

LETTERS CONTINUED

One Picture Speaks Louder . . .

Dear Editor:
I am the red headed step-child of the Mercer campus. You use me as a batting ball any time you need to cover a little space or a lot of space. The students use me when they need someone to blame for their shortcomings and so forth. Well I am that batting ball that everyone takes out on when they are angry at the world. Yes, I am the books in the library. You have heard so much about having open stacks in this building. Have you ever asked someone who knew why we do not have this? Here are a few reasons why.

To the seniors that had a look in the stacks from the picture in the *Cluster*, maybe you remember when you were allowed to look through my cousins that were in the reserve section. Were you one of those who tried to get a book that had been taken and not returned or signed for? In other words, one of your fellow students had sticky fingers. The stacks were closed because the Library Committee—which is composed of faculty members—requested that this be done. After almost 100 books disappeared from these shelves in one year, they thought that maybe someone could not resist temptation and maybe we should do what the Bible says—you know—do not do anything that might be tempting to your brother. I hope that you were not one of those who needed these books then or that you are not a freshman, sophomore or junior deprived of the use of these books because they were out of print and so could not be replaced.

Few of you know of the kidnapping that occurred last year. Several of my reference brothers were kidnapped. A volume of the *Interpreters Bible* was taken from its brothers and sisters. Volume seven was later found in a student's room. I hope you didn't need it for that test that was given by the christianity professor during that three months period. I wonder how many other students needed this then.

Oh, did you know one of us had an accident? Yes, one of the civil war books was being used when it was discovered it had been wounded in action. Twenty pages had been cut out and the operation was one that was not really necessary. Just hope someone does not get hurt with the pretty pictures of the guns, and so forth on those pages. Maybe he just wanted to play cops and robbers. If you need these pages for your paper under Dr. King, that's your problem. After all, boys will be boys.

Oh yes, if you could only have the benefit to come in and look over us in the stacks. Did you know that more than one person could not go through the aisles at a time? And let's hope you are not large. You would get plenty of exercise picking up the books you knocked over in passing—that is, if you even cared enough to bend over. After all, let the next person do that. There is less than three feet between the rows. Oh, yes, you really have fun with the guessing game. Hit the right light for the right row. You see these lights do not work as most people think. When they finally find the right switch for the right row they still would have to feel around in the dark. My brothers and sisters on the two bottom shelves have never seen daylight. They think that the stacks are like the North Pole in the winter season—six months of night. The lights are like little stars, for they give off about that much light.

Do you like to live dangerously? I can just see you now. Monday night about 9 p.m. You start to reach for a book on the bottom shelf and bag! You get slapped. Why? Nothing except that you pulled a pretty little coed's knee instead. You see that book was not there instead you reached

too far in the dark and she was stooping over looking too.

All kidding aside, have you ever asked the librarian about these things? In all fairness to the library staff that works hard to serve you, don't you think that you should ask them about some of these things? They can tell you "why".

I wonder if the person who wrote the article in the *Cluster* this past Friday could have been the boy that told a lie to get one of the books on reserve, to give to a girl who was not in school here. I wonder if it really made a hit with her?

Signed
RED

When we really want to make a hit with the girls, we don't give them books. Ed.

Lowrance Indignant

In a bylined column in the May 18 issue of the *Cluster*, the editor, Larry Maioriello, has written concerning what he characterizes "The Purpose of the Honor Council." While analysis of such a factually deficient and obviously undocumented article is extremely difficult, I strongly feel some attempt must be made to point out the glaring errors of fact and implication forwarded by Mr. Maioriello.

Mr. Maioriello chooses to make his main thesis that the "members, methods, motives, and means" are in some unnamed way reprehensible. This is indeed a serious charge, since it impugns the character of each Council member and the Council faculty advisers. This charge is, I submit, wholly unjustified.

Mr. Maioriello states that the Council is dishonorable in trial procedure: "... obtaining the conviction by any means—some less than honorable."

This statement is absolutely untrue. He goes on to say that the Council does not follow the letter and spirit of its rules of procedure. This statement is absolutely untrue.

The forwarding of such serious charges without any facts to back them up is irresponsible, as well as being insulting to the intelligence of any college student. What members, what methods, what motives and what means are not above reproach? Who has been convicted by less than honorable means? How has the Council failed to follow the letter and spirit of its procedure? It would behoove Mr. Maioriello to tell all the students of Mercer just what facts he used in arriving at such an indictment of the Council.

Mr. Maioriello's weak attempt at expose, as well as my superficial attempt at rebuttal, unfortunately do nothing more than obscure responsible discussion of the entire Honor System as set up in the S.G.A. Constitution. It may come as a surprise to Mr. Maioriello, but the Council continually strives to adjust its procedure in such a way as both to protect the rights of individual students involved in cases, and to further the Honor System in its work at Mercer. Numerous procedural changes and several Constitutional amendments enacted in the last year are a matter of public record.

Responsibility. Where does responsibility for academic integrity lie—with nine members of the Honor Council, but, in opposition to Mr. Maioriello, I submit that the Council is fully cognizant of its responsibility, and will continue in the future, as in the past, to contribute positive action to further the Honor System at Mercer.

Finally, I would categorically state that in over two years on the Council, I have found that the judgement and character of each member of the Honor Council and its faculty advisers has been exemplary.

