



**GIRL OF THE WEEK**—Bonnie Johnson, 18, is seen sunning on a stepping stone in a Baconsfield park pond. A Maconite, this Freshman beauty is 5'-6" tall, weighs 121 lbs., and measures 35"-23"-36". The SAE Pledge Sweetheart is a Phi Mu, and says she likes writing, swimming and dancing.—Photo by John Robinson

# Gov., Senator Speak Today

Speeches by the governor and junior senator of Georgia are the main attractions for the 12 Annual Law Day today.

Gov. Vandiver spoke at the chapel exercises. Sen. Talmadge will speak in a meeting open to the public at 2 p.m. in Willingham Chapel. The subject of their speeches have not been disclosed. Law Day is expected to draw the largest crowd in its history, Dr. Ed Wilson told the Cluster. Lawyers and alums from all over the state are expected to attend the George School of Law's homecoming. The entire membership of the Georgia Bar Association have received invitations to the event.

### Students!

If either your father or mother were Mercerians, please come by the Alumni Office in the Administration Building and register with Miss Frances Floyd.

## Harris Is Being Considered By Trustees For Presidency

According to Associated Press reports, Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president of Tulane, is being considered for the presidency of Mercer University.

In a front page story printed in

a Macon paper Saturday, Dr. Harris admitted that he had been approached by the Mercer trustees' nominating committee, but he then said that any speculation about his coming here was premature and he did not indicate when he might reach a decision.

The story stated that J. Warren Timmerman, chairman of the president-hunting committee, said that it might be possible to announce a decision about the Mercer presidency by Nov. 15. Timmerman was quoted as saying, "We cannot say anything definite at this time, but we hope a decision can be reached by Nov. 15."

The Christian Index, official state Baptist paper, stated that Mercer University may be able to present a president to the Georgia Baptist Convention when it holds its annual meeting Nov. 10-12 in Augusta.

Dr. Harris has been president of Tulane for 23 years. Before as-

The observance, according to Dr. Wilson, is planned for the purpose of keeping the alumni in contact with the school and its progress and to acquaint the other members of the bar with the school's activity.

Other activities will include election of officers for the Law School's Alumni Association and a panel discussion on the question of incorporation of the Georgia Bar. Several prominent Georgia Bar-risters will serve on this panel.

Serving as moderator of the panel will be Mallory C. Atkinson, professor of Law at Mercer and a former judge in the Superior Court of Bibb County. Also participating will be the Hon. Newell Edenfield, president of the Georgia Bar Association. The discussion is to be held in the Ryals Law Building at 11 a.m.

Some four thousand invitations have been sent to alumni and the Georgia Bar Association. Visitors and the Law School student body were served barbecue prepared on the grounds at noon.

Liberal arts students were requested by Bob Steed, co-chairman of Law Day, to consider themselves as special members of the reception committee in making the special visitors on campus feel welcome.

suming the presidency there, the Monroe, Ga., native was on the faculty for nine years. Prior to that he was dean of the Mercer law school from 1925-1927. Two years ago he was mentioned in connection with the presidency of Georgia Tech and Georgia State College in Atlanta.

# Board Inspection Proposed As Extension of System

By RALPH BASS

SGA President Bev Bates outlined a proposed system of dormitory inspection and petitioned the administration to open the dining hall lunch lines earlier, in SGA chapel on Tuesday.

The system of dormitory discipline and inspection suggested by Bates is composed of two bodies, the Student Disciplinary Board and the Court of Appeals. The membership for these two bodies would be drawn from the three men's dormitories on campus. Also serving "in an advisory capacity only" would be representatives of the faculty and the office of the Dean of Students.

The Student Disciplinary Board," said Bates, would "administer inspections and report major disturbances." A Court of Appeals "to enforce the authority of the board" would hear cases of violation.

### Extend Self-Government

Bates pointed out that this would be an extension of the principles of self-government as found in the present honor system of the school.

In the girls' dormitories disciplinary functions are executed by the Women's Student Government Association. In the men's dorms, according to Bates, "We are under the direct supervision of the dean's office."

