

**THE EDITORS SPEAK**

**Honor Thy M. U.**

This weekend may determine a great deal for next year's Mercer co-ed enrollment. The 63 high school guests expected at M.E.P. will be looking over our school as a prospective college home. We should make an effort to show them not only a good time, but also the assets and true spirit of our institution.

Recently members of the administration made tours to high schools over Georgia in order to acquaint the students with Mercer. But the greatest percentage of the future enrollments will consist, as in the past, of those to whom we, the students and alumni, have spoken to in behalf of our school.

Therefore, let us talk up our school to our high school friends back home and strive to interest them in coming here. The greatness of a college is determined mainly by those who sit in its classrooms. Mercer can soon be made greater if we urge ambitious, thinking young people to enter our Alma Mater.

To those who will be on our campus this weekend, we give you a hearty welcome, and hope that you will decide to become a member of our Mercer student body in the near future. The University has produced many notable and successful people in a wide number of fields. It can offer you much. Perhaps, whether your aim be to find God, knowledge, or even a husband, you, also, may begin a road to success here.—S. H.

**Student Room Needed**

There is a pressing need for a meeting room in which student organizations could assemble small gatherings for forums, debates, lectures, informal talks, honorary fraternity initiations, seminars, and other programs.

At present such meetings must be held in bare, uninviting classrooms, which, it may safely be said, rarely ever impresses visiting speakers and other guests.

A good example of the type of room needed is the Faculty-Trustee room. This room, however, is as restricted as its name indicates.

The reading room of the library has been the scene of a few such meetings; but, unfortunately, noise from the gatherings has at times disrupted the pin-point silence that must be maintained for students who are busy in books.

This proposed student room should be provided with easily accessible kitchen facilities for the preparation of refreshments.

It is a necessary policy for the administration to keep an eye to the future and provide new facilities for prospective students. But, a more urgent policy should be the expansion of existing arrangements to meet the needs and requirements of present Merccerians.

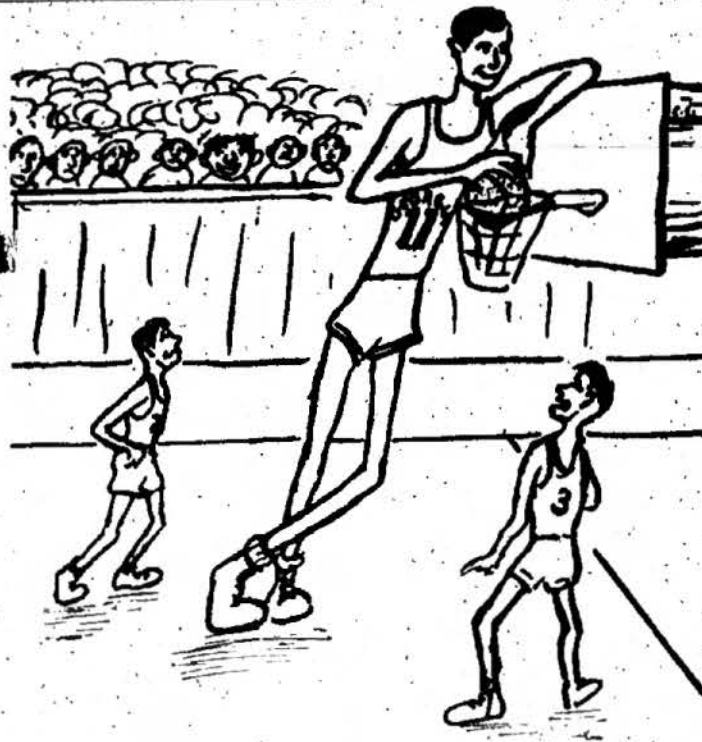
—J. H.

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**What Do YOU Think?**

By Johnny Lewis

**QUESTION:** Annually the senior classes of this university present a gift to the student body. Last year's class erected the statue of Toby. What kind of gift from the class of 1950 would be most beneficial to the student body?

Allison Mayfield, sophomore, Dalton:

"I would like to see some water fountains in the Co-op. Everyone wants water during the day; the rest of the buildings seem to have fountains. You may say you can get water from behind the fountain. This takes the time of the employees, as well as your having to wait for them to get it. The student body would benefit by these water fountains, as well as appreciate them. This is one kind of a project that all could benefit by, and now for years to come."

Felix Turner, junior, Atlanta:

"Something that doesn't pertain to school spirit. So far we have failed to gain good school spirit mainly because we have left it to certain groups to foster it through such ideas as that of the statue heretofore mentioned. Only the

ending of friction between different student groups is going to build a Mercer "spirit". A movement toward a campus-wide recreation center would be wonderful!"

JoAnna Parker, sophomore, Ludowici:

"I think a television set, installed in a place available to all students, would be enjoyed by all."

Richard B. Rouse, junior, Macon:

"Why not improve lighting conditions in the classrooms? Anyhow, it would save me the expense of buying a flashlight."

Tal Barker, freshman, Hapeville:

"I think a new statue of Toby should be erected. This one should look like a bear. A good statue, I believe, would be a great help to school spirit. It could be built so as to represent Mercer spirit to all visitors and new students. It could be erected in the same spot as the other statue was and all pep rallies, and other outdoor meetings, could be centered around this bear. I think a new Toby would be a great boost to school spirit."

