

The Larger View



INTERNATIONAL:

NIGERIA, Jan. 15 — The military pulled off a coup d'etat here that involved the kidnapping of the Federal Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Bewawa, and the killing of two of the country's regional prime ministers. The military junta that presently rules the country has said that Sir Bewawa will be tried for corruption while in office.

VIETNAM, Jan. 19 — With the ceasefire in honor of the Oriental New Year only hours away, Viet Cong guerrillas invaded a refugee compound south of Da Nang and mowed down 87 men, women and children. When the ceasefire started Thursday, Jan. 20, it was hoped that there would be no fighting, as was the case during the Christmas truce; but by Friday, Jan. 21, there had been several major breaches of the cease fire as the Viet Cong slaked an American patrol and later in the day, bombed one of the American billets. The truce ended Sunday, Jan. 23 after 82 separate Viet Cong violations of the ceasefire. On another front, the US moratorium on bombing raids on North Vietnam continued, in spite of increasing opposition in the US.

INDIA, Jan. 19 — Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of the former prime minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, was elected to the leadership of the leading Indian Congress Party and succeeded to the post of prime minister of the nation. Mrs. Gandhi, the second woman to hold such a high position in recent history, pledged to continue in the spirit of her predecessors, Lal Bahadur Shastri, who died Jan. 11, and Nehru, her father. This means a continuation of the Spirit of Tashkent, and an active attempt to find a solution to India's growing food problem.

ITALY, Jan. 21 — The coalition government of Premier Aldo Moro fell today in what amounted to a vote of no confidence in the Italian Senate. What type of a government is likely to follow Moro's is not known, for there is presently much contention within his front leading Christian Democrat Party, and the leading opposition to the Christian Democrats, the Socialists, have just recently reunited in Italy after a split of over 15 years.

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 — An American, Newcomb Mott, who had been sentenced to eighteen months of hard labor for illegally crossing the Soviet border, apparently committed suicide while being transferred from one prison to another. The United States has asked for a full scale investigation of the matter, and the USSR said that it will comply.

NATIONAL:

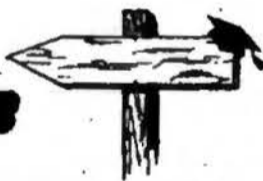
WASHINGTON, D. C. — In the State of the Union Message before Congress last week, President Johnson asked for increased domestic legislation as well as a contribution on both the peace and war fronts in Vietnam. Among the proposed areas of legislation are: 1) another attempt to repeal the controversial Section 14b of the Taft-Hartly Act, the section allowing the States to outlaw union shops; 2) an act "to deal with strikes which threaten irreparable damage to the national interest"; 3) a wider set of national civil rights ranging from such issues as housing to a new tough federal act against those who "murder, attack, or intimidate" civil rights workers; 4) a national act to establish four year terms for members of the national House of Representatives as opposed to the present two year term; 5) the establishment of a twelfth cabinet-level agency: a Department of Transportation, to deal with the many and rapidly growing problems of the transportation industries in this country; and 6) revision of the present tax system.

STATE:

ATLANTA, Jan. 23 — Georgia can not legally contract a debt, but the General Assembly approves the present issue of \$90 million, Georgia will in fact owe over \$1 billion in principal and interest on its debt issues.

CROSS-COUNTRY

CAMPUS CAPERS



The University of Cincinnati has been considering the latest campus trend—students evaluating their professors. While these evaluations could be both controversial and complex, they have been very well received by the campuses which have undertaken such projects. The University feels that a rating scale would be a valuable addition if it is carefully designed by and for the students with only a minimum of interference.

Bob Hope and Senator Richard Russell will appear with Governor Earl Sanders on a 30-minute television show about "Affirmation: Vietnam" to be shown Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. on CSB television network. The program will feature talks by Sen. Russell and Bob Hope, comments by Gov. Sanders, and a four-minute movie explaining some of the areas of particular interest. The show is designed to explain the purpose of Affirmation: Viet Nam to the people of Georgia.

So you think Mercer has a problem with its dining hall? Well, the University of Warsaw in Warsaw, Poland will match us any day. If you were a student there, you would get your meals free, but you might be called upon to paint the dining hall, build a new dining hall, and even do such strenuous endeavors, you might not have anything to eat for all. If you developed malnutrition last year, you could have gone to the infirmary, but you can't even do that this year—it's closed for renovations. So much for free education?

