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Coeds and Administration Clash on Equal Rights

ATHENS, GA. Coeds at the University of Georgia and their supporters remain firm in face of a court order limiting demonstrations on the campus here. A spokesman for the group said, "We think the injunction demonstrated bad faith on behalf of the administration, since we had just voluntarily left the administration building."

Demonstrations began at the university on Wednesday, Apr. 10, when more than 500 students marched through the rain to the administration building to present a petition demanding equal rights for coeds. The petition was accepted on behalf of the administration by Vice Pres. for Instruction, George Parthenos, who made a noncommittal statement.

About 5:30 P.M. the students spontaneously moved into the building and sat down to dramatize their grievances with university regulations. About 300 remained throughout the night. In the morning a steering committee released the following statement:

APATHY IS DEAD!!
WE ARE DEMANDING EQUALITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. WE ARE MAKING BOTH LONG RANGE DEMANDS AND IMMEDIATE DEMANDS WHICH WILL PROVE THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS PLANNING TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH. FOR 2 YEARS THE QUESTION OF STUDENT RIGHTS HAS BEEN BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION. A VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY. AT LAST IT LOOKS AS IF UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN AND ACT. THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RISKED SO MUCH NEED/DE-

SERVE YOUR SUPPORT. THEY ARE STILL THERE, FIGHTING FOR YOUR RIGHTS. JOIN THEM THIS MORNING.

After an unproductive audience with University President Fred C. Davison on Thursday morning, the students stayed in the administration building for the second night.

Rules affecting women students at the university are arbitrary and discriminatory. All undergraduate women must live in dormitories until they are 21. They must be in their rooms by 11:30 P.M. every week night, and if a girl is more than 10 minutes late, she is placed on "restriction." While on restriction, a girl cannot leave a dormitory except to attend class, to go to the library, or to eat in a university dining hall. (She may not be accompanied at her meals by men.) The present drinking rules are inconsistent with Georgia state law.

A house mother, or university official, may enter and search a woman's room, without her permission. Disciplinary actions means "trial" before the Women's Student Government Association, and appeal is directed to the Board of Regents. There are no corresponding rules for men.

Recently one coed Diana Wygal, challenged the disciplinary system, and won on the fourth appeal level. She threatened to enter an appeal into federal court, charging violation of 14th amendment rights. Miss Wygal is active in the movement for coed equality. "The indignities which the rules impose call for drastic action. We have

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Record Budget Approved; Tuition, Room, Board Hiked

The Mercer University Board of Trustees approved Thursday a budget of \$5.1 million for the 1968-69 school year.

In his April report to the trustees, President Rufus Carrollton Harris pointed out the need for "more humanely educated men and women". He said higher education must assist students "in understanding the relationship between partial but valid truth and other partial truth. This requires innovation in curriculum structure and interdisciplinary approaches to learning."

Many competing philosophies seek to meet the basic need of students as they search, through commitment, for meaning for life. "Colleges are where the action is and have within their halls thousands of students for whose ultimate loyalties these many philosophies are competing. . . . We must know the personal forces at work in their lives during the concentrated period of time when the past is handed over to the present generation to be examined, appropriated and changed."

The job of Christian higher education, Dr. Harris said, "is to identify the areas in which we have the opportunity to relate Christian values to contemporary human needs, and to the obvious tasks of higher education."

In his report on the budget for next year, Dr. Harris said, to meet increased operating costs, student tuition will be raised \$150 for the entering freshman class, \$75 a year for the first-year law class and \$105 a year for the entering School of Pharmacy class. The president noted that the total charge of \$2,145 for incoming freshman is conservative in comparison with other private colleges in the South.

Quoting Dr. Alan Pifer, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, "that the nation's colleges and universities would be unable to meet the demands for higher education unless the federal government accepted 'the principal part' of the financial burden", Dr.

Harris submitted a list of some 43 U. S. Department of Education programs in which Mercer might participate.

Included in the list were summer seminars, counseling and guidance training, teacher exchange, student loans, graduate fellowships and educational research.

Faculty promotions approved by the trustees were Dr. J. L. Crenshaw to the rank of associate professor of Christianity, Marshall Daugherty to professor of art, Dr. Carlos T. Flick to professor of history, Dr. Bernard G. Keller Jr. to professor of pharmacy, Dr. Vincent Lopez to associate professor of biological sciences, Dr. May F. McMillan to professor of English and Dr. Marguerite Woodruff to professor of sociology.

