasurer of the SBA, and a former member of the legislative council. Before coming to Law School, Wes spent five years of active duty with the Army after finishing West Point in 1975. Wes hopes to continue the progress of his predecessors, Mark Wilhelmi and Doug Kotti, in making the SBA a viable organization. He had a special concern in gaining for the legislative council a bigger voice in representing students on issues in the law school. Other

specific objectives that Wes hopes to pursue include having the student directory out earlier, a possible year-book, better representation of the Law school in Block seating, stream-lining the SBA committees, gaining an increased budget for the SBA, and SBA community involvement.

Debbie Carpenter is the SBA's new vice-president. As vice-president, her primary function will be to serve as chairman of the legislative council. Debbie's broad goal is for SBA, as our largest student organization, to better represent the many varied interests and opinions of the students. Debbie's specific concerns involve soliciting student suggestions, correcting the ineffectiveness of the present honor system, increasing the involvement of Ithe SBA in the community, providing greater assistance to Continued on Page 2

Law Week Plans Underway

By Sandi Dennis

Big plans are underway for Law Week, March 29 through April 2. The highlight of the week will be the banquet at the Carolina Coliseum on Friday, April 2. Attorney General William French Smith is the keynote speaker and he will be introduced by Sen. Strom Thurmond. At 5 p.m. on Friday the Law School Auditorium will be dedicated to Sen. Thurmond. The evening's activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails; dinner will be served at 7:30 and dancing begins at 9:30. Tickets for the banquet are \$8.50 for SBA members, \$11.00 for faculty and non-SBA students, and \$15.00 for members of the Bar. Tickets will go on sale after Spring

Other Law Week Activities include:

Platte Named President Of WLA The new administration for

the Women's Law Association ice on February 4. The 1982 officers are Betsy Platte, President; Cheryl McNair, Vice President; Terry Pedace, Treasurer; Sandra Burr, Corresponding Secretary; and Mary Sowell, Recording Secretary. This semester, the WLA has sponsored tours to the Central Correctional Institution, an interview clinic featuring Sharon Dunn and a panel of experienced interviewees, and a visit to hear oral arguments at the South Carolina Supreme Court. Still to come this spring are a Law Week raffle of dinner for two at Hudson's. The raffle tickets will cost 50 cents and will be sold in the lobby and by members of the WLA. The drawing will be held at Follies on April 1. On March 29, Lt. Gov. Nancy Stevenson will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Law School Auditorium and a reception will follow. The WLA will also be sponsoring two tours to the Women's Prison at 10:30 a.m. on April 6 and 15. Sign-up sheets are on the WLA bulletin board.

The WLA membership has been steadily growing this semester and anyone interested in joining can contact Terry Pedace or any other officer. Monday, March 29, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Stevenson will speak in the Law School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday March 31st, an estate planning seminar will be conducted by Bill Pressley of Bankers Trust at 10 a.m.

Nationally syndicated political cartoonist Doug Marlette will speak on Tuesday at 8 p.m. Marlette is syndicated through the Charlotte Observer; he has discussed his art on national news programs.

Wednesday: Legal Forum will present a special speaker. Watch for an announcement on this.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 the Law Week Committee will sponsor a debate between the candidates for the State Office of Lieutenant Governor. A panel consisting of a student, a faculty member, and two members of the press will question the candidates. There will also be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

On Thursday night the craziness sets in ... John Treanor and Chuck Simmons



Atty. Gen. Smith (Photo Courtesy United Press International)

promise a Law Follies that will be wilder than ever before.

Earlier Thursday, Pre-Law students will be touring the school--but we'll be sure to have them out before the Follies, when they might find out what Law School is really

As a follow-up to Law Week, Dr. Lynn R. Buzzard, Executive Director of the Christian Legal Society will be at the Law School on Monday, April 5, for a speaking engagement at 7:30 p.m. in Room 135. Everyone is invited.

Dr. Hennigar Guest Speaker For Medicine/Law Class

By Daryl G. Hawkins

Professor Ralph Mc-Cullough's Medicine and the Law class was honored and entertained March 10 with the imposing figure of Dr. Gordon Hennigar (6'4", 325 lbs.) of the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Hennigar is a native of Nova Scotia but has called Charleston his home since 1966 when he became the Head of the Pathology Department at MUSC and moved his family to Mt. Pleasant.