Speaking of want ads, we found these two from the Village Voice, a little piece of Greenwich Village, to be quite interesting—

1. Martha Wax: Please call home. We won't trace the call. Dad.
2. Still searching for a club level square dancer! Will you trip a fantastic toe with a lady?
3. Helen — David loves you and wants to take care of you. Call collect.

4. Forced to sell clothes accessories of dear sister. Cheap lovelies from Bergdorf, Bendel, Bonwit's, etc. (Quick before she gets back from Cuba.)

And what about this one from the University of Georgia's Red and Black—

LOST

Friday Afternoon, 9th period in 202B LeCompte Hall—a false tooth—found offered. Contact Fred Steward in 151 Payne Hall.

SHAKESPEARE IN TELEVISION SPECIALS

Eighteen of Shakespeare's plays and 14 of his sonnets will be represented when Sir John Gielgud stars in the television presentation of "Ages of Man," his internationally acclaimed one-man Shakespearean program, to be broadcast in two parts as one-hour drama specials, on the CBS Television Network Sunday, Jan. 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. In Macon, the programs will be carried by Channel 13, WMAZ-TV.

Sir John, whose talents as actor and director have long been hailed on both sides of the Atlantic, toured with "Ages of Man" throughout the United States during the 1958-59 theatrical season. The tour culminated in a New York engagement, where the offering was termed a "masterpiece" by the drama critic of The New York Times.

Based on George Rylands' Shakespearean anthology, "Ages of Man" is a many-faceted selection of dramatic and poetic material drawn from the great poet-playwright's works. Its title stems from the three sections into which the program is divided: Youth, Manhood and Old Age.

The dozen-and-a-half plays whose excerpts comprise "Ages of Man" range from the Bard's greatest tragedies, such as "Romeo and Juliet," "Hamlet" and "Julius Caesar," to his relatively lesser known dramas, such as "Cymbeline" and "The Winter's Tale." The sonnets cover the poetic spectrum from "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" to "When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes."

CLUB NEWS

ALPHA PHI OMEGA:

The Delta Iota Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega will hold an open meeting for all Mercer men on Jan. 27, 1966 at 9:30 p.m. in 314 Connell Student Center. APO, which is the only national service fraternity on our campus, seeks to unite college men in a fraternity that emphasizes brotherhood, leadership, and service.

With the potential of Mercer's student body the high standard of APO, we can do many worthwhile activities at Mercer. We invite you to attend our open meeting and learn about our organization.

RIDING CLUB:

The newly formed Riding Club held its first meeting Thursday, Jan. 20 in the faculty-trustee room of the Connell Student Center. The club is made up of students interested in doing some horseback riding in the afternoon, or in learning how to ride a horse.

The club will begin riding the first week in February. They will ride on Wednesdays and Thursdays at one of two stables—the Tall Pines or Benton's Stables. The Mercer Bus will leave at 2:30 for Benton's and at 3:00 for Tall Pines. When the bus is not available, cars will be provided.

The cost of riding is \$2.50 an hour without lessons, and \$3.50 an hour with lessons at Benton's, and \$2.00 an hour at Tall Pines.

FRIDAY'S FILM

The movie this week is *The Lives and Loves of Mozart*. Though only in his mid-thirties and already composer of such immortal operas as "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni," Mozart is nevertheless dependent on court patronage to support his wife and young son. He accepts a private commission to write the score and conduct the orchestra for "The Magic Flute." But he has only a few weeks to live after its premiere. Feverish work and ill-fated love affair bring no happiness and the young genius dies at 35.

The movie will be shown in 314 of the Connell Student Center at 7:30.

The Social Set

SORORITIES:

MICA:

Tuesday was a night of candles and roses, of arrows and arrangements, of pledging and planning a very, very busy evening for Mercer Independent Coeds. They held one Big Sister ceremony, pledged two girls and welcomed a third new member to her first meeting.

Newcomer Linda Huddleston was on hand to watch the very big night of Sister Pat Otwell, who first learned the identity of her Big Sister. After the meeting she was pledged with Diana Denton in a candlelight ceremony.

At the brief meeting the MICA's decided to postpone initiation until Feb. 4, in order to avoid conflict with Friday's Military Ball. This initiation gala will be followed the succeeding Saturday night by a Valentine's affair.

