

They'll Have Less Bread and More Social Security

The recent formation of a definite movement in Georgia to advocate the passing of a general sales tax in this state brings to the fore front a discussion of the good and bad points which might be used in arguing the issue.

It is, however, with the view that the college student should express an interest in social problems of the day, that The Cluster is more concerned with the idea of a general sales tax for Georgia.

As one member of The Cluster editorial staff has expressed his view:

"Both economics and common sense refute the sales tax. A more inequitable taxing plan could never be devised. It levies its heaviest duties on the large families of the poorer classes, while wealthier persons are taxed far less in proportion to their income."

"Those who advocate this form of taxation reiterate continually that the sales tax is 'painless.' Surely they recall that this argument is also used by the manufacturers of poisonous gas."

It is obvious that under the general sales tax, as under other unfair tax systems, the "smaller" man pays more than his proportionate share. Scientific economic surveys definitely show that the man with the smaller economic income pays a much larger part of that income for the necessities of living than does the man who has an income of three or four times as much.

Futhermore, the sales tax will provide another means for graft on the part of dishonest corporation heads. If the tax is collected by firms selling the commodities, a payment to the state of an amount smaller than that collected would result in a clear profit for the corporation or its heads.

To the argument that the money must be raised to support Governor Rivers' program, the answer can be given that other fairer taxes can be used.

AROUND WASHINGTON

By Marvia Cox

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Compulsory military training in colleges—particularly land grant colleges which receive federal funds—is often the target for criticism by peace organizations.

In Switzerland, Italy, France, Rumania, Peru, Germany, Algeria and Iraq all young men are compelled to undergo a period of military training. And this is not in conjunction with college work.



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Military service in Turkey is regarded as so important that it is practically impossible for a young man to get a job unless he has completed his military term.

Coeds are not always omitted in training for the national defense in other nations. For instance, the Woman's Home Defense Organization in Estonia trains young women for their part in war through an organization called the Home Guards.

The Boy Scout organizations in some countries have been drafted as military training agencies. Boy Scouts in Brazil, for instance, are financed by the government and receive training for war under the Ministry of War.

Military training is compulsory in Argentina between the ages of 18 and 21. However, all youths are not required to undergo the training. Lots are drawn and the trainees are selected in this manner.

So, after considering the compulsory military service of more militaristic nations, drill two or three times a week in college ROTC units may not be so bad after all.

AT MACON THEATRES

By Olin Morgan

Playing for the last times today and tomorrow at the Grand Theatre is "It's Love I'm After" featuring Leslie Howard, Bette Davis and Olivia de Havilland and it promises you plenty of laughs.

Loretta Young and Tryon Power in "Second Honeymoon" is billed at the Grand for the first three days of next week and starting Thanksgiving Day is "The Perfect Specimen" with Errol Flynn and Joan Blondell plays the remainder of the week.

At the Capitol today and tomorrow is the well liked "Toast of New York" starring Edward Arnold, Frances Farmer and Cary Grant. Playing Monday and Tuesday "The Great Garrick" with Brian Aherne and Olivia de Havilland. "This Way, Please" with Buddy Rogers and Betty Grable plays Wednesday and Thursday and Friday and Saturday bring the grand musical show "You Can't Have Everything" featuring Alice Faye and Don Ameche.

The Rialto plays for the last time today and tomorrow "Saturday's Heroes" with Van Heflin and Marian Marsh and brings back for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the comedy riot "Mountain Music" with Bob Burns and Martha Raye. "Dangerously Yours" with Caesar Romero and Phyllis Brooks conclude the pictures for the week.

Showing at the Ritz today is "The Devil Is Driving" with Richard Dix and tomorrow Paul Kelly and Judith Allen in "It Happened Out West." Pictures to be shown at the Ritz next week are Monday and Tuesday "The Lady Fights Back" with Irene Hervey and Kent Taylor. Wednesday and Thursday brings Robert Taylor and Barbara Stanwyck in "This Is My Affair," and Friday "I Promise To Pay" with Leo Carrillo and Chester Morris, and Saturday, Buck Jones in "Black Aces."

CONSTITUTION

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oil; to provide programs for student chapels, assisted by the vice-president.

(b) Vice-presidents: The duties of the vice-presidents of the Student Government shall be the same as above when for any reason, he assumes the duties of the president of the Student Government.

(c) Secretary-Treasurer: The duties of the secretary-treasurer of the Student Government shall be to keep records of all meetings of the Student Government; and to receive all funds which may come into his hands as treasurer of the Student Government.

