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Dr. Rawlinson"
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Governor Commends Rawlinson



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OTTO KERNER
GOVERNOR

May 16, 1967

I was sorry to learn that Mount Vernon Community College will go out of existence on July 1.

During the 11 years it has served the community, Mount Vernon Community College became known for its academic excellence and also as a training ground for many of the area's citizens who have risen to responsible positions in private business and government.

It can be said that Mount Vernon Community College was part of an experiment which led to the creation of a statewide system of junior colleges. While the college will cease to exist on July 1, it will be replaced by a new Class I school, Rend Lake Junior College.

Special recognition should be extended to Dr. Howard Rawlinson who has guided Mount Vernon Community College through its formative years. A man of courage and dedication, he holds the esteem of all who have had the honor of knowing him.

I want to extend my warmest best wishes for success to the Class of 1967 and to the far-sighted individuals who saw the need for Mount Vernon Community College.

Sincerely,

Governor

Rose Bland, Diana Ferguson Head

SIU's Delyte Morris To Speak

Mt. VCC Commencement June Fourth

Largest Class Ever To Get A.A. Degree



The "Most Valuable Student" of 1966-67 is Lonnie Hicks, fourth from the left. From left to right are the Student Senate members who made the presentation of the award: Cheryl Martin, Connie Bancroft, Linda Presley, Hicks, Judy Walker, Terry M. Pigg, Jane Windhorst, and Jim Houseworth. (Delo Photo)

Hicks Chosen By Senate As Student Of The Year

Award Given In May 12 Convocation

Lonnie Hicks has been chosen the "Most Valuable Student" of 1966-67 by the Mt.VCC Student Senate. The award was announced in a convocation Friday, May 12. He was given a standing ovation by the students and faculty as he received a plaque from Judy Walker, Sophomore Representative.

the Pyramid, the college yearbook; member of the Student Education Association; on the Dean's List; in "I Remember Mama", the college play; scenery designer for "Chautauqua '66", the variety show; assistant publicity chairman for "The Glenn Miller Concert"; editorial cartoonist and feature writer for *The Pyramid Times*; and exhausted much of the time.

During his freshman year, Lonnie performed in the variety show; took part in the college production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "Trial by Jury"; worked on the Spring Formal; co-edited the SEA newsletter; worked on

Snyder New Junior College President

Dr. James M. Snyder, 52-year-old vice president of a three-campus junior college in Arizona, has been named to head the administrative staff of the new area junior college which will replace Mt. Vernon Community College July 1.

Until new facilities are built near Rend Lake, the college will operate in the present Mt VCC buildings.

In addition to his term as vice president of the Arizona school Snyder has been president of the Muskegon Community College in Michigan and the Daytona Beach Junior College in Florida.

Snyder, who holds a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, was in charge of building and planning for two new cam-

In commencement exercises Sunday, June 4, Mt. Vernon Community College will graduate its largest class in its eleven year history. At press time, 96 sophomores were scheduled to receive their Associate of Arts Degree in the tenth annual Mt.VCC Commencement Exercises.

Speaker for the Commencement will be Delyte W. Morris, President of Southern Illinois University since 1948. Receiving an A. A. Degree signifies that the graduate has completed 64 credit hours and fulfilled the requirements for the degree set down by the Community College.

Below is the program for the ceremony, to begin at 3 pm, Sunday, June 4.

Program
 ProcessionalCommunity College Orchestra
 Ceremonial March—Muller Tal Smith, Conductor
 InvocationEugene Estes
 IntroductionDr. Howard Rawlinson, Dean Mt. Vernon Community College
 WelcomeEltis Henson Superintendent, Mt. Vernon High School and President, Mt. Vernon Community College
 AddressDr. Delyte Morris President, Southern Illinois University
 Choral SelectionCommunity College Choir
 Alas, Poor World, Thou Mockest Me—Brahms W. H. Beckmeyer, Director
 Conferring of Degree.....V. H. Chaney, President, Board of Education
 BenedictionEugene Estes
 RecessionalCommunity College Orchestra
 March of the Graduates—Issac