Also in the news and on the agenda for the weeks ahead are the joint sponsoring of a tea for foreign students with the Independent Men, support of the Affirmation: Vietnam issue, and the planning and work required by Homecoming.

PHI MU:

In the romantic news from Phi Mu this week, Sandy Carroll is lavished to Ken Strasser of Sigma Nu.

Two Phi Mu's were elected officers of the Little Sisters of Minerva. Lou Roberts is the new vice-president, and Kathy Wiseman is the new secretary.

The Phi Mu's had an informal rush party in the suite on January 18.

CHI OMEGA:

The Chi O's had an Owl Hoot and a winter rush party last week. The Owl Hoot was on Friday night, Jan. 14, and the winter rush party was on Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the Chi O suite.

Joanit Bougher has been elected secretary of the Little Sisters of Minerva.

The Chi O alums played bridge with the Chi O sisters Tuesday night at Mercer.

FRATERNITIES:

ALPHA TAU OMEGA:

The ATO's are once again in the election news, this time with the election of John Collier as representative to the Inter-Fraternity Council. John was elected to the vacancy left by David Laney's exit. Jim Arnall, an ATO and Director of News Services here at Mercer, received the "Out-standing Big Brother of the Year" award for his work in the Big Brothers Association, a national organization which works with youths across the nation.

On the social bill, there was a hayride Saturday night, given the brothers and their dates by the pledge class. After the ride there was a jukebox party at Kraft Lake. The Brothers and Pledges are going to a dinner in Atlanta this Sunday evening. The dinner is being given in honor of the Mercer chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, and is sponsored by the Atlanta Alumni Association of the Fraternity.

The Pledge class announced that they are completing final arrangements for the gift they are going to give the brothers. It was financed through pledge projects such as the car-wash last quarter.

KAPPA SIGMA:

The Kappa Sigs had a party Saturday night at the S & S Cafeteria. The Deltas from Augusta provided the music. The party was centered around a Beatnik Theme.

The fraternity made a visit to Wesleyan the evening of the eighteenth to sing to Miss Susan Jones, pinned by Brother Dick Lester. After the singing, Dick enjoyed (?) a dip in the Wesleyan fountain in 32 degree weather.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA:

David Ratley was recently elected vice-president of Lambda Chi.

In pledge news, fourteen out of twenty-three pledges made their grades and will be eligible for initiation.

Recently, one of the brothers of Lambda Chi, Don Pierce, was injured and was placed in the Macon Hospital. Don is coming along fine, and he hopes to be back on campus in the near future. The pledges and brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Don's friends for their interest and thoughtfulness during his illness.

MIMA:

MIMA announces that the eight following pledges made their grades fall quarter and are to be initiated January 26: Johnny Adams, Bob Collins, Dwain Deal, Hugh Dukes, Danny Garcia, Steve Jackson, Wally McCollum, and Rich Van Buskirk.

PHI DELTA THETA:

The Phi Delta's have a new pledge from Jacksonville, Florida. His name is Pat Armstrong. Three brothers from the local chapter have gone to Alexandria, Virginia to visit one of the oldest living alumni of this chapter. The alumni recently made a contribution to the chapter. The purpose of the trip was to thank him for his contribution and to get information for a story about him to go in a newsletter the Phi Delta's are going to publish.

Plans are still continuing for the Sweetheart Weekend coming up the second weekend in February. Also the Phi's beat MIMA in a stirring game last Thursday night: 54 to 42.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON:

The SAE's held a party last Saturday night at Jonesco with the Nightcrawlers who made a big hit with them two weeks before. It was the Nightcrawlers who played for the "reception" last quarter.

After the meeting of the "Little Sisters of Minerva" Sunday, January 16, the pledges staged a cookout for the brothers and the "Little Sisters."

The Mercer chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has another new pledge. His name is Johnny Duke. Johnny is a transfer from Georgia, and now lives in Macon. The SAE's won their second big game against the ATO's in a close battle which sent the game into overtime.

SIGMA NU:

Feathers flew Tuesday and Thursday nights as the Snakes rolled over Lambda Chi with a score of 53-17, and the Kappa Sigs 42-30.

The Snakes also partied last weekend at the Bloomfield Club House. The Acoustics provided the entertainment.