

# THE EDITOR SPEAKS To Our New Officers

The political campaigns which have raged so hotly on the Mercer campus for the last two weeks are over. Officers for the coming year have been chosen. And already plans are being formulated by the new members of the Student Government to carry out an efficient and effective program for the coming year.

We of the student body have heard promises and criticisms arise from various quarters. It is now time for these promises to be fulfilled and for those in office to profit by the criticisms that have been made of others.

To expect perfection in Student Government Administration, or in anything else, for that matter, is foolish. To strive for it is wise. We, the students, have taken advantage of our rights as citizens of this campus to express our wishes on who shall govern us for the coming year. Now, we call upon our new governing body, which has been duly chosen by our popular vote, to represent our best interests in Student Government.

We do not want any single group or several groups combined to receive all of the benefits of a Strong Student Government. On the other hand, it is our sincere wish that all of us shall reap the combined benefits that can exist for all of the students of Mercer.

We recognize that great improvements have been made during the past year. It is not without regret that we see such leaders as Cloud Morgan, past president of our Student Body; Jim Christian, past vice-president; Lou Jarnagin, past secretary-treasurer, and all of the other officers who have played so large a part in making Student Government the strong body that it is today, taking a back seat in governmental affairs. They have all been great workers for the students and deserve all of the recognition that has been accorded them.

However, it shall not be our practice to keep our eyes always to the past. Rather let us look to the future and urge our new officers to keep up the high standard of government to which we have grown accustomed under the past Administration. Further than this, we desire them not to be content with stopping here, but to go forward, profiting by the successes and mistakes of the past Administration, adding their own new ideas and shaping for all of us a better Student Government.

-J.C.C.

## Rome To Lose Valuable Friend

(From the Rome News Tribune)

Thousands of Romans learned with regret the decision of Dr. Paul Cousins to relinquish his administrative duties as President of Shorter College to accept a professorship at Mercer University.

Dr. Cousins has been an educational, religious, civic and cultural leader in Rome for many years and it is hard to realize that his decision means that he can no longer be actively identified with the progress of Shorter and Rome, because of his move to Macon this fall.

He has done a magnificent job as President of Shorter, and it is not necessary to recite his many achievements in Rome. Suffice it to say that Shorter has enjoyed an unparalleled growth, with increased endowment, an expanded curriculum, construction of additional buildings and far greater support from the Georgia Baptist Convention as a result of his efforts as President.

We can fully sympathize with Dr. Cousins in desiring to be relieved of this vast responsibility, however, and his wish to return to his first love, teaching, Rome's loss will be Macon's gain and Dr. Spright Dowell and his colleagues at Macon are extremely fortunate in obtaining his services.

Dr. Cousins will climax his career as President of the school by completing the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Fund campaign, and presiding over the Diamond Anniversary celebration of Shorter.

Dr. Cousins has been far more than an educator. As a deacon of the First Baptist Church, member and past President of the Kiwanis Club, as teacher of the Scrap Iron Bible Class, and as a civic leader, he has left an imprint on Rome that will remain for many years to come.

He and Mrs. Cousins have contributed much to the educational, religious and cultural wealth of Rome, and will always hold a warm spot in the hearts of all Romans.

Inasmuch as Dr. Cousins' resignation is not effective until June 30, and since he and his family will continue to reside here until September, it is too early to say goodbye. In fact, Rome will refuse to say goodbye to them. Even though they reside in Macon, Dr. and Mrs. Cousins are bound to renew their Rome ties often. Meanwhile, we wish for them every happiness, and thousands of citizens over Georgia will join in this salutation.

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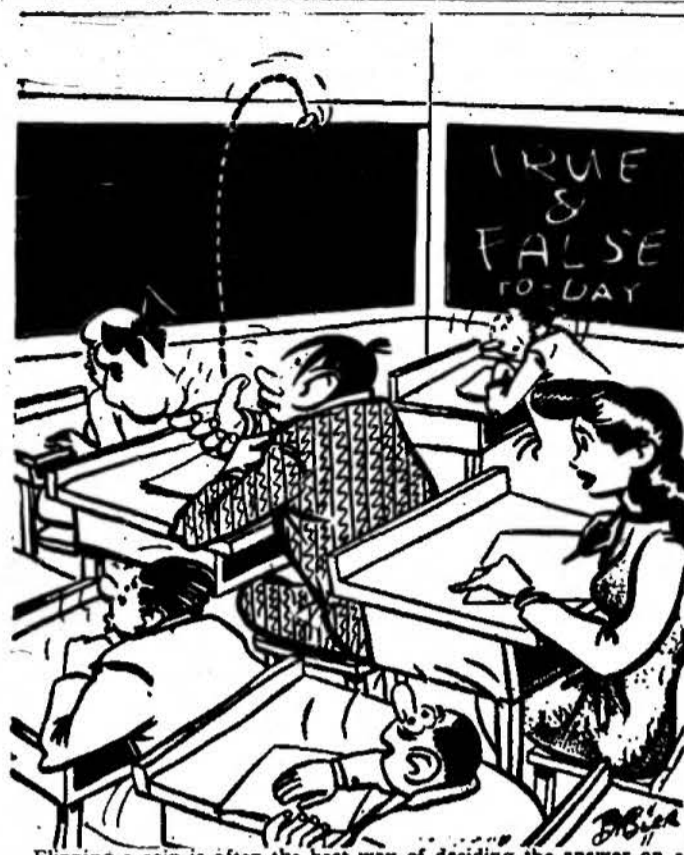
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## Mid-Terms Draw Near!



