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KATIE KOELLNER

# AROUND CAMPUS

This week's poll question was directed to Mercer cooks: "What do you think of administration plans setting aside the new women's dormitory for freshman girls only?"

Lynn Lowmeyer: "I think it's unfair. I think the seniors should have privileges before the freshmen."

Pam Graham: "It seems the logical thing to do because all social groups couldn't reside there and it might cause trouble."

Carole Cookman: "I'm not going to be in the dorm next year, so I don't care."

Suzanne Jones: "Oh, I think the upper-classmen should have the new dorm. The 'low down' freshmen should have the old one."

Sam Evans: "I think the seniors should have it, because they'll only be here one more year, and the freshmen will have four years."

Sandra Faulkner: "I think it's just another sign that the upper-classmen around here don't have privileges that most other schools have."

Annella Woodford: "I think it's wonderful. I just wish they'd had it when I was a freshman."

Frances Hobler: "I think the seniors should have it, and maybe the freshmen who aren't going to pledge anything."

Annelle Swadlow: "I think it's unfair. We should get the benefit of the increased tuition that we're paying."

Ella Ann Galassi: "There are three views. It would be better for the freshmen to get it because their first impression of Mercer will mean a hard time determining whether they will stay. Secondly, freshmen have a hard time learning to study and the pleasant surroundings will be more conducive to study. Third, practically all the upper-classmen are in sororities and there are no suites in the new dorm."

## Letters Must Be Signed

Recently unsigned letters to the editor have been mailed to the Cluster office. As stated previously several times, no unsigned letter to the editor may be printed. Names may be withheld at the author's request, but no letters will be considered unless signed. The Cluster solicits all student opinion, but asks your cooperation in regard to this long standing policy.

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BOB HURT

## "Nonviolent" War

For the past couple of weeks a lonely little short-order grill located at the edge of a Negro alum section in southeast Atlanta, has been the target of "nonviolent" integration efforts that have erupted into a score of rock and bottle hurling incidents.

The demonstrations have been organized by an unofficial coalition of the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee (SNCC) and the Atlanta Civic Council. The demonstrations are the most recent examples of a hypocritical and dangerous philosophy followed by a small part of the Negro leadership in Atlanta.

Atlanta had been at relative calm since SNCC halted their demonstrations at Leby's Restaurant in Atlanta about two months ago.

But violence broke out again in Atlanta two weeks ago, this time at Daniel's Restaurant. Daniel's is a small grill located next to a large transfer trucking company. Almost all of its customers are truck drivers. The restaurant is small, independently owned and is the only white-owned eating establishment in the area. Several nights last week a crowd of about 200-300 Negroes would line up on private property across the street from Daniel's, and about 150-200 truckers would jam into the restaurant and grill out into the grill's gravel parking lot. A couple of dozen policemen would stand between the two crowds and try to keep order while Negro pickets marched back and forth.

On several occasions violence broke out. One evening a policeman was struck with a bottle and knocked to the ground, windows in the restaurant were broken by rocks and bricks, cars were damaged and both whites and Negroes received minor injuries from the flying rocks.

### BILL DAYTON

## This And That

For the first time in many years, registration has become a less painful procedure with the advent of a new quarter, rather than a more painful one. The party responsible for this phenomenon, our Registrar, Mr. Columbus Pooley, deserves to have a bronze plaque erected in his honor, as a grateful tribute from the student body.

Therefore, I propose that such a plaque be erected, and that it be inscribed "To the perpetual honor and memory of Columbus Pooley, Registrar of Mercer University, who alleviated the worst and most painful of the ancient evils of Registration — 1964. Ye who complain now, remember, *tuus once much worse!*"

And I further propose that the said plaque be placed on the wall by the door of 316 Student Center, where formerly the registering student stood after the first two hours of waiting, under the old system. Please send contributions to "Memorial, box 475, Mercer U."

Most of the old problems with the H-FI room seem to have been cleared up, except for some student misconceptions. The key is now checked out from the Student Personnel Office, Room 302, and I understand that A.P.O. is going to arrange for people checking out the key while the Student Personnel Office is closed. Some people seem to have gotten the idea

One spectator, a newsmen, described the demonstrations as "stupid." Nothing could be closer to the truth, except perhaps to say "stupid and dangerous." Daniel's can scarcely be described as a worthy target for a full scale integration assault. Yet the only white-owned restaurant in the area and its desegregation would mean a certain boycott by truckers. The motives of SNCC and the Atlanta Civic Council go much deeper than simply a desire to desegregate a restaurant. Daniel's was chosen for registered and concerted demonstrations because it is the perfect catalyst for violence. And violence will guarantee headlines—the goal of the two Negro groups. Daniel's is convenient to a large section of standard Negro housing that can be easily tapped for big crowds of Negro spectators. The owners of the restaurant have said they would close rather than desegregate, so demonstrations can count on prolonged hostility from the owners. And the truck drivers have shown that they are eager to throw rocks and start fist fights.

Discrimination in Atlanta and all other public establishments should certainly be ended. But the violence sponsored by SNCC and others will never meet this end. SNCC has repeatedly shown that to them "nonviolence" means anything that will start a fight. During the recent arrests one demonstrator kicked a policeman so hard his shoe came off. Others damaged jail furniture and broke windows.

SNCC and the Atlanta Civic Council make up only a tiny part of the Negro population in Atlanta. But to whites who read the almost daily headlines of violence, they seem to be the entire Negro movement in Atlanta. The result is bitter resentment and needless delay.

That one may check the key out only once a day, and that only the person who signed the check list is permitted in the room. However, the University Hostess tells me that to prevent monopolizing the key may not be checked out twice in a row by one person, if someone else wants to use the room; and that other people can enter the room, but only when invited by the one who checked out the key ("This, of course, is to enable persons wishing to listen undisturbed to do so... the room can be locked from the inside).

The only real problem is the time, one hour. This means that even if no one else wants to use the room, someone listening to a Verdi opera, Mozart mass, Shakespeare tragedy, or anything else which takes longer than one hour to play (and there are several hundred dollars' worth of such records in the H-FI room), must stop, turn off the machine, close the return, go check the key out again, rejoin the room, and recommence listening. Needless to say, this "diversion" spoils the esthetic effect of great music, and if someone else wants to use the room, really means things up. Two hours would be much more reasonable.

To end on a happy note, let me commend the dining room staff for their recently adopted practice of putting chili out on Saturday evenings. It makes those hot dogs downright palatable.

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