

# CLUSTER SPOTLIGHTS BOUGHER AND LANEY

(This week THE CLUSTER begins a series of 'spotlights' on various leaders and interesting personalities on the Mercer campus.)

## Joanie Bougher

Joanie Bougher, a senior from Ft. Lauderdale, has been selected "Girl of the Week" by the CLUSTER staff because of her worthwhile contributions to campus life. Joanie participates in many activities at Mercer. Among these are Sigma Tau Gamma, Sigma Mu, Cardinal Key, German Club, Honor Council, and Little Sisters of Minerva. She has served as a class officer for three years and is currently serving as treasurer of the Mercer student body. Joanie was the recipient of the Mother Montaigne Award for the outstanding freshman girl and was recently elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. As a sister in Chi Omega sorority, Joanie led the sorority as secretary and later president after being chosen the Model Pledge of her pledge class.

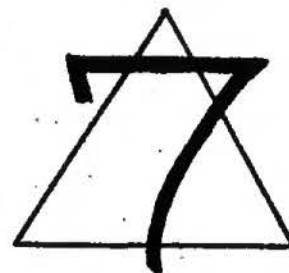
The future looks bright for Joanie — wedding bells will be ringing for her and her fiancée Robert Shirley, a graduate of Mercer and a student at the Medical College of Georgia now, on July 1. Joanie will be working at Gracewood in Augusta after her marriage.

## David Laney

From the very outset as a recipient of the "Outstanding Fresh-

man Award", David Laney, a senior from Columbus, Georgia, has made his presence felt in practically every phase of Mercer activity. As president and past treasurer of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he spearheaded the drive to get the Taus a new lodge.

Currently, David is president of the Mercer chapter of Blue Key honorary society, president of the Senior Class, and a justice on the Honor Council. As immediate past president of the Intra-fraternity Council, he did much in bringing the organization into focus with the responsibility it ought to have. David has recently been honored with a nomination to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities".



Perhaps his most recent endeavor has been his attempt to form the Triangular "7" Club. Plans were going along fine until this weekend when a "wrench was thrown into the works." . . . All hope is not lost!!!

Next fall, Laney plans to enter Walter F. George School of Law and after anxiously serving his country in the United States Army, will enter the legal profession.



## VIETNAM ASST. TALKS AT MERCER

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an country in Viet Nam, and to support an administration's policy which would surely sag about the necessary support of national war expenditures. In short, the United States is not running a good-will mission. It is the most powerful nation in the history of the world who realizes that co-existence may work with Russia but must bury the diametrically opposed ideology of Mao's China.

To another question — How will the internal struggle in China effect the Viet Nam war? — Mr. Flott said that it should help our case. He said it should cause a supply and support to decrease in China. He also stated that outside intervention in China's troubles would not help because preference in civil wars has rarely helped. Aias Mr. Flott has overruled himself. We do not know on one moment to the other who "powers to be" are in China.

Mao has shown in the past to be an effective revolutionary. Mao's policy is to provide his country with continual revolution or at least recurring ones because of his inability to produce the cultural advances that have taken place in Asia. Now granted, the internal struggle in China is out of hand, what is to stop Mao from using this extreme revolutionary nationalism into an offensive into Laos or Viet Nam. This could probably result if Mao say no other way of bringing his country back under control. China has nothing to lose if her struggle continues, if she ends her struggle with Mao and more conservative communists take over then a reconciliation with Moscow could be effected which would put the U. S. back to before the Cuban missile crisis. Thus the problem is complex — Should we interfere in China?