Flipping a coin is often the best way of deciding the answer on a true and false test, but not if the questions are like those "curve balls" Dr. A. B. Anthony throws his Economics students. In a case like that, the poor pupil is placed in the precarious predicament of having to answer "why" to his true or false answer. But whether you've got Dr. Anthony for a quiz next week or not, it's sure to be a "shaft week" with all of the teachers. Here's hoping THEY enjoy it; we won't!

JOE GOSSETT

## Campaigns End; Work Begins!

Both political parties concluded their active campaigns Monday with the Progressives holding a campus rally which featured a string band, and the Representatives staging a parade through the streets of Macon.

Different outsiders who have visited the campus in the last few days have commented on the exceptional interest shown in the coming election. No matter who a student voted for in the election, and no matter who was elected to any particular office, all of us can be proud of the splendid interest shown in the Student Government by the student body as a whole. I doubt if any school in Georgia can boast of a student body that is more political-minded than the one at Mercer. To those cynical few who are always clamoring for "school spirit" and complaining about the lack of it at Mercer, here is the answer. What better evidence of school spirit can there be than the active participation of the great majority of students in affairs concerning them and the university? I defy them to offer contradiction when I say that the students here are as proud of their school as any collegiate group in Georgia. If anyone believes he has such proof, I will gladly devote the space in my column next week for him to prove such a contention.

In the campaigns preceding the election tempers flared at times and things were said in the heat of "politic-ticking" that were not meant and were regretted later. For the good of everyone concerned it is hoped that petty prejudices will be forgotten, and grievances laid aside when the various candidates take office. The candidates know what they offered the students. It is up to all of them who are elected to office to carry out their promises to the best of their ability.

University officials are to be congratulated for the cooperation they extended to both parties in the past election. The candidates were not hampered by useless restrictions as they are in a great number of colleges.

Gone now are the constant blaring of the P.A. systems in the coop, the many colorful posters, the back-slapping, the bubble gum, the parades, and all the other things that made this the wildest, wooliest, and most colorful student election in Mercer history. The time has come now to make good the promises made to the students by the winning candidates. This will entail a lot of plain, hard work. Let us all work together to see that these promises are carried out. It is the duty of the winning candidates to carry them out; it is your right to see that they are carried out.

## GUESS WHO!

The name will be found at the end and upside down, but see if you can guess who.  
Height, six feet.  
Hair of light brown with grey eyes.  
The Assistant Dean's right hand man.  
Member of Blue Key.  
A leader in the "M" Club and Kappa Phi Kappa.  
Well known, especially to basketball fans.  
Too bad for the girls, he's very married.  
Wears the five armed star—Guess Who?

Bob Shuler

### THE CLUSTER PLATFORM

- To promote a strong, self-governing student body.
- To stimulate interest in worthwhile extra-curricular activities.
- To work toward placing the administration of the student activities funds in the hands of the students.
- To maintain an editorial policy committed to the interests of the entire student body and to pull no punches.
- To constructively criticize any campus irregularities after a complete investigation of the facts.

# AROUND MERCER

with  
Dexter Kinsey

There have been many complaints recently about the food served in the Mercer Dining Hall. I know that food or certain foods are hard to get and are extremely high, but how can a student do the work that is expected of him if he does not have proper nourishment? Another point that may be brought out here is the proper preparation of food to make it appetizing.

Young men and women in college must have wholesome food to uphold their status in college activities. Food is one of the three necessities of life and has a prime relationship to anything you do. A good appetite plus good food results in a keen alert mind.

Ah-h-h Spring!

It was a pleasant spring day on the Mercer campus and everyone was thinking in terms of fishing and swimming, except a few who had thoughts of certain chicks in Porter Hall.

Around every dormitory, students were lying in the sun getting their daily dose of vitamin D. A few were even on the roofs of these buildings. These, of course, were the lucky ones who did not have an afternoon class.

On the southeastern corner of the campus you could see a large group of students move simultaneously from one tree to another. Every now and then they would pause and examine a rare plant or insect that someone found. There can be no doubt that this is Professor Carver's Conservation Class.

BOB GARDNER

## The Grand Slam

The careful listener, besides knowing already (i.e. the nite before the trial—my writing date) who killed Dink Sprout knows something more than that about Lum & Abner. He knows further that they don't think so much of women-folk in general.

Lum, you know, is a confirmed old bachelor, and Abner, with his Lizabeth and Pearl, no doubt wishes he were too. If nothing else, his recent and hectic trip to New York and back (via Columbus and almost Mercer) should have settled him.

And poor Cedric Wilhunt—his overly anxious Mother seems always calling three rings "to see where he's at." Mamie, naturally, carefully listens in.

Recently, furthermore, Abner's spurs became entangled with a chandelier, thanks to a human tornado, Mrs. "Grandpappy" Millford K. Spears, inaptly named Charity.

Finally, crime lately has involved the fairer sex: not too long ago a new "school-marm" was sent up for swiping money. And now Mrs. Dink Sprout Horton is up to her "not-too-young-without-make-up" ears in foul play.

You see, women just don't rate with old fellers down in Pine Ridge. Maybe we younger ones have something to learn from them.

## NOTICE!

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