

MU Night School Aids In 'Operation Bootstrap'

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GA.—Robins' airmen attending Mercer University Evening School is nothing new. Under the Air Force's "Operation Bootstrap" program, over 500 officers and airmen have received training at the Macon institution since the end of World War II.

"Operation Bootstrap" is an off-duty educational program whereby both officers and airmen may continue their education while serving their country. Under this program, the Air Force pays three-fourths of the tuition costs and other expenses and often furnishes transportation to and from the school.

Advanced Standing

By participating in this type of program, many officers and airmen have earned enough credits to be given advanced standing on their return to college on a full-time basis. Some officers and airmen have been able to complete requirements for a college degree.

Airmen who participate in this program have the opportunity to advance themselves educationally. At the same time, they improve their proficiency in the Air Force, since many of the subjects taught at Mercer are applicable to the jobs they perform in the service.

Business Courses Popular

Airmen at Robins Air Force Base have shown a particular interest in the business organization and management courses, offered by the Economics Department at Mercer, headed by Dr. Victor Heck. However, many types of courses are available to airmen.

The Fourteenth Air Force, which has headquarters at Robins, also has a contract with Mercer, whereby Reserve officers and airmen in this area are given specialized training in various Air Force subjects. Mercer was the second institution of higher learning in the State of Georgia to sign a contract of this type with the Air Force.

CAMPUS POLL

If Do It Over, Start Anew?

By Johnny Lowery

The following question was asked each of these second quarter freshmen: As a result of your first quarter at Mercer, how would you change it if you were beginning again?

BOBBY D. SIKES, Rome: "First of all, I would not worry myself so much over the study material which I can not understand by my own abilities of poor comprehension. Secondly, I would make sure I got at least six hours sleep in the quiet halls of Sherwood."

JOAN GILDER, Glenwood: "I'd try not to put off big assignments like themes and term papers until the last minute but try to budget my time a little better."

GLENN SPIVEY, Columbus: "Well, I wouldn't take Spanish again. Also, I wouldn't 'Cram' for tests."

SHERILL LAW, Vero Beach, Fla.: "If I had the quarter to do over again, I would get a mattress without the springs showing."

BETTY WILLIAMS, Cairo: "Frankly, I would spend more time studying."

DWIGHT L. HESTER, Newnan: "From my experiences last quarter I have learned that good grades are not all that can be obtained in college. I found that I was placing too much emphasis on just making good grades. I plan to take part in more extra-curricular activities and devote more time to making friends."

REPORTS INVITED

The student constitution calls for the publication by all activities under the Student Activities Committee of a financial report at the end of each quarter. THE CLUSTER will publish its report for the fall quarter next week. We invite all other groups to abide by this article in our constitution by submitting a report to be included in the same issue.



VICTOR C. HECK, STANDING, head of the Economics Department and director of the evening school at Mercer instructs four airmen from Robins.

History Professor Co-Authors Text

By Nancy Yates

The head of the Mercer University history department is co-author of the new elementary Georgia history text published last November and adopted as standard by the State Department of Education.

A display in Mercer's Hardman library this week features the new textbook written by Dr. Spencer B. King Jr. of Mercer and Dr. Merton Coulter and Dr. Albert Berry Saye, both of the University of Georgia.

Already the author of *Selective Service in North Carolina*, an official record of the North Carolina administration of the Selective Training and Service Act from 1940 to 1947, Dr. King has long been interested in Georgia history and is at present compiling a source book on the subject.

The Mercer professor worked closely with Dr. Coulter, who is regents' professor of history, head of the department of history, and chairman of the division of social sciences at the University of Georgia, and with Dr. Saye, who is professor of political science.

Eighty-thousand copies of the *History of Georgia*, which contains 46 chapters, were included in the first printing of the book. The American Book Company, publishers, immediately received a contract from the State Department of Education after the book was

reviewed by a committee for approval.

Work on the book began last spring, and publication came eight months after the authors' first conference with the company.

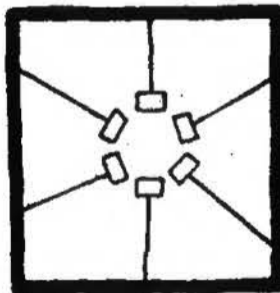
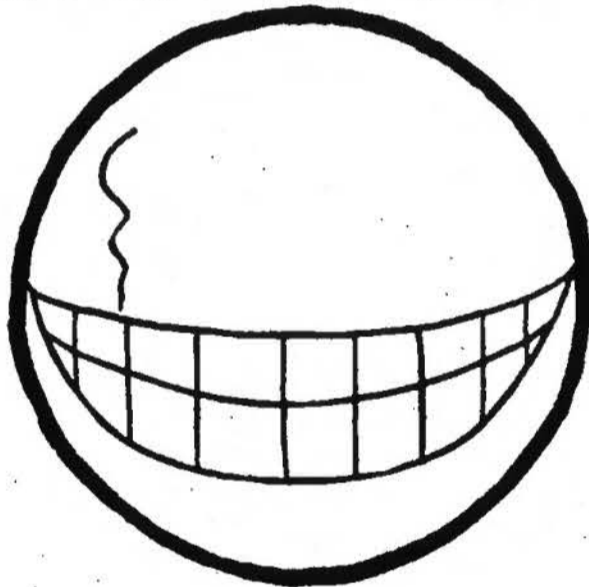
Dr. King confined his research primarily to recent 20th century Georgia through newspaper sources and contact with administrative officials. The book contains numerous references to the city of Macon and several to Mercer University.

During the writing of the book the local professor says public school teachers in Macon and their classes read each chapter and made helpful suggestions. He says that his Georgia history class last summer was especially helpful, also.

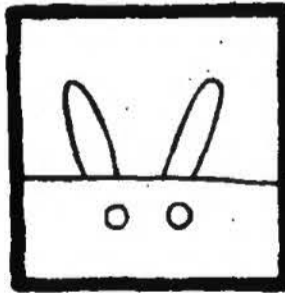
Two of the most interesting features of the text, in the opinion of Dr. King, are the beautiful illustrations and the unique miniature maps scattered throughout.

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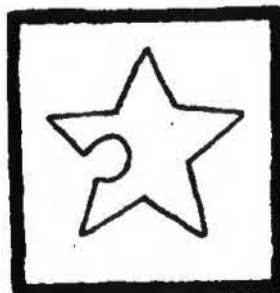
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