

College Costs

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enrolling after June 1 will pay \$400 per quarter for tuition. In the future, each student will be guaranteed that the cost of his tuition at the time of his enrollment will remain the same as long as he continues as a Mercer student.

Other quarterly fees, effective in the fall for 1967-68, will be the same for all students. Room rent and health fees will be \$106 and the optional meal ticket will be \$134.

As a result of this decision, a student will be assured of no increase in tuition during his normal tenure at Mercer. Other costs will be increased only as necessitated by economic conditions in the future, it was explained.

The same policy will be in effect for the Walter F. George School of Law. The tuition for entering law students for the 1967-68 year will be \$250 per quarter. The tuition for law students presently enrolled will remain at \$225. The tuition for pharmacy students was set in the January meeting for the trustees at \$335 per quarter.

It is truly great to know that today, have so many Friends that our wellbeing. To quote from the needs answered. . . . We have the

Where are your answers?

Concerning the recent uproar movement", but rather a "challenge"

There was much water under just a dirty, wittle puddle. By

Concerning the April 19 hazard than a gastric distress. Be it for years. IT, two letters, do cooking.

Haywood isn't really all that for he has started a brand of Wrinkled Shirts for the "in"

Thank you, Bill.

The most profound statement of "Why, there's an obscene four ugly and offensive that I dare letter. But the middle letters are,

Emory Girls

From *The Emory Wheel*, Emory Liberal policies have become the coeds have been given LATE permission the Emory women will be 2:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays for upper class until 12:00 P.M. Sunday through the ends.

Upper class women will be allowed time. Freshmen must sign out for night when going to an unchaperone

Emory coeds have also abolished beverages in dorms. These changes in "Conduct" and makes each student. This new system should prove to be violation of the new rules will be

From *The Fla Alligator*, University of Florida students were recent

College of the Future

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The first plaza has already been designed and is in the plans of the new general classroom building scheduled to begin construction this spring.

The campus will act as a connecting link between the expanding government center to the south and the major business, financial and shopping districts to the west. Not only will the trained brain power of the College be available to serve these functional centers but the physical development of the campus offers unusual opportunities for enhancing them and could serve as a catalyst for creating a master plan for the entire central city area.

Political Parties At Mercer?

by Bill Dayton

For the first time in many years, this year's student elections did not tend to give the lie to the description of Mercer student politics given in the student handbook. The handbook describes "gala" stimulating elections with a high turnout of voters.

Mercer politics has a long and interesting history. At one time back in the last century, campus political and judicial positions were tied up in an organization called the "Student Republic." When the future founder of the Populist party and Chief Justice of Georgia, Tom Watson, was elected head of the Student Republic (after a powerful and impassioned oration) he abolished it.

In more recent times, campus politics has been tied up in the Student Government Association. Elections at Mercer are somewhat disorganized, being wide open to whoever comes by to qualify. Up to 1959, there was a little more organization due to the presence of campus political parties. Candidates ran on the "Progressive" or the "Co-operative" tickets (with occasional independent candidates thrown in). There have always been various fraternity coalitions in campus politics, all of them rather informal but at least one of them dating from the 1880's, but at one time there were formal party organizations which presented slates of officers to Mercer voters at election time.

The present dean of men, Joseph M. Hendricks was once the Progressive Party's candidate for the SGA presidency back in the early 1950's. A *Cluster* news story in April, 1953, announced that sixty candidates had filed to run for office, thirty Co-operatives, twenty-nine Progressives and one Independent. Willard Clutchmyer (alias Bob Steed) won the *Cluster* editorship on the progressive ticket.

Political parties at Mercer disappeared in 1959 when the Progressive Party disbanded and the Co-operatives faced a large slate of independents, headed by Bev Bates. Bates won the SGA presidency and announced that political parties were abolished at Mercer. The reason for the abolition was "to instill a more competitive spirit into campus politics." It was hoped that doing away with political parties would mean that more than two candidates would appear for each campus post, especially the more important ones.

However, in subsequent years, the result would seem to have been the opposite. More than once in the last eight campus elections the posts of president and vice-president of the SGA have gone unopposed.

A *Cluster* column in 1964 suggested reviving the old political

parties as a means to revive interest in campus politics. The University of Georgia *Red and Black* in one of their columns attacked the idea (they still have political parties at Georgia) saying that apathy in elections would be better than political organizations running everything. A *Cluster* column this year again called for the revival of political parties at Mercer but has apparently instilled little enthusiasm for the idea.

Whether or not campus political parties would be a good idea for Mercer is an unanswered question. They were here once, though.

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Something Lacking

Something is lacking, something is distinctly wrong, when candidates for not only both student publications go unopposed, but both the presidency and vice-presidency of the Student Government Association are in the same situation.

Once upon a time (1956), the fact that only one candidate qualified for the presidency of the senior class was banner headline news in the *Cluster*. It is perhaps significant that today, the whole of student elections made only a two column headline.

The question naturally pops up—what did student elections have in 1956 that they don't have now? The answer, as a look at any pre-1959 *Cluster* will show, is that back then there were student political parties. These disappeared from the Mercer scene in 1959 when Bev Bates was elected SGA president. Though it probably seemed most reasonable at the time, it seems rather odd now that political parties vanished in order to "instill a more competitive spirit into campus politics".

