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The Wrong Kilpatrick

The Mercer Cluster has been quite pleased to see the appearance of those little brass identification plaques beneath the many portraits of distinguished Mercerians which ornament the campus. Adequate identification of these portraits has been needed for a long time and whoever is responsible for remedying the situation should be complemented.

However, we have noticed an error, since corrected, in one of the plaques. Near the student bank window in the administration building is a portrait identified as William Heard Kilpstrick, acting president of Mercer 1908-1905. The portrait, though, is not of W. H. Kilpatrick, but of his father, James Hines Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Georgia Baptist Convention and Mercer Trustee. William H. Kilpatrick, one of Mercer's most distinguished alumni and the subject of several biographies, entered the university in 1887, made a distinguished academic record, held several offices in Kappa Alpha, and graduated in 1891. He obtained his Ph.D. from Columbia and returned to Mercer to teach mathematics and astronomy. He became president in 1903 and was dismissed in 1905 for doubting the Virgin Birth. "This was the beginning of one of the most distinguished careers in the history of American education," as one Mercer history professor has commented. Kilpatrick became professor of philosophy of education at Columbia and authored a large number of books and articles on educational theory which placed his name beside that of John Dewey as one of the most influential educators of the 20th century. Mercer granted him an honorary degree in 1926. A large portrait of William H. Kilpatrick hangs in the Alumni House.

We are pleased that the wrong plaque is no longer under the

wrong Kilpatrick.

PATS AND PANS

It is difficult to say enough in commendation of the recent "Welcome Back Weekend" that greeted students returning to Mercer from the Christmas holidays. Planned and executed as a joint project of the Student Government Association and the office of the Student Union, the weekend was a well-coordinated effort to make the best of programs already scheduled for the weekend, and with a little bit of publicity and a great deal of imagination and verve, to turn what would have probably followed the customary pattern of a rather "blah" concert-and-ball-game weekend into two days that students could look forward to, enjoy, and long remember. We commend those responsible for their concept and for the remarkable efficiency of their planning (another innovation to the Mercer campus, accustomed as it has become to rather haphazard products) and the students for their singular cooperation and participation in the activities scheduled in their behalf. We hope we can see a number more of these weekends—perhaps it would go far toward destroying Mercer's tradition as a suitcase college.

The Cluster would like to express its appreciation to the City of Macon for the installation of the equipment necessary for a pedestrian-controlled traffic-light at the corners of Elm and College Streets, across from the girls' dormitories. Now, if the light itself would just be installed, and the apparatus connected so that it would work. . .

The Mercer Cluster was very pleased to see the recent official appointment of Mr. Plymale to an emeritus professorship in mathematics and of Mrs. Plymale to the post of emeritus professor of English. These positions of honor are

We have also been happy to learn the Plymales are going to continue living on the campus. Though their service in the classroom is now past we are quite pleased that their valuable presence and contributions as members of the academic community will continue.

Last May, the WSGA decided to allow upperclassmen (girl-type, that is) to have an extra half hour curfew on week ends; and needless to say, no one objected. In September however, the decision was withdrawn in view of the trouble occurring in Macon during the summer. Comment-since such situations' have not reoccurred since then, why cannot the former decision of an extra half hour curfew be once more considered?

MERCER ON THE MOVE-DESPITE

It has not been unusual since the last session of the Georgia Baptist Convention to hear adamant criticism of the convention's continued refusal to alow Mercer and other Baptist educational institutions in Georgia the use of federal funds. Though many Mercerians obviously feel that this policy is not in the best interests of the university. the matter might be kept in truer perspective by remembering at this point the strides forward which Mercer University has made in recent years. The additions to the physical plantthough in many cases these were made before the GBC discovered that federal money has the devil's mark on it-might be pointed out. The removal of race as a criteria for admission, and

this despite considerable opposition from a certain faction within the GBC, should also rank high on a list of advances made as well as many other factors which have promoted a general improv ment in the quality of education offered to Merce students.

It should be considered that these advances we often made despite considerable resistance t change of any kind. In abort, they were mad because of a stauch dedication to the higher ideals of liberal education by individuals within the Mercer administration, and as such the changes are all the more to the credit of tho who inaugurated them,

Georgia Politics Revisited

BILL DAYTON

Unfortunately, it all happened just about as I had predicted. The write-in vote threw the election into the legislature and that august body chose Lester Maddox to be Georgia's governor. Calloway went a good way with his "responsibility" image, but poorly founded images can just go so far and in this case it was almost not quite far enough. Maddox ran as what he is, the exemplar of the highest virtues and most integral vices of the southern white working man; this is apparently what Georgia wants and it is most certainly what she now has.

It is not inconceivable that Governor Maddox will do a fairly good job. His inaugural address struck a responsible, constructive, yet not inconsistent tone in assuring all citizens of their rights under the law and expressing concern for the state of Georgia's education system and her progress in self-administration in the "Society of Liberty". If he means what he says and does not give his more unsavory advisors and backers too much influence, all may be well.

