

Greatest Threat To America Is Loss Of Concensus

What is the greatest domestic threat to the future of applied American democracy? According to Mr. Robert L. Bledsoe, Mercer instructor in International Relations and American Government, the greatest threat exists in the "long range destruction of a basic consensus necessary to perpetuate our form of democracy".

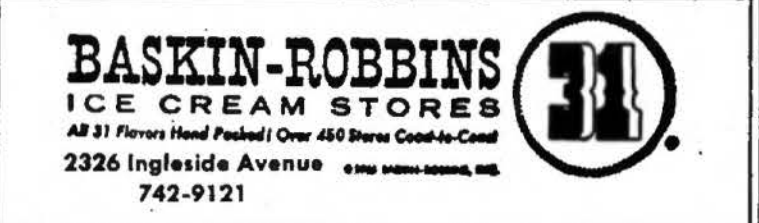
He supports this notion by naming such extra-political forces as RAM, organized peace demonstrations, and the MINUTE MEN as those operations which destroy a basically positive attitude toward the values of our system.

Mr. Bledsoe is well qualified to make observations on questions of a political nature. His knowledge of American government and international relations has been acquired through both academic research and personal experience. Currently a candidate for Ph.D. in Political Science, Mr. Bledsoe was the recipient of his A.B. and M.A. from Marshall University and the University of Florida respectively. Because of the nature of his father's job as a civilian personnel officer, Mr. Bledsoe has lived, and attended school in Austria, Portugal, the Azores, and other countries in Europe. On the basis of his experiences and research, he has published a series of correspondence study guides in American government for the University of Florida.

Mr. Bledsoe is a welcome addition to Mercer's teaching staff and community and should he ever decide to enter politics formally, to put theory into practice, he can be assured of a CLUSTER block vote in his favor.



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Marines Set Interviews At Student Center

The Marine Officer Selection Team will be on campus 20-21 November 1967 at the Student Center to interview eligible college men for commissions in the Marine Corps.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors may qualify for enrollment in the Platoon Leaders Class, while seniors and recent graduates may enroll in the Officer Candidate Course.

The candidates attend two sessions of six weeks each during summer vacations. The sessions eliminate campus drills or classes during the school year.

Time spent in summer training sessions counts toward pay and promotions. Upon completion of the two summer sessions and graduation from college, the candidates receive a commission as Marine Corps Officers.

Seniors and graduates may receive their commission by successfully completing one 10-week screening period following graduation.

Under either the PLC or OCC programs, a candidate may elect to apply for Marine flight training.



Conner L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis of Atlanta, was chosen Cadet of the Week in the Mercer ROTC Battalion Monday. Conner is a pre-pharmacy student and a member of the ROTC drill team. He attended North Fulton High School where he was a Lt. Colonel in Junior Division ROTC.

Women Open Intramurals

By Cathy Geren

Mercer women opened the 1967-68 season of Women's Intramural Sports Tuesday, October 24, with the two initial volleyball matches. Tennis and volleyball will be continuing through November 16 with Tennis matches on Mondays and Wednesdays and volleyball games on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Alpha Delta Pi and the unaffiliate team, opened volleyball competition with very tough competition, Alpha Delta Pi taking the first game 13-11. In the second game the unaffiliates really looked like winners in an easy 15-3 win, but Alpha Delta Pi came back in the final game with a 15-9 margin to take the match.

Alpha Gamma Delta really served the ball well against the Phi Mu's in the second volleyball match on Tuesday afternoon taking the necessary two out of three games. Alpha Gam took the first and third games 15-11 and 15-9 respectively with Phi Mu barely winning the second game by a 15-13 margin.

Moot Court Competition

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countants do not make public disclosure of the errors.

Both the briefs and the oral arguments will be judged by panels of outstanding Atlanta attorneys.

Oral arguments will proceed in a series of rounds until, by process of elimination, the two top teams will present the final argument, to be heard before a distinguished panel of judges composed of Judge Benning M. Grice of the Georgia Supreme Court, Judge Newell Edenfield of the United States District Court and Chief Judge John Sammons Bell of the Georgia Court of Appeals. The winning team and the runner up will represent the region in the National Competition in New York in December. In addition, awards will be made to the winning team, for the best brief and for the best oral argument.

Schools participating are the University of Miami, Stetson University, University of Mississippi, Vanderbilt University, Emory University, University of Florida, Mercer University, University of Tennessee, the University of Georgia, Sanford University and Memphis State University.