President Harris reported that the trustees of the Walter F. George Foundation had designated \$91,873 for the operations budget of the Walter F. George School of Law during the 1968-69 year. This amount involves practically all of the predictable income which the foundation expects to receive from its endowment of \$1.5 million and other invested funds during the school year.

Dr. Harris announced that the Honorable Potter Stewart, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, would be the speaker at the annual Law Day luncheon on May 10. The morning program will consist of a seminar on "The New Georgia Criminal Code".

Alumni Day will be held May 11 (Continued on Page 3)

SGA Discusses Honor Council

The Student Government Association held a meeting Tuesday, April 9, 1968 with both incoming and outgoing members present. The newly elected officials will be inaugurated April 22 a 10 A.M. in the Chapel. Until then they will meet with the 1967-68 officers to observe those people in their respective capacities.

Dickie Childs, Chief Justice of the Honor Council gave a report concerning the past year's activities. During his report, he noted that publicity outside the university, among other institutions was large sitting the noting of Mercer's Honor System as an area of excellence by Southern Universities Student Government Associations' printing a resume of the System in the past annual convention schedule.

He also noted that "Mercer Speaks for Christ" and Georgia State SGA Workshops had carried a great deal of publicity for the System. He criticized the virtual inactivity of the Honor Committee and expressed a desire for a full involvement of the committee next year.

Other problems noted were concerning dealing with violations of the Honor Code during the summer quarter, problems arising from a lack of stress by faculty members especially in courses requiring persistent attention to documentation of material. All of the problems seemed to be challenges for the Honor Council and Committee for the coming term.

President Dave Hudson reminded the Association that INSIGHT would be opened this quarter with Eugene Patterson of THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION April 23 in Convocation.

Before adjourning, the SGA completed counting the questions on the ballots of the April 3rd elections.



PeeWee Clark and three of his playmates watched as Cluster photographer and staff member walked through the Proposed Area for urban renewal that Mercer has brought to the city's attention. The children reflected the surprise of their resident parents: That someone should finally focus some attention on their neighborhood. For Story See Page 4.

National Student Primary Nears

Over two million students will go to the polls on April 24 to vote for their candidates for President. Choice 68, a national student primary sponsored by TIME MAGAZINE, will have a very significant effect on the 1968 Presidential election in view of the fact that by 1970 one half of the population of the United States will be under the age of 25.

Choice 68 is being sponsored on the Mercer campus by the Student Government Association and the Mercer Cluster. Polls will be open from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. Wednesday, April 24. Students

must present I.D. cards to polling officials in order to receive a ballot. All students enrolled for credit at Mercer are eligible to vote, including graduate, professional, and part-time students.

Each student will be given a ballot which is printed on an IBM CARD, listing a choice of thirteen candidates for President. Each voter is allowed to make three choices for president, but only the first choice will be used in determining the winner. The other two choices will be used for statistical purposes only. Also included on the ballot will be three issues, two

pertaining to the U.S. Vietnam policy, and the third pertaining to the "urban" crisis.

The new importance is that Choice 68 will be the first primary in which Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy meet head on. Many skeptics might say the student election will not be a test of the two candidates strengths since many of those voting will not be eligible to vote in November. Such comments overlook the fact that much of the support both candidates have at this point is from college students.

The Choice 68 election could answer some questions about the

Republican race too. For the first time Richard Nixon will face opposition from the right and the left. On the one side the Choice ballot offers Ronald Reagan, on the other there is Nelson Rockefeller, John Lindsay and others.

The election could also answer some questions about how many young people are fed up with the existing political parties for whatever reason. "Drop-outs can choose between such candidates as Fred Halstead of the Socialist Workers Party, and George C. Wallace of the American Independence Party. Sample ballot—Page 3.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 24
 2:30 p.m. — Bears baseball team will meet Georgia Southern College at Mercer Field.

Thursday, April 25
 10:00 a.m. — Chapel. Dr. F. Robert Otto, dean of the chapel, speaking.

12:30 p.m. — Administrative Advisory Committee meeting in the President's Dining Room.

Thursday - Friday, April 25-26
 8:15 p.m. — The Operas "The Old Maid and The Thief" by Gian Carlo Menotti and "Down in the Valley" by Kurt Weills will be featured at Willingham Chapel under the direction of Mr. John Van Cura. Tickets at College Store and Dempsey Corner.