The action of a few of the Negro legislators i voting for Maddox rather than "Present" w also encouraging. If the advancements made in the cause of civil rights are to be maintained and continued, the colored citizens of this state will need more of such practical politicians fewer of those leaders who do nothing but spout high-sounding principles.

Even if all else fails, Georgia can be cheered by the very substantial lighter side of this election-Bo' still grasping for another election after all chance was gone, the thought of the Maddoxes at the upcoming governor's conference at a Virgin Islands resort, Lester's boy getting out of jal to attend the inauguration, Jean Dixon's predic tion the Maddox will be assassinated in the next

few days, the whole affair abounds with jokes

and doubtless more are to come. Whether the

humor will accompany constructive politics remains to be seen.

'THE ALBATROSS'

by TOM LANG



Having my traveling papers and belongings in order, there remains but one task undone. Ah yes, the handing of the Albatross. I looked forward to this occasion, but under different circumstances, many moons ago. I am at a grave disadvantage in that I'm addressing an unknown being. I feel sure that whoever does win, muchless whoever braves to enter. will be hesitant about the undertaking but fear not, for filling the shoes of a predecessor such as I will be an easy task. After all, who else could have paved such an example. I'm sure that there will be no trouble in improving the image, but I was proud of what I did and hence I feel 'twill be tough to beat the style and content.

You, he who has bitten from the tree of recognition, whether you know it or not, you have bitten off too much. The Albatross can be ignored, I proved that, but there are the administrative prodders that will awaken your keen senses that it does remain. It will hang from your neck, and tinge your every thought, as well as eat the hell out of spare time, but the proverbial "job well done" motivation does once again ring true. It did for me, and I feel that it will for those to follow.

If there is one brave enough.

As was said when I received the old bird, "His feathers will litter your life for a while, but it's worth it." I plucked the bird, canned it, and then tried to pretty it up. It wasn't easy, but it did look better. In its present state, there lies quite a challenge, but if the aid that I received is yours, the job's half done. Speaking of the help I received: 'twas spirit lifting to have so many plugging behind me. They never gave up, even after I did. I must say that their efforts were the ones that kept a glitter of life in me, and it was for them that I turned the old bird out. Miss Nancy Barrett, my ever-faithful business manager, to you I owe the utmost of praise for spirit boosting. Words cannot express the devotion that you radiated and the motivation you pushed across to my dormant mind. Miss D. D. Denton, you understood, not only by having done it afore me, but also a few insights. Your work and gung-ho attitude scattered a field of 'clustered' fears and depressions. Ah, Sue Baby, you too pushed the kid here, you too were gung-ho, only a little far-fetched, but never-the-less, a real asset to the cause. Dayton, it was my pleasure, the wee-hour bull sessions did help tremendously, the fiendish thoughts tempted me, and the last minute lay out switches were unreal. Keep your nose clean and you'll get to be a full-flegded KA some day. To 'Kid' Wehunt, well there's not much to say, 'cept tell Carolina Adios, and watch out for Grasshoppers! The Wansleys, a job well done. Dave, the 'head' at three in the mourn turned out a fine style, give Geoffry my regards. People (denoting staff), hang on and polish up, not off, the old bird

New editor, when the going gets rough, don't cry, wring your hands, pull hair, or scream, just quit. It helps, to get a new start. The student body appreciates your services more then. Be optimistic, after all you could probably never be in as deep as I was, yet I never cried or screamed; I just quit

So here's the bird, the feathers will litter your life, the responsibility will shape it, and most of all, you'll grow to love it. Good luck!!!

Pep Pills - - -Yes Or No?

Sign a song of amphetamine A pocketfull of Dex, Four-and-twenty capsules ... A blessing or a hex? Thanks to modern pharmacy We've seen today's sunrise, And when the test is over We'll finally close our eyes.

from the Emory Wheel

Ah, yes, the pills, for how would one ever make it through fins exams without the pills? They are essential to one's survival for the keep the old mind alive through the last dark hours of agony.

Perhaps a short course in phar macology is in order since the stimulants play such an importan role in modern education.

Stimulation results from two different classes of compounds the caffeine pills and the amphotamine pills.

The basic amphetamines known as amphetamine sulfat and dextro-amphetamine sulfate to the peasant, these are Benzidrin and Dexidrine, respectively. Bot stimulate action of certain natura harmones, mainly adrenaline. The result is depression and increase wakefulness.

Now in small doses, the amthe feeling fatigue that only comes from studying.

Other results are dilation of the

Also, they tend to increase one performance in automatic and bot ing operations, such as typing e sewing.

In more complex behavior, such as studying, writing, memorizing etc., instead of stimulating. amphetamines produce disorie tion and decrease in function. other words, a typist would typ faster, but a writer would produc poorer material.

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This one single pill we have discussing so far can cause a stantial elevation of blood pr med heart rate in people