The four seniors who were selected to represent Mercer this year are William E. Cetti of Pensacola, Fla., Paul L. Gallis of Morgantown, W. Va., H. Terrell Griffin of Macon, and D. Lee Rampey of Elberton. Cetti, Griffin, and Rampey will make the oral arguments before the Atlanta attorneys while Gallis is the "silent member." There are also several juniors who will assist in the preparation of the brief.

The students have been working on the brief for two months, and even this seemed insufficient to them because the topic this year is one of the most difficult ever presented. It involves concepts of agency, corporate law, common law fraud, Security and Exchange Commission regulations, and confidential relationships.

To condense the problem drastically, it is this: An accounting firm examined a corporation's records and then certified the corporation's financial statement that the latter was a sound business. Relying on this, several persons bought stocks and bonds from the corporation. The accounting firm then discovered some additional information which put it on notice that perhaps its certification was incorrect and the corporation was actually in bad financial straits. But the accounting firm remained silent and when it came out that the corporation was failing, the investors sued the accounting firm for failing to warn them of its incorrect certification.

Judge Atkinson, former judge of Bibb Superior Court and now a professor in the law school, is the team's advisor. But the work is entirely their own. In fact, Judge Atkinson does not even see a copy of the written argument until the original is on its way to Atlanta. His suggestions and encouragement come mostly as the team polishes its oral arguments.

Though the law school is basically a classroom, occasionally lacking the realities of the courtroom, the National Moot Court competition each year is one way students can come as close as possible to the practice of the legal profession.

1967 Confederate Has No Place In American History

by Charles Runion

The 1967 Confederate sympathizer has no position in Southern industry. His images of his forefathers, his views of segregation, and his ideas that the South should be reserved for native Southerners cause the Confederate to be discontinued in a modern industrial world.

The Confederate has the idea that all of his forefathers were officers who played key roles in the Confederate victories, and because of this heritage, he deserves a distinguished position in the growing South. The South that his forefathers fought for died, and, in the new South, a man is judged by his achievements, and not judged by his ancestral background. The only requisite one needs to succeed in Southern industry is capability.

The modern Confederate is also disillusioned because the Negro is earning his place in Southern economy. While the Confederate was busy relating his heritage, the Negro was steadily raising his social and cultural level. The Confederate now finds himself in competition with the same race his forefathers held in servitude a century ago. The Confederate wants segregation because he feels that he is racially superior; however, the Negro, in most areas, is now on the Confederate's cultural level. Segregation is an idea of the past, and because the Confederate believes in segregation, he remains in the past as Southern industry hurries forward.

Another idea of importance to the Confederate is that the South should be populated only by individuals of Southern lineage. Obviously, this idea is unrealistic because the South has grown to be one of the true "melting pots" of the United States, and people of many different origins reside in the populated cities of the South. Many different people supervise Southern industry, and if one must choose native Southerners to fill all positions of industry, his task would be impossible. If the industrial leaders in the South believed the ideas of the 1967 Confederate, the progress made by Southern industry would be nullified.

Southern industry is moving forward with a steady pace. The 1967 Confederate's ideas of heritage, segregation, and a South for Southerners, have no place in the Southern Industrial Complex. The Civil War ended one hundred years ago;

thus the Confederate should drop the Stars and Bars and surrender to the idea that industry, and ancestry, is the vital key to Southern economy.

Business Fraternity Helps Career Women

On the Mercer campus the Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity provides an assemblage for the Mercer coeds interested in careers in business or secretarial work.

During Chapel break, Wednesday, October 11, Phi Beta Lambda held their first meeting, an informal coffee in room 316 of Connell Student Center.

Mrs. Mary Gardner, Assistant secretary to President Harris, spoke informally on "The Value of the Secretarial Skills to the Liberal Arts Graduate." Mrs. Gardner previously has been secretary to the president of the First National Bank of Macon and also secretary to the Mayor of Macon.

The regular meetings of Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All women students presently enrolled in secretarial courses or otherwise interested in secretarial work are invited to attend the future meetings and participate in the activities of the business fraternity.

After a year, quarter, or week of college study, most students realize the importance of typing skills in successfully doing college work. The Administration recognizes the need of those students deficient in typing and is providing an opportunity for students to learn to type or to improve their present skills in a non-credit typing course with no additional charge.

The course is already in session Monday through Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:00 in room 201 of the Economics and Sociology building. The enrollment for this non-credit class is still open to any and all students interested in learning to type or improve their skills.

Departmental Notices

At a special called meeting on Thursday, October 19, Cathy Miles, senior secretarial studies minor, was elected president of the local chapter of Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity. Other officers chosen were Marilyn Payne—vice president, and Lynda Clark—secretary-treasurer.



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