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Election to Take Place

It is sincerely hoped that Mercer students will fulfill their duty on Tuesday by casting their ballot in the state general election. Issues of vital concern to all of us will be decided on that day.

This election is really the one that decides who our governor will be, though in one-party Georgia it is only a confirmation of the Democratic party's nominee.

A constitutional amendment will be up for ratification on Tuesday. It would extend the county unit system, now used in the Democratic party, to the general election which is now decided by popular vote. The results of this proposed amendment would have far-reaching effects on our entire election system in Georgia. Thus it is imperative that we consider well both sides before making a decision.

Students not living a Macon should have already made arrangements to vote by absentee ballot, and we strongly urge all Macon students to cast their ballot on next Tuesday.

—J. M.

Swarthout Well Received

We hardly believe that Caruso himself could have been more enthusiastically received than was Gladys Swarthout in her recent concert appearance here. The applause was sustained and sincere in the part of the large audience present.

Student Government, Student Activities committee, Dr. Rich, and everyone who had a part are to be highly commended for all their efforts in presenting such a stellar attraction to inaugurate the Artists Series.

Nothing given here in a long time has attracted so much attention and favorable comment. It was an event to bring much credit to an institution such as this one.

An option is held on Alec Templeton, celebrated pianist-comic, for next spring and it is sincerely hoped that this equally brilliant entertainer can be presented here where such performances are all too rare.

—J. M.

Freshmen Must Vote

Tuesday will mark a great day for the members of the freshman class. On this day they will select the leaders for their class and also the students who will be the campus leaders in years to come.

On the shoulders of every freshman rests a great responsibility. Will they take this responsibility and elect the people they feel are the best qualified or will they vote on the candidates because of other reasons. This remains to be seen.

The candidates who win can be trained and can better understand the political set upon the campus, thus making them good candidates for further elections.

All freshmen should vote in this election. These officers will be yours. Go to the polls Tuesday and mark your ballot.

ALPHA PSI OMEGA HOLDS INITIATION

Ernest Durlou, Robert Barfield, David Jordan and Pat Peteler were initiated into Alpha Psi Omega last Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mary Brooks Hicks, faculty adviser, gave a halloween party at her home for the members and new initiates.

Dancing and games furnished the entertainment for the night.

Following the initiation service,

IT SEEMS TO ME—



EXAMS ARE OVER— TIME FOR A SIX WEEKS' REST!!

Think on These Things

By Marshall Vaughn

The majority of young men and women in our nation of college age today, is on trial. Their lives are on the witness stand. The great jury is the world. The supreme judge is God!

Decisions are made, convictions are changed, and new ideas are being sought daily. Yet, very little is found which can be stabilized in their minds. How many young people do you know, who in their conceptions of life, are fixed so strongly that an authoritative mind cannot have a great influence in changing their attitudes of supposedly "fixed" principalities?

Let us look at two students of the opposite sex, who have been holding hands, going to various socials together, holding that co-op conversation daily over a coke, meeting after classes, and pouring out to each other the majority of their secrets: Could this be love? To their present mind of thinking, it is! Nevertheless, when a trivial difference becomes a lump in their highway of happiness, their vehicle stops and the ride is over! To the one holding the greater disturbance over such a mishap—"there will never be another!" However, as time reshapes the mind and heart, we find that some person soon engaged in another adventuresome fling at love. Always, if you should ask, the reply would be—"This is it!"

Young men and women try to formulate within their own sphere of thinking, the problems and solutions of life. Life is too short to profit simply by our own mistakes. Let us profit by the mistakes of others as well. The chief attitude of the young mind is "Give us this day . . . and what the heck!!"

The tree has been planted. We are the master painters. The leaves of the future are colored with the friends and decisions you make today. Many of your present beliefs are only temporary guides. If you are seeking a guide or a principle by which to pattern our lives—Try our Lord's! It would make that highway of life so much smoother. Think on these things,—won't you?

Mid-Term Post Mortem

By Claude Vann

Mid term tests have come and went
All our grades to the office sent.
Our minds and bodies weak and spent,
All for education, toward which we're bent.

Our eyes are opened, our minds are clear,
We took our tests without shedding a tear.
We can look backward with very light hearts,
For some of us did our parts.

To many of us, the tests were a riddle,
For dally studying, we did little.
Looking back now, we see our mistakes,
Too late now, to stop the heartbreaks.

For now we think of our families at home,
Working their fingers to the bone.
All for us, for whom they live,
Asking little for what they give.

The least we do, should be our best,
And be prepared for all our tests.
So let us study both day and night,
And be a prince in our parent's sight.

We, as students, too often forget our scholastic responsibilities until it is too late to remedy them. Some of us too often forget our primary purpose for attending college. We should in all sincerity remember that we must do our utmost, not only for the sake of ourselves, but also for the sake of our families who are behind us in all that we attempt.

It is a very little thing to ask that we keep up with the short assignments given us each day. We sometimes overlook these small responsibilities, however, and we find ourselves in a labyrinth, not knowing which way to turn when we are given an examination.

We must remember that college is a growing period for the mind, and if we allow our mind to become languorous, it will be like unto the stagnant pool, where in no living animal could survive. How can we expect our thinking mechanism to be unimportant if we do not exercise it continuously.

Let us take those talents which have been given us and double or even triple them. And then, when we are called upon for judgment by our families and friends, we can give a worthy account of ourselves.

Trip to Georgia State Fair

By Seah Miller

A trip to the Georgia State Fair recently was most enlightening. A simple country boy would never know that there were so many ways to be deprived of one's ways and means. That green colored matter left me as fast as the green color on a sweet tater patch of first frost.

At first they wanted you to pay to go through the front gate, but I couldn't see the wisdom of paying to walk through that special section when one could easily find an unguarded section of the fence and . . . but I paid.

When I got inside there was a guy that wanted to guess people's weights. One stoop couldn't see through the Carney man's scheme, but I caught on soon enough when he persuaded me to exchange a quarter for a glass jar. The fairway was choked with people of my caliber pulling the wool over the carnival employees' eyes and walking away with the same sort of bargains that I got.

There was a place where there was no ticket required to see their collection of animals. There was no ticket needed, BUT a donation was in order when one prepared to leave.

As my partner and I took one last stroll down chicanery row, we heard the ring toss man go into his little chant. As we neared we averted our heads, hoping that someone would fall victim before he focused his attention upon us. However such was not the case. He began a tirade, directed at making us so ashamed of not trying our skill at his stand of sin and degradation. We held our heads high, and as we passed we replied, "We've been took". To which he readily answered, "Yes, but you ain't been took by me."

Swerving not from our destination we hurried on to view the only individuals which were not making anything off the fair, THE PRIZE HOGS.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Thanks From BSU

Dear Fellow Student:
On behalf of the Baptist Student Union, I would like to thank each of you for the part you had in making the Georgia BSU convocation, which was held on our campus last weekend, a success.

I would like to thank each of you personally, but since that is impossible, please accept this as a personal thanks to you.

The registration was larger than any previous years, so that meant that conditions were more crowded and you were inconvenienced, yet your cooperation was wonderful and I do appreciate it.

Yours in Christ,
Anne Black, President
Baptist Student Union.

FBLA Holds Conference

Emory Clay, Henry Heflin and Mrs. ZeZb Vance attended the state fall planning Workshop of The Future Business Leaders of America last Saturday.

The conference was held during the morning session at the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia in Atlanta.

Henry Heflin was elected to write the state constitution and Emory Clay is vice-president of the state organization.

Mrs. Vance is the state adviser and also adviser of the local group. Plans were made for the state convention which will be held in April.