**Brodnax Tells F.B.L.A. Georgia Has Many Attractions for Industry**

By Jim Young

"Industry is coming to Georgia because of good climate, good people and good workers, but to keep industry coming we have to provide clean, attractive towns and good educational facilities", Mr. Brodnax, public relations officer of the Georgia Power Co., told the Future Business Leaders of America Monday night.

Mr. Brodnax is known throughout Georgia for his talks on the statewide industrial potential of Georgia. He emphasized in his talk the fact that the business activity of public utilities, such as the Georgia Power Co., is an index of the economic activity of the region which it serves. Georgia Power's business has increased tremendously since the war, he said.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. H. S. Dodgen, Macon Division Sales Supervisor of the Georgia Power Co., and Bill Greene, president of F.B.L.A.

Members of the club were told that young Georgians now need no longer leave the state to make their living because of the lively growth of industry in Georgia. They were told that from 1920 to 1940 59 per cent of the young people, ranging from 19 to 29 years

of age, had left the state. But in the last four years, ten thousand new businesses with annual total payrolls up to \$128 million had been located in Georgia.

"Last year, moreover," Mr. Brodnax related, "Georgia had fewer business failures than any other state in the nation, and was well below the national average. In Georgia, failures were 43 per 1,000; the national average was 94 per 1,000."

In the discussion following the speech, Mr. Brodnax said that many firms now prefer to decentralize and build several small plants in several small towns rather than one large plant in a one large city. He gave as reasons for decentralizing, the fear of a bombing in possible future wars and "generally better working conditions" in small towns.

Mr. Brodnax listed the needs of the state as follows if we are to encourage industry to continue to come south: we need—to improve schools, particularly grade schools; to improve hospital facilities; better housing; improved and diversified agriculture; to develop the tourist trade by providing good hotels and good restaurants for travelers.

**CLARENCE'S COLYUM**

**Camellia by Any Name Would Smell Likewise**

By CLARENCE STREETMAN

I guess I'm just a hunk of walking, uncultured stupidity. I don't hear—nor did I expect—a loud chorus of denials from my friends and acquaintances, but at this time of the year, I just realize my relatively low position on the elite scale more.

The reason for my final conclusion is that I fail to go into falling-down ecstasies and fits at the sight of a five-inch camellia. And that's a bad sign, particularly for a politically ambitious country boy.

The way it looks to me—in the real diamond circles—if you ain't a camellia lover, you just ain't there. I grew up in the zircon and rhinestone division, where if it ain't Saturday night, it just ain't time.

I admit the camellia is a pretty flower. But a camellia by any other name, such as a Rosea Superba, or a Mathotiana, or a Victor Emmanuel, is still just a flower. This attitude caused me a lot of mental anguish in the town I worked in before I came to Mercer. There, the men raised camellias part of the year and fished the rest of the time. I've explained how I feel about flowers, and I always took my fish from little flat cans with rounded corners, so I was just left out of the conversation. The men were vaguely familiar with women, but could not carry on an extended intelligent conversation on that subject.

If a man wants to argue about whether a scooter and scrape is better for plowing peanuts than a mold-board is, I can talk with him. But when the conversation turns to camellias, all I can do is tip my hat and slowly walk away.

**MIXED MUSINGS**

**Gubernatorial Aspirants Are Caught in Dilemma**

By R. C. ODOM

The leaders of the two political factions of Georgia are having difficulty deciding who will run for governor. They would all like to occupy the governor's chair next term, but they realize that it will hold only one—legally.

Ellis Arnall and M. E. Thompson head up one faction. Arnall was probably the stronger of the two, and evidently wished to run, but M. E. beat him to the draw in announcing his candidacy for the job. It was clear that the only hope of defeating Herman Talmadge lay in combining all the opposition forces against him for one candidate. Arnall washed his hands of the situation, and so far has neglected to support Thompson. This leaves their faction somewhat up in the air. M. E. has already been counted but once, and a stronger candidate would be desirable, but none seem to be available.

Herman Talmadge and Roy Harris are the leaders of the stronger political faction in the state. Roy supported Herman last time, but now seems to have caught the fever himself. He is a powerful figure in behind-the-scenes politics, but he lacks the appeal of the Talmadge name to the voters. If he and Herman both run, any reasonably well-managed opposition against them must surely win. Thus, they are, also, in something of a dilemma—both of them want to be governor but if both run, both will lose.

Harris is feeling out the possibility of drawing support from certain elements of both sides. He is attempting to combine some support from the farmers and smaller counties, who normally vote for the Talmadges, with the support of the sales-tax crowd, who mostly are of the opposite camp and from the larger counties. His chances of accomplishing his purpose are enhanced a great deal by the absence of a strong candidate for the opposing faction. He must depend upon his wide personal influence with small-county leaders to draw support from the Talmadge forces. If he feels he is succeeding in his efforts he will run for Governor; if not he will support Talmadge and hope for more favorable circumstances next time. The odds on the whole seem to be in favor of Herman to be Georgia's next governor.

**THE CLUSTER PLATFORM**

1. To promote a strong, self-governing student body.
2. To stimulate interest in worthwhile extra-curricular activities.
3. To maintain an editorial policy committed to the interests of the entire student body and to pull no punches.
4. To constructively criticize any campus irregularities after a complete investigation of the facts.