The main complaints against the parties seem to have been that they generally resulted in having "only two candidates run for office" and that they were too much dominated by the social organizations.

Now that we have seen Mercer politics without campus political parties, it is apparent that their absence has led to uncontested elections, along with far more student apathy than was formerly the case. Student politicians just seem to gravitate towards the social organizations, they have at least as much influence on the elections now as they ever did.

Back before 1959, candidates generally were put forth by the "Co-operative Party" or the "Progressive Party". Occasionally people register as "independent", and occasionally they won but most of the time, the Progressives and Co-operatives dominated campus politics.

A few students with yet-familiar names who held SGA offices under the party system were *Cluster* editor Willard Clutchmyer (alias Bob Steed) and SGA president Joe Hendricks (alias Dean of Men). Both incidentally were "Progressives".

With campus politics dominated by political parties, Mercer would be assured of at least two candidates for each office (a definite improvement over the present situation). Good rousing campaigns of the sort that come only when backed by such "political machines" would certainly generate more interest in student government, an interest is the only cure for our present apathy. The university definitely needs the revival of political parties, let us hope that they will be revived, and that perhaps some more school spirit will be revived with them.

HOW IT USED TO BE

Progressives Sweep Elections

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The Progressive Party, with Joe Hendricks heading its ticket walked off with all student government offices but one in Tuesday's campus election.

Vote counting began early Tuesday afternoon and the final count was displayed at 6 a.m. Wednesday. The counting committee worked almost continuously during the period.

From the first, the trend was toward a Progressive victory; and the lead was never lost as the counting continued. The happy victors promised immediate initiation of procedures to carry out platform pledges.

Joe Hendricks, Woodland, took the election from Avon Buice, Buford. Hendricks is a member of Chi Alpha Omega Ministerial Fellowship of which he is retired secretary. He was training union representative to the BSU Executive Council this year, and has been on the all-star football team in intramural sports. He played for the Ministers.

Robert Sparks, Atlanta defeated Jack Mansfield, Cartersville, for the office of student body vice-president. Sparks has held a number of student government offices. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society, Blue Key leadership honorship International Relations Club and Alembic Club. He has held offices in SAE fraternity, ROTC, and Scabbard and Blade.

Defeating Tenny Moody, Albany was Peggy Carlisle, Macon, who is the new secretary-treasurer of the student body. Miss Carlisle is president of Chi Omega sorority, a member of Mercer Choir and Women's Student Government, and secretary-treasurer of the conference and corporation committee. She has been Phi Delta Theta pledge sweetheart and sponsor, and has a number of class offices.

Bill Middlebrooks, Selma, Ala., won over Tolly Williamson, Atlanta, for the office of freshman advisor. Middlebrooks is the new-

ly elected president of the BSU. He has held offices in his class, Phi Eta Sigma, Ministerial Association, World Mission Band, BSU state convention, and Chi Alpha Omega ministerial fellowship.

C. C. Lynch, Jr., Rome, defeated Dan Cline, Toccoa, for the editorship of the *Cluster*. Lynch has held offices in Mercer Independent Men's Association, Ministerial Association, and BSU. He is a member of Chi Alpha Omega.

Running partner for Lynch, Buddy Moore, Meridian, Miss. won over Barbara Alford, Decatur, for business manager of the *Cluster*. Moore, a freshman this year, has been outstanding in campus activities during the brief two quarters he has been here. He is a member of Mercer Choir, MIMA, and Phi Eta Sigma. He is a member of the varsity tennis team.

For Cauldron editor, Barbara Senft, Macon, defeated Freda Cagle, Chicamauga. Miss Senft is vice-president of Kappa Delta Epsilon and International Relations Club. She has been a cheerleader, sponsor of SAE, member of the business staff of the Cauldron, and secretary of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Phil Taylor, Macon, took the business manager's position over Carswell Hughs, Moultrie. He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and the Interfraternity Council. He has held several offices in Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Student Council Representatives named include the following: Willard Baxter, Bremen, the lone Co-operative winner, senior class; Sidney Johnson, Vidalia, junior class; Gene Bishop, Vero Beach, Fla. junior college; and Mason Olds, Cordele, ministerial group.

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Spring Elections

It's getting about that time again: spring elections are in the air. This time, however, the atmosphere is slightly different: As far as anyone knows, there will be no large posters with bright letters proclaiming the virtues of an entire slate of candidates running under one collective party name.

This may or may not be a good thing.

In a sense, the 1960 spring elections may prove to be the most crucial yet held under the student government system. The outcome, in the long-range sense, will depend on whether individual students, without party urging, will take the initiative to qualify for student offices. By Wednesday, there were few rumblings of interest being heard around the campus. Let's hope that SGA president Bates' Wednesday chapel speech stirred some to action that had previously been unmoved.

By the time this editorial is printed, the results will have been seen. If, however, only a small number of students take the initiative to register, the absence of party politics could spell at least a temporary doom for the SGA in general. We do not believe that there are many who would like to see this happen.

It is up to the individual student this year, whether he is running for office or not, to take a lively interest in the politics this season should bring.

The situation poses a challenge to all Mercerians to see and accept the responsibility for good student government. There is one thing worse than no government, and that is bad government.

