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High Praise Due Gezork

We wish to give the university administration a rising vote of thanks for bringing Dr. Gezork to our campus for World Conditions Week. Student reaction, as we heard it, was outspoken in favor of his very interesting and informing lectures on conditions in Europe, particularly Germany and Russia.

Amidst the confusion and uncertainty that besets our world today, we "leaders of tomorrow" certainly need to know something of the present situation and learn what is, or is not, being done by our own government to bring real and lasting "peace in our time". The record, as was presented so aptly, is certainly not one to be proud of.

It is our earnest and sincere desire that other speakers of such calibre will be presented as the school year continues. We mean speakers who approach issues with open minds and are not afraid to speak their convictions regardless of whether or not they fit the "mold" of their own denomination, race, or political party. Only through such an approach can we find the real truth for which we seek.

—J. M.

Thanks Should Be Given

The setting aside of a Thursday in November as a day of national thanksgiving began our present Thanksgiving.

For some, Thanksgiving means only another day off, but we of a generation of peace and prosperity should set it aside for more special reasons. So often we forget to thank God for life and His many marks of favor. We might take more time out on this occasion to give Him due thanks.

Then there is the delight of seeing old friends and loved ones, the fellowship of a family circle around the feast of turkey and trimmings, the joy of recalling days gone by, the gaiety of warm laughter, and the gladness in the depths of the heart—all happiness of being home.

It is said that we live in a world of chaos and conflict, that our actions are results of confused philosophies, that another war is inevitable. But we should strive to benefit by the mistakes of the past, strengthen our convictions, and work for peace among men.

As open doors beckoning hands call us to be builders, may we yield and aspire to greater realms of life. With grateful hearts and new determination let us celebrate Thanksgiving this year by thanking God for all our many blessings.

LETTER TO STUDENT BODY

Apologies Extended to Gezork

To The Student Body:

It was very gratifying to hear this past week something about the last issue of the Cluster, even though it was unfavorable.

The fact that the cartoon used about Gezork was taken in a different light from the one of the editor deserves an explanation. It represented what Gezork said concerning the march of time. He was not the one pictured as Frankenstein, but instead it was the speaker who will appear in Gezork's new world after time has marched on into another world war and a war of destruction.

Many apologies to Mr. Gezork and to any students who took this cartoon the wrong way. In the eyes of the Editor, Mr. Gezork was one of the finest speakers we have ever had in chapel, and we hope that everyone is straight on this point.

Also, apologies to any students who disagreed with the Editorial on the County Unit System. We know that there are several mem-

bers of the Student Body who disagreed with it and we are sorry to have entered into State Politics.

Now that the eighth issue has reached you, we of the Cluster staff wish to know what you think of the publications. How can we improve on them and what do you think will add color and variety to the paper? If you wish to criticize or praise it, please let me know so we can improve the weak points.

It is my deepest regrets to lose Bobby Bonner from our staff. He has covered the games and has given a great deal to us, and has certainly put in more hours working on the issues than any members of the staffs. I wish the best of luck to you, in years to come and thanks ever so much Bobby.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches I wish everyone a happy weekend. Thanks to my staff for the wonderful work they have done on the past seven issues.

Sincerely,
Emory Clay



Why No Thanksgiving Banquet at M.E.P.?

Think On These Things

By Marshall Vaughn

Many of the students on our campus have regarded the Bible simply as another text book required for certain courses in Christianity. Not only is this great book a book for study, but one of beauty which only Billy Sunday, in simple words, has described as follows:

"Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art-galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music room of the Psalms where the spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

I entered the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the Prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off events, concentrating on the bright and morning Star which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

I entered the audience room of the King of kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James and John writing their Epistles.

I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of the nations in His hand, and I cried out:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
 Let angels prostrate fall
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown Him Lord of All."

Isn't it a beautiful picture? Go to your room, read it again and think on these things... Won't you?

Students Are Thankful

By Claude Vann

The day is approaching that is called Thanksgiving.
 The day we're thankful, that we're living.
 To be an American we should all give thanks,
 Even those in the Korean ranks.

When we look at our mountains of food,
 Let us be in a thankful mood
 Let us remember on that day,
 All for the things that have come our way.

It's hard to remember in this land of the free,
 That millions are starving, across the sea,
 We in America are more lucky than others,
 But we should remember, we all are brothers.

This Thanksgiving will be a bleak day for many people around the world. We in America, the land of milk and honey, are too prone to forget that except for the grace of God, we too would probably be in dire circumstances. It is extremely difficult for us to realize how these poor unfortunates actually live. We are told of their bare survival, by living on whatever food, clothing, and shelter they can find. However, when we think of these things, they become unreal, like the phantom of the night which fades as the sun rises.

At times, we are all guilty of turning a deaf ear on the hungry cries of millions of our fellow humans. We like to feel proud, and we are often haughty, because of the little aid we have seen fit to give these people. Many Americans protest the good work we are doing because of the absence of monetary returns. But, we as Christians, know that we will be repaid with interest.

So again, let us remember the Golden Rule, and do unto others as we would have them do unto us, were we in the same predicament.

Letter to Editor

Editor, The Cluster:

In the November third issue of the Cluster, there was an article entitled, "Sigma Nu Visits Mt. Vernon." In this article there are a few statements that need clarifying for the benefit of all concerned.

First, the game played was basketball even though it was so well disguised that few could tell the difference. Also with the score in astronomical figures, it could hardly be well played, even though one of our better players was credited with sixteen points.

In the second paragraph, the article states, "The game was one to be long remembered." This is true, believe me, but Sigma Nu would certainly like to forget it. In the same paragraph, Glenn Wilkes is said to be the manager of the Brewton-Parker basketball team. Wilkes informs us that since the article was written, he has been appointed head coach.

Winkie Harris

Suggestion Box

To the Dean:

I suggest that something might be done about serving some other beverage along with the coffee which is usually offered to us at meals in the dining hall. Coffee is all right but it is associated in some minds with past illnesses and the taking of castor oil; besides, there are many who eat in the dining hall who would prefer very much the choice of something other than coffee.

We all admire the dieticians and appreciate those who work in the dining hall. Many of us could relish our meals even more, however, if we had the opportunity to drink something else for a change.

Most Sincerely,
Frank F. Moody

Frank:

The present beverage set up is coffee or milk at breakfast. Coffee only at noon and milk only at supper. The milk allowance is, therefore one pint per day, and coffee would probably be the only other generally accepted beverage. Because of the tight budget margin upon which the meals are prepared (\$90.00 per quarter) it would be impossible to offer other alternations.

Sincerely,
Dean Daughtry

To The Dean:

The students at Mercer are allowed three cuts in Chapel. I presume these cuts are for study purposes. Why then is the library closed during this period? If it is closed so the students will attend Chapel, then why have any cuts at all. Since I am a town student, I often want a place to study during this period, but can never find one.

Sincerely,
T. M.

To T. M.:

According to the current catalog, page 52, attendance at chapel is required. The statement does not say that three cuts are allowed per quarter, but that more than three unexcused absences are a jeopardy to the student's good standing. In other words, it is expected that every chapel will be attended, but where there are extreme circumstances of a personal nature—not excusable—the student is not penalized until he takes more than three such absences.

Sincerely,
Dean Daughtry

(Ed. Note—Each week in this space the Dean of Men and Dean of Women will answer questions sent in by members of the student body.)