- Betty Lou Brandon
- Judy Sue Briesacher
- Sharon Lynne Brookman
- Steven Kendall Browning
- Barbara Jane Buckingham
- Kenneth Franklin Bush
- Gary Milton Carroll
- Christine Chambers
- Gary Wayne Childress
- Bruce C. Dale
- Marilyn Kaye Dedman
- Rebecca Jean Duff
- Sharon Ann Ferguson
- Dee Ann Ford
- Richard Ashby Fortune
- Stanton Monroe Fowler
- Roger Werner Garbers
- Linda Diane Gibbs
- Kenneth Dale Grubb
- Flossie Irene Hall
- Vicki Lynn Hammer
- Jane Alice Hart
- Jerry Ray Hicks
- Lonnie Gene Hicks
- Charlotte Sue Hicks
- James M. Houseworth
- Larry Stephen Huggins
- Larry Gene Hunt
- Robert Glenn Jackson
- Charles O. Johnson
- Ernie Lee Johnson
- Harry Lee Karcher
- Linda K. Lemay
- Danny A. Lovin
- Larry M. Lucas
- Rebecca Elaine McGhee
- Anthony Wayne McIlroy
- James Douglas McKay
- Rosemarie Maloney
- Cheryl Suzanne Morris
- David Gale Martin
- Larry Gale Moore
- Darry Lynn Morgan
- Denise Elizabeth Morlas
- Dennis E. Myers
- Geneva Forbes Newmas
- Randall Craig Olson
- Margel Stanley Poddico
- Emma Lee Petersen
- Gary W. Pierce
- Donna Lynn Pierce
- Pamela Sue Pierce

Rose Marie Bland and Diana Ferguson have been named to head-up next year's Pyramid Times. Both girls were news and feature writers for the newspaper this year. They will form the nucleus for next year's staff, the rest to be named next fall.

Rose Marie worked on The Vernois News as a reporter while attending Mt. Vernon Township High. Earlier this Spring, she was chosen to advance to the state competition in the Elks National Scholarship Contest. Last year, Rose was awarded a \$600 scholarship in the state-wide competition. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

All of Diana's newspaper experience was acquired while writing for The Pyramid Times this year. She is also an SEA member and a cheerleader. Like Rose, she graduated from the local high school.

One of the goals the girls want most to achieve is that of having more people from other towns on the staff. "Next year we hope to center more stories about towns other than Mt. Vernon. But, to do this, we need writers from Benton, West Frankfort, McLeansboro, and all the other towns represented in our college."

The girls also feel that more



ROSE MARIE BLAND



DIANA FERGUSON

emphasis should be placed on the features that appear in the college paper," Diana added.

Commenting on their hopes for the coming year, Rose Marie added, "It is the goal of next year's staff to make The Pyramid Times a newspaper that the students will enjoy, and a paper that will perform a service to the college."

Marsha Elzy Elected SEA President for Next Year

Marsha Elzy has been elected President of next year's local SEA chapter. Evelyn Plummer will serve as vice-president for the coming school year. They were elected in an election by SEA members held in the college library Tuesday, May 9. The results of the election were announced in a convocation Friday, May 12.

Marsha is a 1966 graduate of Mt. Vernon Township High School. She was very active in the Student Education Association this year and plans to continue her education at Southern Illinois University. Marsha hopes to eventually teach elementary education.

Evelyn is a 1966 West Frankfort High graduate. She, too, has been very active in this year's SEA. A Pep Club member in high school, Evelyn helped to organize a club here to support the Warriors basketball and baseball teams. She plans to teach political science.

She will represent the Southern area colleges and the State Youth Activities and Wel-



MARSHA ELZY

fare Committee. Evelyn also took part in this year's Books for Viet Nam Drive.

Mrs. Imogene Book, the college Librarian and local SEA sponsor, says, "One of the rea-

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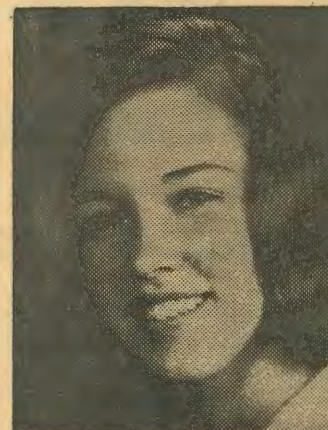
Presley, Bancroft Elected To Senate

On Wednesday, May 17, Linda Presley and Connie Bancroft were elected to next year's Student Senate in one of Mt.VCC's most unusual elections ever held. Both ran unopposed; Linda for the position of Sophomore Women's Representative and Connie for Sophomore Men's Representative. In the convocation May 12, both in their speeches before the students expressed their disappointment at the lack of competition.

Connie commented that he hopes the student body as a whole will be more active in helping with the activities of the college next year, such as decorating for dances. He also said, "If there is any student who has a complaint, or suggestion I want him to feel free to bring his ideas to me at any time and I will see that they are brought before the entire Senate."

This year Bancroft has been Freshman Men's Representative on the Senate. He was master of ceremonies at the Christmas Dance this year. He was also a student delegate to the organizational meeting of the Students Division of the Illinois Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Chicago earlier this Spring. Bancroft graduated from the Mt. Vernon Township High School in 1966.

The new Sophomore Women's Representative had this comment for The Pyramid Times: "I have enjoyed representing my class in the student government this year, and I look



LINDA PRESLEY



CONNIE BANCROFT

forward to returning as Sophomore Representative. My greatest hope is to help make the new college's first year as successful as possible, and I welcome all suggestions from the student body in helping to achieve this goal."

