

## Keep Off the Grass

Although Dean Burts has made two requests in student chapel, the campus is still being used for an athletic field.

The Mercer campus is a beautiful one. Yet its beauty will greatly decrease unless the grass is better protected. The lawn at the front of Roberts Hall is looking in bad shape, and with winter coming on, it won't have much of a chance to thicken up.

One student said that the loss of grass was the price that Mercer has to pay for not having a golf course. Yet Mercer certainly does have football and baseball fields.

We hope the students will take enough pride in the campus that they will use the walks, without tacky "Keep Off the Grass" signs having to be put up.

## Sherwood Safe?

The Cluster was glad to hear that Sherwood Hall is off the condemned list. The automatic fire alarm was enough to get the fifty-year-old building on the up and up.

The danger in Sherwood, as well as in Roberts, is the problem of getting the boys out of the dormitory. The unsound-proofness of the building would not necessarily require an alarm system to notify one that the building was on fire.

It is more like putting a bell in the oven with the Thanksgiving Turkey, to tell him that his goose was being cooked.

## No Budget Yet

The students are now getting a better voice in how their money is being spent. The Student Activities Committee, which was composed of three students and eight faculty members, is now made up of six students to go with the eight faculty.

This gives the students a better representation in how the \$11.00 per student will be spent each quarter for student activities. The committee now gives the student a better say in how the students' money is spent.

The \$11.00 is paid by each student at the time of registration. The money is divided up among various phases of campus life.

The school year is a month old and as of yet the budget has not been fixed. Therefore, the organizations have been greatly hindered by the lack of information as to how much they will receive this year.

Where this will probably be felt most will be in the concert series. Since the amount for this has not been set, practically no arrangements have been made for this important phase of college life. As it stands, unless something is done, the top talent, which the students requested that their money be spent for, will all be booked up and Mercer will get the left-overs.

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## Famous Last Words



Oh well, mid-terms are a mile away.

CAROLYN McELVEEN

## Artist Uncovered

The seventh century Anglo-Saxon looked at existence as the flight of a sparrow through a warm and cheerful hall, then out into darkness. Our Christian era has long shunned this pagan philosophy about life as a whole, but it may profitably be applied to our college life. Blindly content in our "warm and cheerful hall", we are unaware of the dark uncertainties which will face us in the "cold, cruel world."

We may "eat, drink and be merry today", but there ensues the inevitable tomorrow which finds us still very much alive (although we may often wish we were dead!) This more apt Christian idiom is the one which pays off in the long run: "Live as if you may die tomorrow, but educate yourself as if you may live always."

This brief span of college days offers us golden opportunities for preparation for countless tomorrows. It is often obvious that we are not aware of the opportunities of Mercer to educate ourselves and to develop our talents in various fields.

There is one talented man on this campus who is eagerly and happily making the most of the opportunities open to him at Mercer and in his spare time. He is Roy Grier, Negro janitor here at Mercer, who has been painting various types of pictures for over 25 years. Professor Daugherty who often gives Mr. Grier old paints, praises his work very highly.

Mr. Grier claims that art just "sort of gets in your blood and you can't get it out." He often works on one picture from eight to ten months before he is satisfied with it. Mr. Grier studied art for a short time at the Federal Art School in Minneapolis, Minn. His only regret is that he did not then see the value of the details being taught and therefore did not finish. He often uses colorful Canadian backgrounds which come from memories of his work with the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Grier has painted everything from Fort Benning officers to his favorite pet dogs. The hunting scene in which both his pointer and cocker spaniel are picturesquely portrayed beside a sky-blue lake is lovely indeed. Mr. Grier has donated pictures to various faculty members because he finds that he paints much better if he is painting for someone. We are all looking forward to the picture of the Administration Building, which he plans to paint this year.

GLENN JOYNER

## To Cure a Cold

Now that the season for colds is here again why doesn't someone develop a cure for them? This should be no great task in a nation where even the cigarettes are scientific.

There are only two things that science hasn't been able to stop; one, the noise in Sherwood Hall, two, the common cold. In comparison to the noise in Sherwood it seems it should be quite simple to conquer the cold.

Of course, many people have developed remedies of their own, but all efforts have been to no avail. These remedies which are developed at home are often called, oddly enough, home remedies.