Although he lectured primarily on Anaphyllactic reactions (allergic reactions to drugs, sometimes fatal) several of his passing comments were well worth noting. He emphasized that the State Board of Medical Examiners, like the State Board of Bar Examiners, primarily has the function of certifying doctors for the practice of medicine at a level of minimum acceptable competency. "Medicine is not an exacting science. It is a biological science and thus its practitioners are susceptible to fallibility. Forty years ago when I began the practice of medicine there was a conspiracy of silence and doctors fought to maintain the image of 'holier than thou' supremacy, refusing to appear in court and testify against one

Dr. Hennigar further noted that when a more distinct line is drawn between errors in judgment and errors caused by negligence, the 'conspiracy of silence,' which he felt to be now at a minimum, would fall away entirely and free doctors to more readily admit their errors. Those fifty or sixty who missed the class, missed an excellent lecture. When Dr. Hennigar returns next year, it would be beneficial if the lecture could be open to the full student body.

High hurdles are old hat to Dean of Student Affairs Kenneth W. Gaines.

Associate Editor Hazel Ferri discovers his past in the feature article on page 3.

Legal Sports: Final Spring Fling Features Tennis Tourney

By Robbie Foster

As the weather rises into the 80s, the sports emphasis will shift to the outdoors. However, before we make that switch, the SBA Basketball playoffs must be held. In the A-League, the balance of power has not shifted an inch from last semester. The two

top teams - the Other Team and the Uptown Bombers - are favored to meet again to determine the championship. Last semester's runner-ups, the Uptown Bombers, defeated the Other Team during the regular season by one point behind the strong inside play of Tommy Falls, and the outside shooting

of Stuart Feldman. If the two teams meet in the playoffs, the Bombers must contain the guard play of Terry Chastain and Jim Price if they intend to repeat their regular season feat. All That Jazz, led by Jerry Theos and Brian Grevey, could spoil a rematch between the two favored teams.

In the B-League, any one of the eight teams that make the playoffs are capable of taking the trophy. The teams that made the playoffs are predominately the same as last semester's playoff teams. Newcomers to the playoffs are the Casenotes who made the playoffs for the first time in six tries. Team captain Mike Baxley assessed his team's chances to win the whole thing

Baxley said, "We are small, but slow. We really don't have one or two star players, but rather have a half dozen below average players." Last semester's champions, the X Team, are not expected to go down without a "fight", and led by the Whitlark brothers, could easily repeat as champions. The Barflies, who started slow, but came on like gangbusters, are probably the hottest team in the league. Bobby Bernstein and Joe Qualey, with aggressive play from the other team members, have beaten every team that crossed their paths after midseason. No team can be picked as a favorite to take the B-League championship, but the Casenotes are the long-shots.

In the first annual SBA racquetball tournament, the turnout was very good. Most of the top players made it to the semi-finals as expected. In the first semi-final match-up, John "the Mauler" Sowards defeated Joe "Do" Griffith. The Match was tight all the way with Griffith winning the first set, and dropping the last two sets 15-11 and 15-7.

A tennis tournament will be played from March 22 to April 24. The tournament will crown a male and female champion along with a doubles champion. The finals will be held on Sunday, April 4, at River Ridge Apartments. Since this is the first annual SBA Tennis Tournament, the field is full of unknown talent. All students and faculty are invited to come out and watch the finals on Sunday, April 4. Refreshments will be provided by the SBA.

The Spring Golf tournament will be conducted on Friday, April 2, beginning at 12 noon. The exact location has not been determined, but we are expecting a large crowd. All students and faculty are encouraged to participate regardless of their golfing ability.

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SBA Elections

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first year students throughout the entire year (not simply at the orientation), and promoting the SBA's social functions.

The SBA's new treasurer is George Quillin. George feels that the most important aspect of his job is service. He will be responsible for maintaining the SBA budget, and will be working closely with the president to give students the best service possible from the CBA

Harvin Belser, the new secretary of the SBA, is a 1981 graduate of the College of Charleston. Harvin reiterated the concern mentioned earlier that the legislative council should have a stronger voice in Law school affairs. Harvin's principle goal is to increase student involvement in SBA activities. One of her specific plans to increase student involvement, especially for next year's incoming freshmen, is to print a weekly activity sheet to place in the lobby for the entire student body to read. Harvin welcomes ideas or complaints, and would like to hear from students on how to make the SBA more effective.

Other committee members

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Dean Gaines: A Man Of Many Accomplishments

By Hazel Ferri

High, Wide and Handsome describes our Dean of Student Affairs, Kenneth W. Gaines. Most students meet Dean Gaines early in their academic career. The well dressed, dapper Dean makes recruitment talks at campuses across the state, helps incoming Freshmen (and others) with a variety of financial problems, assigns lockers, gives comfort and counsel on problems both personal and scholastic and generally provides law students with an interested, concerned, professional approach to their many and varied problems.