Stories on History Of College Inside

As a service to the residents of Mount Vernon and the surrounding area, the Pyramid Times has written several stories on various aspects of the history of Mount Vernon Community College.

These stories may be found on pages two and three of this issue.

"Student of the Year 1966-67, Lonnie Hicks, in recognition of and appreciation for outstanding service (to) Mt. Vernon Community College, presented by the Student Senate". Lonnie has taken part in many activities this year. He has been Business Manager of The Pyramid Times; decorations chairman for the Spring Formal, Sweetheart Dance, and the Christmas Dance; artist for

Patty Marlow Crowned Formal Queen

Escorted by Bob Waller

Miss Patty Marlow was crowned queen of the annual Mt. Vernon Community College Spring Formal Saturday night, May 6. She is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Marlow of Rural Route 7, Mt. Vernon. Her escort for the evening was Bob Waller.

The new queen was crowned by last year's queen, Miss Janice Abraham, now a student at the University of Missouri. The retiring queen was escorted by Henry Phillips and Mike Hassan. The queen's court was made up of Miss Judy Briesacher, Miss Flossie Hall, Miss Cheryl Martin, Miss Cynthia Starkey, and Miss Donno Westell.

Music for the evening was provided by Russ David and his Orchestra from St. Louis. Jim Houseworth was master of ceremonies. Libby Martin was the flower girl and Charles Dudley was the crown bearer. The dance is sponsored annually by the Student Senate.

"Mardi Gras" was the theme of the evening. Many of those who attended said it was one of the most beautiful dances they had ever seen in the Mt. Vernon high school gymnasium. Lonnie Hicks was chairman of the decorations committee. The ceiling was attractively decorated with colorful patterns of streamers, balloons, tangles of serpentine, and real Spanish moss.

Miss Marlow, a sophomore, plans to continue her education at Southern Illinois University next year, majoring in Elementary Education. She has been active in the Student Education Association at Mt.VCC and has worked on several variety shows. In high school, she was homecoming queen at Webber Township High.

His appointment as administrative president was made May 16 contingent upon his acceptance of a three-year contract at \$22,000 a year. Snyder has previously indicated the terms are satisfactory. The action in choosing Snyder to head the staff was taken during a regular meeting of the junior college board. Snyder has been vice president of the Maricopa County (Arizona) Junior College District since January, 1964.

puses in Arizona. In addition to a campus at Phoenix the Maricopa district operates the Glendale Community College of Arizona and the Mesa Community College of Arizona. The latter two facilities are the ones to which Snyder was assigned to develop. The new head of the Rend Lake area junior college was once a junior college student himself, having obtained an associate of arts degree at Sinclair Community College (Ohio) in 1934.

Tal Smith, Conductor (The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional) At press time, 96 sophomores were scheduled to graduate. These sophomores are:
Joyce Ann Adams
Diane Andrews
Peggy Arlene Arnett
Michael J. Best
Janet Faye Bircket
Jewell Ann Bond
Mary Alice Bond
Nita Elaine Bourland

William Glenn Price
Anita Kay Puckett
Deana Marie Richardson
Jo Ann Ridenhower
Rebecca Lee Reano
Cynthia Sue Sammons
Sharon Sue Short
Donnie Burl Smith
Connie Sue Stevens
Tommy Ray Surne
Mary Ann Tegeler
Ronald Elvis Tolley
Lawrence E. Unfried
Lellon Sue Ventress
Michael Glenn Waite
Judith Alison Walker
Wanda J. Ward
Linda Lou Warner
Cheryl Lynn Weatherly
Marvin Lee Webb
Donna Marie Westell
Darla Jane Windhorst
Bette J. Wood
Peggy Sue Yates
Rita Gail York
Kathy Lee Alexander
Wilburn Dean Grubb
John C. Huffstutler
Alice Jane Jones
Linda Kay McCulley
John Muzzarelli
Leslie C. Robbins
Jacqueline Kay Ross
Gary Dale Tate
Bobby Wayne Waller
Danny Fred Youngblood
It is anticipated that there may be some changes in the list before June 4.

A Word Of Explanation

This, for those of you who have not seen it before, is The Pyramid Times, the student newspaper of Mt. Vernon Community College. The next four pages including advertising have been written and edited solely by students of the local college.

Our paper is being included in tonight's Register-News for two reasons. First, this is the last official publication from Mt. Vernon Community College. On July 1, Mt.VCC will be transformed into the new area college, under a new board of education and with a new name (as yet unchosen).

Second, perhaps, by reading this paper, which is intended primarily for our students, residents of Mt. Vernon and the surrounding area can glean somewhat of an idea of what Mt.VCC is like.

We hope you enjoy both the news and features of this issue of The Pyramid Times.

—the Editor



Miss Patty Marlow, who was recently chosen queen of the annual Spring Formal. (Hilliard and Myers Photo)