(d) Freshman Advisor: The duties of the freshman advisor of the Student Government shall be to see that the freshmen are properly organized, and to advise them in any capacity possible; He shall also have charge of the sale of freshman ties and caps.

(e) The duties of the Student Council shall be to act as a jury in deciding all cases of violation of the laws of the Student body as set forth in this constitution; to enforce and interpret the Student Constitution; to act as an advisory board to the president of the Student Government; and to ratify all class laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 2: Qualifications: (a) To be eligible for president or vice-president of the Student Government, a candidate must have attended Mercer University for at least one academic year and must have attained Senior College rank on or before the date of election.

(b) To be eligible for secretary-treasurer of the Student Government, a candidate must have to his or her credit in the office of the Registrar of the University (on or before the day of election) sufficient

hours to be classified as a member of the sophomore or some higher class.

(c) The members of the Student Council shall be elected as follows: one member from the Junior College; one member from the Law School; one member from the Theological School; one member who will be a junior in the Arts College the following year; one member who shall be a senior in the Arts College the following year.

(d) Sections (a), (b), and (c) of this Section are subject to the following general limitations:

(1) All candidates for Student Government offices must have passed with a grade of C or better, all of his or her scholastic work for the quarter immediately preceding the election.

(2) The election committee (as provided for in Article II) shall judge whether a candidate has met the herein provided qualifications in full.

(3) No student who has ever been convicted of a major offense by the Student Council for violation of any law of the Student body as set forth in this Constitution shall be eligible to run for any offices.

Section 3: Procedure Necessary for Qualifying as a Candidate. In order to qualify as a candidate for any Student Government office, or other office listed on the Student Government Ballot at Election, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

(a) Each candidate must file with the Secretary of the Student Government, at least two weeks before the date of the election, a written statement of his or her intentions to become a candidate and must deposit the qualification fee, not to exceed a dollar (\$1.00) with the secretary to defray the expenses of the election.

(b) The regular election of the Student Government shall be held on the second Tuesday in April of each year. In the event a runoff election is necessary, said runoff election shall be held on the Thursday immediately following the election.

(c) In case of unusual circumstances which would prevent the holding of the election on the date provided in this Constitution, the president of the Student Government shall have power to change the date of election, provided that the date set by the president shall not be more than one week earlier or one week later than the date specified in this Constitution; and that the runoff election shall be held on the next Thursday following.

Section 4: Date of Student Government Elections: (a) The regular election of the Student Government shall be held on the second Tuesday in April of each year. In the event a runoff election is necessary, said runoff election shall be held on the Thursday immediately following the election.

(b) Minor offenses: 1. Wilful and malicious destruction of the property of another. 2. Contempt of the Student Council.

(c) Conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Student Government of Mercer University. Section 2: Above offenses shall be punished as follows:

(a) Major offenses shall be punished by fine or recommendation of expulsion according to the nature of the offense. Provided, no fine for a major offense shall exceed \$5.00, exclusive of any costs which shall include the cost of stolen or damaged property.

(b) Minor offenses shall be punished by fine alone. Such fines shall not exceed \$3.00 exclusive of any costs. (c) Any fine imposed by the Student Council shall be charged

at the Business Office to the account of the student so fined, and when collected, shall be at the disposal of the Student Council.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of each and every member of the Student Government of Mercer University to submit to the Student Council the name or names of persons violating the laws of the student body as set forth in Section 1; Article V.

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The election of officers of the freshman class shall be held on the second Tuesday in October of each school year or within one week thereafter at the discretion of the freshman Advisor. Only members of the respective classes may vote for the officers of his or her class. Members of the Law School shall vote for no class officers in the Arts-College division of the University.

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Section 1. Athletics Committee. (a) The athletics committee of the Student Government shall be composed of three persons, two men and one woman.

(b) The duty of this committee shall be to meet with the Athletic Board of the University and express student sentiment there.

Section 2. Student Activity Committee. (a) The Student Activity Committee of the Student Government shall be composed of three members, two men and one woman; who shall be elected at regular elections under regular rules.

(b) The duty of the Student Activity committee of the Student Government shall be to meet with the Student Activities Committee of the University from time to time, and to cooperate with that committee in planning and executing its work.

ARTICLE IV. Each student organization and publication receiving money from the Student Activities Fund shall publish at the end of each quarter a statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ARTICLE V. Laws of the Student Body and Penalties for Violations. Section 1. Offenses against the Student Body shall be as follows:

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