Because the many services provided by the Student Affairs Office are so readily available, few ever pause to consider the background of the provider. Dean Gaines has a fascinating history, well worth sharing. Few students realize that he set new track records while attending high school and college in the state of Kansas, and some of these records still stand today. As a highschool senior he jumped six feet, seven and three eighths inches, also won the high hurdles, the long jump and took a third in the mile relay at the state championships. Because of these skills, plus basketball talent, Gaines was pursued by scholarship offers. At the last minute he chose Kansas University in the same year that Jim Ryun and his high school coach also made the same choice.

The truly remarkable thing, however, is that on the same day that Kenny Gaines set new high school records for outdoor track events, he had already placed first in another statewide contest. This versatile young man not only sang competitively, participating in Glee Club, Chorus and other school

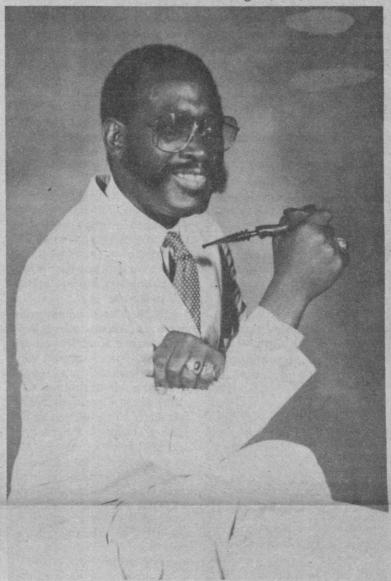
to the SBA.

singing activities, but also participated in a Statewide Speech competition, taking first place. Two statewide first place positions in two completely separate and unrelated events on the same day is truly an outstanding achievement. The small Kansas town of Kinsley took up a collection to send Gaines to the Golden State Track Meet at Sacremento, calif., where Gaines was recognized as the fourth highest scorer in the country.

Gaines continued his athletic activities at Kansas University, where he was known as "Spiderman." He was active both in basketball and in track, setting many records as a freshman. He held the indoor record for the highjump of 6'10" and 6'11" outdoors. Developing knee problems as a sophomore, he switched to the hop, skip and jump (the triple jump) setting a new college record of 52'5". This stood in the USFF for many years. His crowning glory came in 1969 when he was 4th in the triple jump at the NCAA National indoor championship. His team also won the National Championship in this meet.

After receiving an Education degree from Kansas University, Dean Gaines worked as a field representative for the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights, as an investigator, and also did graduate work in Sociology-Urban Affairs. He was working closely with attorneys and decided to go to law school, graduating from Kansas University School of Law in 1976. He is a member of the bars of the Supreme Court of Kansas and the Washington, D.C., Court of Appeals. He has worked as Business Law instructor in the University College, University of Maryland, and was Equity officer for the University of Maryland from 1976 to 1978 when he assumed his duties as Dean of Student Affairs at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Dean Gaines also continues to teach sum-

mers in the CLEO program, a longtime interest, and works with Mr. Reiser in the Law Practice Workshop. He has also practiced law in Washington, D.C. and Kan-



sas.

A final summary of the work done by this man of many achievements indicates his respect for the students he encounters on a daily basis. He feels that students need a lot of counseling and he tries to see as many as possible, both officially and unofficially. He gives a special salute to his secretary, Beverly Taylor. Her warm friendliness, combined with an efficient operation of her duties, helps to keep the Student Affairs office running smoothly.

There may not be any more high hurdles or triple jumps in Kenny Gaines' future, but you can rest assured that meeting new challenges will be taken in his remarkable stride.

- LETTER -Special Thanks

Just recently the SBA sponsored an oyster roast, which was enjoyed by nearly 400 students. The SBA Legislative Council would like to extend a special thanks to Bart Tuthill and his Social Committee, composed of John Rearer, Willie Foiles, and Mark Bower, for all the work which they exerted in making this ovster roast such a big success. The SBA feels that two badges for bravery should be awarded to John Treanor and Thomas Hagerty for their efforts in cooking the oysters.