These remedies are designed to either cure or kill the person with the cold. The odds are definitely on the latter. It has been estimated through a nation-wide survey of undertakers that more people die each year from the effects of home cold remedies than were killed in Custer's Last Stand, both World Wars, and Coach Nytmicz's last basketball practice.

It seems the cold remedy is absolutely no good unless it makes the patient unbearably uncomfortable. If it cures the patient and doesn't injure the patient for life then by all means throw it away.

One of the most popular and painful of these remedies seems to be forcing some unknown substance up the nose until it is completely impossible to breathe. This may account for the high mortality rate of colds. This little process is called, for the lack of a better name, clearing the head.

Another form of torture indulged in by many cold cures is the aspirin treatment. In this you take as many aspirin as possible for two weeks or as the bottle puts it "—until the patient takes a round flat form with Bayer stamped across his forehead."

## ALVIN SHACKLEFORD Campaigners

"Separation of church and state is an issue which the United States has long stood for. The very foundation of our country was laid by peoples who sought to be in a land where they could worship God as they pleased.

These pilgrims had their faith in God so strong that they didn't need any strict governmental laws to guide their religious dealings. They felt that no man, Constitution, or courts could tell them how or when to worship God.

This was written strongly into our Documents of Freedom as our nation began to govern itself. One of the Bill of Rights is dedicated to the right of a person to let his conscience be his guide in his religious dealings.

Since the time of our Declaration of Independence no serious attempts have been made by either the Church or the State to control the other. In fact, they seem to have lost interest in the triumphs and tribulations of each other.

That church officials have isolated themselves from the government offices may be good. But is it good that the government officials have left themselves out of the church? Can laws, no matter how strictly written and how rigidly enforced keep us from having political graft with "mink coats" or "deep freezes?"

The way our political set up is now, an honest man can't be elected to an office unless he spends more money campaigning than the office pays. This leads me to think that more goes on in politics than meets the public eye.

Just how we can encourage good, Christian men and women to take an interest in politics, is another question. They will have to take the "mud-slinging" in which manner it would seem difficult to retain ones Christian composure.

However, one thing that each of us can do, whether we are old enough to vote or not, is to support the elected officers of our government with our prayers and confidence.

It seems that along with the separation of church and state, we also have a separation of God and state.

## ON OTHER CAMPUSES Students Take Sides

The Campus Collegian, University of Toledo, asked two top student political leaders—one Democrat and one Republican, each to write a short piece in support of his candidate. Here's the result.

### FOR EISENHOWER

First thing you notice about Eisenhower is a reddish-tan sunburn, eyes a striking blue. You will not get an impression of height, size or grand manner when Ike goes by. He looks solid, walking with a rapid, bouncing effect.

Ike is usually surrounded by many people. He seems to be quite good at carrying along two or three trains of thought, a few words here, a few there. You get the strong feeling he stands for no monkey-business when he's working.

On the other hand, it's an altogether pleasant picture to see Ike shake the hand of a kid who's been up half the night getting out a job well done. There's nothing put on about Ike's grin and the vigorous handshake.

He's giving all he's got and he wants those around him to do the same. If there's a single word to describe his appearance, it must be "confidence."

### FOR STEVENSON

The emotional appeal of General Eisenhower is the only factor that could win for him in November. Despite this appeal—one based on loyal devotion to a great hero of World War II—Governor Adlai Stevenson is the better presidential candidate.

Stevenson's career has been devoted to civil government. Eisenhower is a military man. Stevenson is a great political leader. Ike isn't.

Adlai believes in federal control when state authority fails. Eisenhower's "corruption" campaign commits him to states' rights. Eisenhower has accepted the support of men like McCarthy. Stevenson does not want or need that kind of support.

Americans want Eisenhower to lead their army, but Adlai Stevenson to lead their government.

### IKE'S PRESSED

The Columbia Daily Spectator last week endorsed Governor Stevenson for the presidency and declared its opposition to General Eisenhower, the university's own president on leave.

Eisenhower's "great crusade" has now become "a great enchantment," the newspaper said in a front page editorial signed by eight members of the editorial board.

Referring to Ike's running mate Nixon, The Spectator declared, " . . . General Eisenhower allowed a television soap opera rather than a careful exploration of the facts to be submitted to the American people as evidence."

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