

Peace Corps Conference In Atlanta

The October 17 Regional Peace Corps Conference met in the Municipal Auditorium.

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College, welcomed the assembly on behalf of the other members of the President's National Advisory Council for the Peace Corps.

In addition to a large representation of undergraduates from surrounding states, representatives of religious and special interest groups composed the bi-racial assembly. Representing Mercer University were Professor Carroll of the history department, Student Body President Tommy Storey, and Cluster Editor Rithia McGlaun.

Top Peace Corps Staff were on hand from Washington to discuss the purpose and training program of the corps.

Lee St. Lawrence, Special Assistant for Program Development, and Dr. Nicholas Hobbs, Director of Selection, participated in a panel discussion.

Twenty-seven year old Bill Mayers, Associate Director of the Peace Corps, delivered the major address at the 12:30 P.M. luncheon. Ivan Allen, Jr., mayor-elect of Atlanta, welcomed Mr. Mayers.

Mr. Mayers is the former Chief of the 195-man Lyndon Johnson Staff. From Marshall, Texas, Mayers was educated at the University of Edinburgh.

Mr. Mayers dealt with the controversial Peace Corps operation

in Nigeria.

He stated that the Peace Corps "aren't after superhumans" but rather after people. He praised the courage of people "to make mistakes in Nigeria" doing something that they considered worthwhile.

Mr. Mayers described the Peace Corps as "an experience in the difficult."

Mr. Mayers stated that Peace Corps volunteers would contribute to countries they were assigned to by supplying the "needed link" between top executives and technical experts and common laborers.

Mr. Mayers said the Peace Corps workers were "windows to America while serving for two years among people of under-developed countries."



Mrs. Cagle at Eglin Field, Fla.

Space Program May Shoot-up Flyer Cagle

By ROBERT H. HUNT

Mrs. Myrtle T. Cagle, Mercer freshman and award-winning aviator, has been selected as a possible trainee in the government's woman in space program. This program includes a sub-orbital or orbital flight of a space capsule with a woman passenger, designed to test human reactions to the conditions of outer-space.

Myrtle is one of approximately 8 women in the nation who have passed physical and flying ability tests, and are now being considered for participation in the space program.

Although attending Mercer is not part of Myrtle's training program, she hopes that it will help her chances of being selected for the space shot. She is a physics major, a journalism minor.

Myrtle said that she is attending Mercer because "I believe that many colleges can have a harmful effect on a student's religion, and I wanted to come to a school that would enrich my religious convictions."

Myrtle has been flying airplanes for more than 17 years and presently has 4,553 flying hours to her credit. She is in her mid-thirties and holds an Airline Transport Pilot License, is a qualified flight instructor, licensed to pilot single or multi-engine planes, and has had several hours flying experience with jet aircraft.

Originally from Selma, North

Carolina, she is now living in Warner Robins with her husband, an industrial engineer at Robins Air Force Base.

Myrtle was a flight instructor at Macon Airport until she gave up her job to attend Mercer.

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THE TRUE AND HARROWING FACTS ABOUT RUSHING

It is well enough to sit in one's Morris chair and theorize about sorority rushing, but if one really wishes to know the facts, one must leave one's Morris chair and go out into the field. (My Morris chair, incidentally, was given to me by the Philip Morris Company, makers of Marlboro Cigarettes. They are great-hearted folk, the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes, as millions of you know who have enjoyed their excellent cigarettes. Only from bountiful souls could come such mildness, such flavor, such filters, such pleasure, as you will find in Marlboros! For those who prefer crushproof boxes, Marlboro is available in crushproof boxes. For those who prefer soft packs, Marlboro is available in soft packs. For those who prefer to buy their cigarettes in bulk, please contact Emmett R. Sigafos, friendly manager of our factory in Richmond, Virginia.)

But I digress. I was saying that in order to know the true facts about sorority rushing, one must go into the field and investigate. Consequently, I went last week to the Indiana College of Spot Welding and Belles Lettres and interviewed several million coeds, among them a lovely lass named Gerund McKeever. (It is, incidentally, quite an interesting little story about how she came to be named Gerund. It seems that her father, Ralph T. McKeever, loved grammar better than anything in the world, and so he named all his children after parts of speech. In addition to Gerund, there were three girls named Preposition, Adverb, and Pronoun, and one boy named Dative Case. The girls seemed not to be unduly depressed by their names, but Dative Case, alas, grew steadily more morose and was finally found one night dangling from a participle. After this tragic event, the father abandoned his practice of grammatical nomenclature, and whatever children were subsequently born to him—eight in all—were named Everett.)



They pledged more girls than they had room for...

But I digress. I was interviewing a lovely coed named Gerund McKeever. "Gerund," I said, "were you rushed by a sorority?"

"Yes, mister," she said, "I was rushed by a sorority."

"Did they give you a high-pressure pitch?" I asked. "Did they use the hard sell?"

"No, mister," she replied. "It was all done with quiet dignity. They simply talked to me about the chapter and the girls for about three minutes and then I pledged."

"My goodness!" I said. "Three minutes is not very long for a sales talk!"

"It is when they are holding you under water, mister," said Gerund.

"Well, Gerund," I said, "how do you like the house?"

"I like the house fine, mister," she replied. "But I don't live there. Unfortunately, they pledged more girls than they have room for, so they are sleeping some of us in the bell tower."

"Isn't that rather noisy?" I said.

"Only on the quarter-hour," said Gerund.

"Well, Gerund," I said, "it has certainly been a pleasure talking to you," I said.

"Likewise, mister," she said, and with many a laugh and cheer we went our separate ways—she to the campanile, I to the Morris chair.

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Future Business Women To Meet Monday

Future Business Women will hold an open meeting for prospective members in their new classrooms on the second floor of the Economics Building on Monday evening, October 23, at 7 p.m.

During the evening the Secretarial minor will be explained and questions will be answered about the courses offered in the department. Officers of the club, which is a local chapter of the national Phi Beta Lambda fraternity, will present the objectives of the organization and the program and projects of the local group.

All students who are interested in the secretarial field are cordially invited, according to Angela Silcox, president. Other officers are: Withia Robinson, vice president; Linda Lowe, secretary-treasurer; and Elizabeth Bowman, historian.

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