The SGA president asserted that "much of the present tension between the men students and the dean's office could be relieved by our placing dormitory control in the hands of students through student government."

"I approve this plan in principle," said Mercer's Dean of Students Richard C. Burts Jr., "but I'm a little skeptical. I think to change to a hasty plan would be in error."

The dean continued, "I'll be glad to move over and share responsibility. The dormitory directors, Mr. Orr and the dean's office must have a proper place.

We will make room for student government to share the responsibility."

But he urged caution, "I think we ought to go into it carefully." He mentioned specifically the working out of the relation between the existing groups such as the Sherwood dorm council and the IFC disciplinary committee and their place in the new set-up. Said the dean, "There is a lot of negotiating to be done."

Still he repeated, "I approve it in principle."

### Open Lunch Lines

As the second major point in his speech Bates called for the administration to open the lunch lines before the end of fourth period and threatened, "If no tangible progress is made in this direction by next week, I will recommend that the Student Senate pass a resolution condemning such an utter disregard for student opinion."

Mrs. Ethel T. Reeves, dietitian, stated that with her present arrangement none of the student workers were out from classes during the fourth period, therefore it was impossible for her to open the lines. The help in the kitchen, she explained, were needed to prepare the food for the meal and could not be placed to work on the serving line.

In the conclusion of his talk, Bates issued statements of commendation to several student groups.

"We can be justly proud of our progress in student government. The honor system has never been more respected. Under the leadership of its capable chief justice, I have no fear as to its continued

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Dear Haywood—

Congratulations to you and The Cluster on your 40th anniversary. Keep up the good work!

—Toby

prosperity."

He cited the "originality and vacuity" of the 1959 Cauldron and termed Rat Week as being "effectively planned" and "carried out without antagonizing the usual revolt."

### Cluster 'Advocate'

After mentioning student government's Tuesday chapel programs and the student senate, he spoke of the Mercer Cluster as a "militant advocate of student rights."

In conclusion, he challenged the students: "None of this was achieved by a do-nothing attitude. None of this was achieved by resisting change merely because change often presents new challenges. These projects were born from an idea which found allegiance in those who were not afraid of responsibility."

"I ask you, is self-government just an idea or something more? If you really believe it is something more than just an idea, I feel assured of your support in extending self-government and in seeing that student government is neither bullied nor ignored."

### AT PRESSTIME

In chapel today, Gov. Vandiver cited the achievements of MU alumni; stating that this is the measure of a University's success.

## Niebuhr, Noted Theologian, To Be Here Thursday, Friday

Mercer students will have the opportunity to hear one of the leading figures in contemporary theology speak at Mercer next Thursday and Friday. He will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room 314 of the Student Center to members of the special discussion groups that have been discussing his book **Resurrection and Historical Reason** for the past month, under the leadership of members of the Faculty Christian Fellowship. Any interested students or others in the community are invited to attend this meeting. His subject will be "The Bible and Twentieth Century Man."

Earlier Thursday afternoon he will speak to the faculty on a topic relating to the university and the church. He will speak to the entire University community at chapel on Friday. His subject will be "Nature and History: One World or Two?"

Niebuhr is an associate professor of theology at the Harvard Divinity School. He received his bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1947. He has since studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York, the Westminster Theological College of Cambridge University, and Yale University, from which he received his doctorate in 1955.

He served as minister of the First Church of Christ (Congregational) in Cornwall, Conn., during 1951-52. He was lecturer in religion at Vassar College from 1954-

56, becoming assistant professor of theology at Harvard. He was made associate professor in 1959.

Niebuhr's theology and his book **Resurrection and Historical Reason** have been the subject of eight discussion groups on campus, sponsored by the office of religious activities. The groups, led by members of the Faculty Christian Fellowship, have met several times separately, and met together Thursday night to review the material discussed and to discuss their combined understanding of the subject.

Niebuhr's visit is sponsored by the Faculty Christian Fellowship and the office of religious activities. His is the first in a series of visits to the Mercer campus by outstanding figures in contemporary thought.