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Evidence For Decisions

The almost record-breaking response by Mercer students to Monday's Ferrante and Telscher concert is absolute evidence of the interest in such programs that can be found on campus. And it is perfect evidence to show where the thousands of tuition-paid dollars for Student Activities is going: Next Monday Mercer will host another fine production, this time the National Players production of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

The selection of such programs is no easy matter. Plans are being formed within the next two weeks that will decide next year's series, and the decisions will not come without some controversy.

The members of the Fine Arts Committee have the delicate task of making the final decisions that will decide the balance between generally very popular groups and other types of programs that do not have the popular appeal of Ferrante and Telscher.

Some committee members would like to see very few or no programs of the Ferrante and Telscher variety. This would be as wrong as it would be to have only programs that would be generally popular. A compromise must be struck, with the only criteria for deciding being the interests of the students themselves.

It is not left to the university to plan a year's worth of amusements. That is not the purpose of the activities board. But neither should programs be set up that would be of perhaps good cultural benefit but of no interest to the majority of the students. It's the student's money that is being spent, and so programs should be planned that would appeal to a large segment of the campus population. But it is a careful matter of degree. Left to a majority vote of the student body, we would probably end up with a couple of performances by the Kingston Trio and that would be that.

The Fine Arts Committee should remember that through we are going to school to learn and not be entertained, an auditorium full of empty seats will do no one any good.

Registration Improves

Hope appears on the horizon that soon the three-yearly horrors of registration will be no more than a bad dream. With the establishment next quarter of the second phase of a plan to eliminate standing in lines for pre-registration, things should be smoother and a good deal faster.

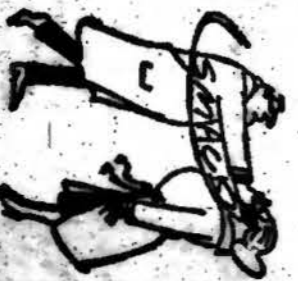
Essentially, university registrar Columbus Poey hopes, all details of pre-registration, including the paying of fees, can be handled by mail. This would mean battling lines to get teacher approval of courses only once each year.

With the cooperation of the student body, this quarters new pre-registration could go off without a hitch. Then the way would be open for the final phase, and most of the unpleasantness of registration will be gone, gone, gone.

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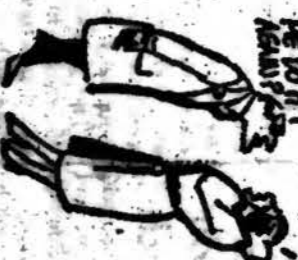
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What Is An Honors Degree?

BOB HURT

Most of Mercer's students and certainly a majority of the faculty have declared themselves firmly in favor of granting degrees with honors only to those students who have not been convicted of Honor System violations. Even the administration, standing generally at odds with the faculty on this issue, has not decided definitely to oppose and thereby kill the faculty recommendation.

At first glance, the existing practice of the granting of a degree with honors to a convicted honor violator is so contradictory it seems ludicrous. But the problem is one of definition and semantics. The university bulletin shows that the only requirement for a degree with honors is a certain academic average. Unless the policy is changed, a student convicted of an honor violation could graduate with honors this June, providing that despite his loss of honor credits he maintains the necessary average.

The faculty recommendation would re-define the policy to deny the honor degree to students who have the average, but who also have been convicted of an honor violation.

The idea that an honors degree should mean that a recipient has a good character is debatable, and, I believe, faulty. A degree with honors is not an Algebron Sydney Sullivan Award, indicative of exemplary personal honor. It means only that a student has shown himself capable of earning superior grades.

It can be argued that if student X cheated once, how do we know he has not been cheating

Bill Dayton

I Hear Them Marching

Who is the enemy within? We hear many different answers to this question. The most common is "The Communists", or if you're a communist dupe, "the ultra right-wingers". But this last view is not worth consideration, being a part of the plot to overthrow all that is American, Protestant, White, Intelligent and Free.

Fine upstanding, but not completely perceptible organizations like the John Birch Society and the National Association for Attacking the Communist Party, have made a notable contribution in the fight for Truth, Sweetness, Light, and the American Way. Other fine institutions like the White Citizens Council, the Ku Klux Klan, and Lester Maddox, have peered a little deeper and realized that the Civil Rights movement is a Red front, a cover-up for the Communist Conspiracy. However, these groups are too deeply affected by the spread of malignant liberalism to see very far into the situation.

The real key to right thinking in these matters is more closely approached by such noble, activist organizations as the American Nazi Party, the National Renaissance Party and the Order of the Seeping Eye. We glean from their literature a conclusive proof that the Communists, Negroes, Papery and Democrats are only Jewish front organizations, a cover-up for the "Jewish Conspiracy to Rule the world". They point out such interesting facts as the few leaders of the world lead all of the villainous forces of History, including the Hitlerites (the Concentration camps etc. were only a clever cover-up).

all along, maybe all his grades were made honestly. This is an important point, possibly the crux of the whole issue. Taking this view, any student convicted of an honor violation should be expelled from Mercer immediately.

But I think some instructions are simply not serious as others, and so should not always demand the maximum penalty. And if we believe the one-justice system to be unfair, in this system we would have to operate on the same legal principle our society operates on: honor until proven guilty.

If an Honor System violator is allowed to remain in school, he should be a first class student. We must assume he is innocent, or else expel him. But if he is allowed to remain, he should remain with the chance of graduation with a degree that is in no way second rate.

To re-define the degree with honors would have the effect of making it something it should not be. It is a degree that says the recipient has demonstrated academic excellence. Any Honor System violator who could earn a degree with honors even after the loss of several honor points would have to have a consistently superior record. And since we say he is innocent of other crimes until proven guilty, his earlier grades should stand.

But the faculty says otherwise. And the administration is still thinking. Here's hoping they decide to let a degree with honors to stand for scholarship, period.

However, the true answer is not yet reached. We ask, "but who is behind the Jews?" This is the beginning of real comprehension. The white American Millitant Action Party has uncovered, and in their publication, White Bats of Freedom, exposed the Jews as a remarkably clever cover-up for the Amish. This foul race has set up a series of front organizations so clever that few have been able to penetrate it. They have even been able to cover up the fact that they are really a race.

And now, we reach the ultimate truth. The Chasner has discovered that the Amish are not really the root of all evil, just as the Jews are an Amish front, the Amish are a front for a world-wide conspiracy led by a race so foul, so the, powerful, and villainous that their very existence has so far gone unopposed; this unscrupulous race whose members have (through disguise) integrated themselves into every White society on earth for purposes of sabotage and internal weakening, the real root of all evil, the Black Gypsies.

Yes, this evil race has its minions everywhere. We must seek them out, stop their relentless march against all we love and cherish, strike at their fronts, if possible at them themselves. The Black Gypsies must be stopped before they destroy our White American civilization. There's a Black Gypsy in your group. Speak him out, with your congressman, strike while you still can. The Black Gypsy menace must be destroyed.