To a final question to Mr. Flott — How will North Viet Nam find the war not to her best national interests? — he replied that by protracting the war and making it expensive for North Viet Nam they would come to the conference table. This answer seems unreasonable at present because North Viet Nam has everything to lose by an armistice. Her ideology is totally committed and a conference and armistice would chop away at this ideology. And if North Viet Nam did go to the conference table how many divisions would the U. S. have to maintain in the South to insure the agreement? Many words have been said about stepping up bombing in North Viet Nam to bring about a victory. Mr. Flott said that these bombings were an effort to make the war expensive for the North but just last month the Defense Department stated that they were merely an avenue on which to build the South's morale. Well, which ever of the two objectives are correct it is interesting to note that during the course of 1966, the U. S. dropped 635,000 tons of munitions on North Viet Nam as opposed to only 600,00 tons in the Pacific theater during the entire course of World War II.

It seems that Mr. Flott and the State Department are trying to cover this war with a chocolate coating when in reality it is a long term commitment. Mr. Flott's refusal to elaborate on other questions is indeed unfortunate. He stuck to the standard line with the standard answers. He could only echo his superiors who like so many have tried to weigh the war by moral right, short term commitments, and clouded objectives. In reality the war is a sporadic one fought on a land whose very character has known war for two thousand years. There can be no easy solution in view because two completely different sets of rules and values are in conflict here.

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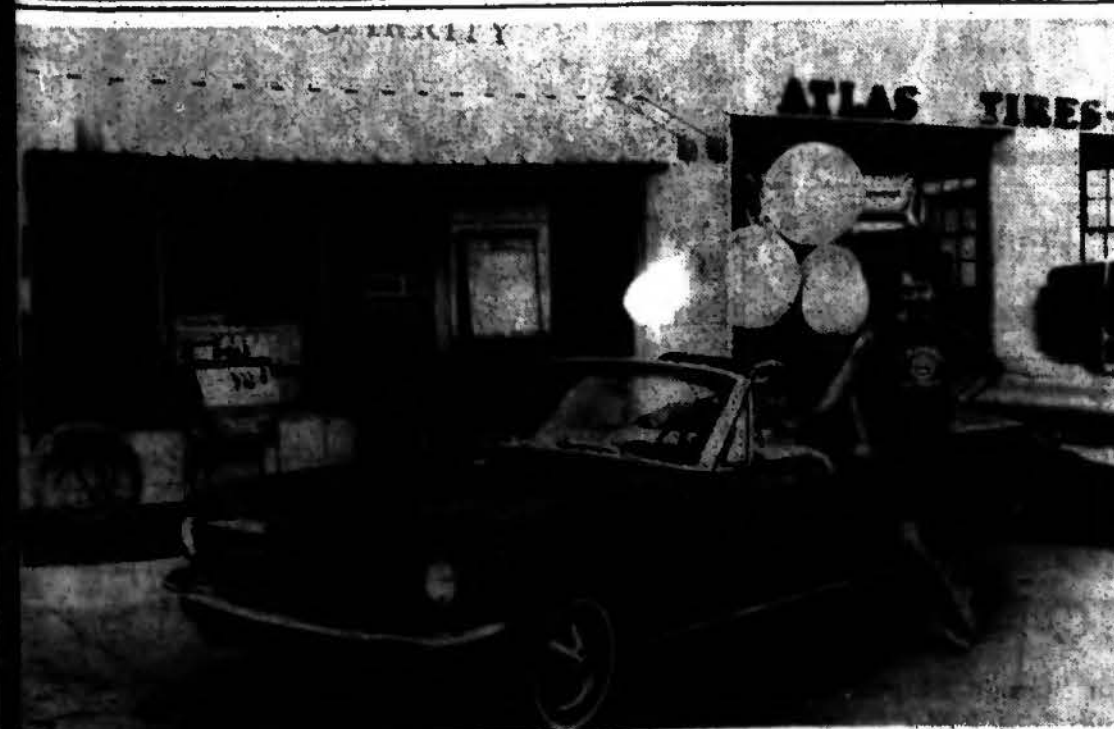
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President Johnson, Secretaries MacNamara and Rusk have all issued sets of different objectives in Viet Nam. Viet Nam is part of an Asian race whose ideologies and thought patterns have been traditionally different. But the complicating factor is China.

"Let China sleep for when she wakes the world will tremble." (Napoleon)



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