Randy Cooper SBA Vice-President

LOGGIN' LOBBY TIME

By Liz Libel and Sally Slander

In keeping with our policy of printing only good news, especially in the couple area, we pass on this item: Debbie Carpenter proudly announces her DIS-engagement---her phone number is 254-9327... Attention first year students: We (second and third year students) will be as relieved as you will when briefs are due, and the volumes return to the shelves... the Yul Brynner look is alive and well in South Carolina----See LeBlanc and Abrahams... For future reference: Wes, nine kegs simply aren't enough for this crowd... and now, the long dreaded "Senior Superlatives" (in no particular order): The Fred Astaire light-on-his-feet Award - Phil Porter; the Bobbsey Twins Outer Space Award - Thomas Hagerty and Cliff Altekruse; Best Howard Hughes Impersonation - S.C. Anderson; the Beach Billy Award - Tom Limehouse; the Least Likely to Seek Gainful Employment in the next 25 years Award - John Rearer; Judge Crater Award - Jim

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Mileage Award - Lynn Ipock and Lynn Neely; Most Name Changes - Candy ?; the Achoo Award - Vickie Johnson; Most Likely to be a U.S. Senator from S.C. - Mike Baxley; The Richie Cunningham Award -Monty Todd; the Grizzly Adams Peace Prize - Russ Keep; Man-in-the-Street Award - David Stanton; the Ultrabright Award - Bill Hudson; the Bridwell Memorial Promptness Award - Lester Bates; the Most Time on Three Legs Award - Willie Foiles; Most Transient - Tom Goldstein: Most Likely to Star in a Tab Commercial - Belinda Ellison; Most Likely to own

Gilbert's - Rad Burch; Best Effort in Attempting to Avoid First Year Oral Argument: Peatsa, Wallace; Phyllis Schlafly Award - Jill Griffith; the American Gigilo Award -(tie) Mike Wooten and Jeff Howland....anybody still reading????...in spite of briefs, outlines, oral arguments, and Wedlock, First Year students be advised there's one bright spot in the not-so-distant future---circle April 1 on your calenders... and profs, take Law School Notice----Follies fall on April Fool's Day this year... we expect to see all of y'all there....until we meet again...

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Survey: Only Virginia Uses Normalization

By Mike Nunn

In May of last year, the faculty passed a grade normalization policy that required all first year level course grades to fall within a 2.3-2.7 GPA with a mean of 2.5. Grade normalization was also instituted for all upper level courses in the form of "strongly recommended." Presently, second and third year courses are expected to have a grade point average plus/minus .20 of any particular class mean. This means that if the average of the 75 students in that one class is 2.6 then all grades should fall within 2.4 to 2.8.

The faculty's research of the above matter included contact with three other law schools which employ grade normalization. In addition, graphs were constructed showing the grade distribution in this school for the 1979-80 school year. All the original materials from that proposal are available for inspection in the SBA office.

In response to this new policy, the Student Bar contacted fourteen law school Deans in the eastern part of the United States. Each school was asked what grade normalization policy, if any, was utilized. Responses came from

eight schools, and although the grading policies vary widely with each law school, the majority employ no grade normalization practices of any kind. Two of the eight responses employed some form of normalization. One school normalized the grades of first year students only, and the other school normalized grades for the entire school at a B average.

The following is a list of the responding law schools and their basic grading policies. Correspondence materials pertaining to these schools is also available in the Student Bar office.

DUKE: Duke has no formal normalizing policy, rather viewing the whole process as a professional responsibility of each professor, except for the first year class. Generally there is no set level at which grades are set.

MERCER: Mercer employs no normalization of grades at any level, either formally or informally. The faculty has never considered grade normalization, but did not rule out its consideration in the future. The average grade point of students is C+.

VIRGINIA: Virginia is the only response in the survey to normalize grades during all three years of law school. The faculty is not restricted as to their range of grades, but it is required that the grade of the class as a whole in each course and semester average out to a B. Virginia was also one of the three schools contacted when the faculty originally considered grade normalization at this law school.

ALABAMA: This school employs no grade normalizing policy, and it has never seriously been considered by the faculty.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN: Illinois utilizes no form of grade nor-

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malization; however, their average grade is just under a B. They have considered some type of normalization system in the past, but it was rejected. EMORY: Emory has no form of grade normalization, but the grade distribution is circulated to the faculty and is also available to the students.

PENNSYLVANIA: This was by far the most interesting grading system encountered. Pennsylvania used to normalize grades but stopped in 1966. They now employ an "adjective" grading system which consists of the following: Distinguished, Excellent, Good, Qualified, and Unsatisfactory. While there is no category at which grades are normalized, grades from 1966-1971 were 20 per cent Excellent, 35-40 per cent Good, and the balance of 55-60 per cent were Qualified.

GEORGIA: Georgia has no prescribed grading scale of adjustment, although the school urges the faculty to be "average graders." The faculty is shown a summary of grades by section after grades are given out.

The six schools that did not respond to the survey were

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Wake Forest, Harvard, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Campbell.

This survey is intended only to inform USC students and faculty how grading practices compare with those of other schools in the East. As soon as all Fall semester grades are posted, the committee will begin to determine the effect grade normalization has had on grades as compared to the



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