

The embodiment of 19th Century

Oldest Miconian feted at anniversary lunch

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Mico Teachers' College celebrated its 141st anniversary on Mico Day last Friday with a luncheon at the College Gym. The luncheon marked the first one to be given on Mico Day and the first long service award luncheon to be given in honour of a batch of past students and staff members. Special guest was the Rev. Henry Ward, the oldest living Miconian.

Mico Day is celebrated the first Friday in April every year and it is a

tradition to invite a batch of students from 20 years ago to join in the celebration.

This year the batch of 1957-59 was honoured along with Rev. Ward who entered the College in 1899.

Mico's Principal Dr. Errol Miller described Rev. Henry as the embodiment of the 19th century and said that in order to continue in the future a sense of discipline and a sense of the past were necessary.

Staff members honoured for their long service ranged from 10 to over 30 years. Those with over 20 years of service received presents and all category of staff received recognition for their long service.

Since 1957 Mico has made many strides. The staff has increased about 10 times so has the student body from 100 to over 1,000. New buildings have been constructed and expansion carried out. Two categories of teachers are now being trained and students no longer spend the third year in College, but as interns in schools.

In a toast to the batch of 57, Miss E. Duncan pointed that the most outstanding features of the batch were that many volunteered to teach inmates at the Fort Augusta prison, became laymen in the rural churches, passed their advance level G.C.E. in their second year and were able to go straight on to university where they graduated. And many are now principals of secondary schools.



Rev. Henry Ward the longest living Miconian as he makes a point on Friday at the Mico College Founder's Day re-union luncheon at which he was a guest of honour.

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