J. Ward Lowrance
Justice, Honor Council

Fourteenth Law Day Held At MU

A crowd of over 250 jurists, referees-in-bankruptcy, educators, and practicing attorneys was in attendance at Mercer's fourteenth annual Law Day activities.

The program included forums, discussions by leading authorities in particular fields of legal interest and a film.

The main address was delivered by Justice Carlton Mobley at a luncheon held in the Student Cafeteria. He warned those present of the dangers of over-centralization of the federal government.

Many Mercer alumni who are presently seeking state and federal offices were among those in attendance. Candidates for the office of lieutenant governor included Mercer law professor Ed Wilson, Peter Zack Geer and Dr. W. Burndine. Fred Hasty, candidate for Bibb representative, and Joe Briley, candidate for Sixth District Congressman, both Mercer alumni, also attended.

Dan Bradley Accepted For Peace Corps

A Mercer senior has been accepted as a volunteer for the Peace Corps project to Ethiopia, a country in northeast Africa.

Dan Bradley, Hapeville, Georgia, applied for the Peace Corps in October, 1961, soon after the inauguration of the Peace Corps program. He was accepted last week to join the volunteers to teach in the secondary schools of Ethiopia. He will be graduated from Mercer this June.

"The Peace Corps give to all those interested an opportunity to serve in some small way in order to make this world a better place to live. The Peace Corps' aims are high, its goals are clear, and its ideas are forward," says Bradley, in explaining why he has volunteered for this project.

Bradley, a first year law student under the three-three plan, is a member of Sigma Nu, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and is a reporter for the Mercer *Cluster*.

Peace Corps Volunteers will teach a full-time schedule of courses and will participate in the extra-curricular activities of schools

Griffin Addresses MU, Wesleyan

Over 200 college students appeared at a buffet dinner and rally for gubernatorial candidate Marvin Griffin at the Dempsey Hotel this week.

Highlighting the evening was a talk by Griffin to the gathering which was sponsored and organized by the Mercer-Wesleyan Griffin for Governor Club. The students from Mercer and Wesleyan met in the Walter Little Room of the Dempsey Hotel on Wednesday.

The Club was organized to assist Griffin in the forthcoming campaign and to encourage student thought and action in the Democratic primary in September.

David Shiplett, Vidalia, welcomed the students to the rally and Rudolph Patterson, Albany, gave the invocation. Glynn Watson, Reidsville, introduced Griffin who spoke on "The Increasing Role of Students in Government and Civic Affairs." After the speech, students posed questions to Griffin about his objectives and plans if he is successful in his bid for the governor's office.

Watson, secretary-treasurer of the club, stated that the Mercer-Wesleyan Griffin for Governor Club planned to remain active throughout the summer by contacting students of each school.

The Social Set



by
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MICA held a big sister program Wednesday night for Marla Strippling, Sandra Faulkner, Sara Distelhurst, and Shirley Carter. Caryl Allen, Barbara Byrd, and Phyllis Lane are engaged.

On Sunday the Brothers and Pledges attended Church together as a fitting close to the Weekend and the beginning of Greek Week.

Sigma Nu has pledge Skip Hudson from Atlanta, Ga. Congratulations.

to which they are assigned. Volunteers will teach English, geography, mathematics, science, typing, shorthand, industrial arts, vocational agriculture, home economics, physical education, group guidance and counseling. They will serve under the Ethiopian school headmasters.

Before going to Ethiopia, volunteers will undergo an intensive training program at one or more U. S. university. This training, which will last eight weeks, is to begin about June 25. The curriculum will include Peace Corps policies and philosophy, American studies, African affairs, adaptation to social and cultural change, introduction to area studies, comparative education and health and physical education. After a short home leave, volunteers will be given additional training on their arrival in Ethiopia. The volunteers are to remain in Ethiopia for two years.

Honor Council Reports Cases

The Honor Council reports the following penalties for violations of the Honor Code during the Spring Quarter:

Case No. 1 was given an F in the course with the stipulation that upon his graduation from Mercer the Honor Council notation could be removed from his permanent record if there were no further violations against him.

Case No. 2 was given an F in two courses, the loss of 15 honor points and ineligibility to hold a Student Government office, to receive scholarships, or to participate in intercollegiate activities during the remainder of his tenure at Mercer.

Cases No. 3 and 4 were given an F in two courses, the loss of 20 honor points, and ineligibility to hold a Student Government office, to receive scholarships or to participate in intercollegiate activities during the remainder of his tenure at Mercer.

Cases 5 and 6 were given an F in the course, the loss of 15 honor points, and the ineligibility to hold Student Government office, to receive scholarships, or to participate in intercollegiate activities during the remainder of their tenure at Mercer.

Case No. 7 was given an F in two courses, the loss of 15 honor points, and the ineligibility to hold a Student Government office, to receive scholarships or to participate in intercollegiate activities during the remainder of his tenure at Mercer.

Case No. 8 was given an F in the course, the loss of 15 honor points, and the ineligibility to hold a Student Government office, to receive scholarships, or to participate in intercollegiate activities during the remainder of his tenure at Mercer.

Case No. 9 was given the loss of ten honor points.

Case No. 10 was given the loss of five honor points.

Students Exhibit Art

Beginning Sunday a special student art exhibit will be on display in the Connell Student Center, according to Marshall Daugherty, Associate Professor of Art.

The exhibit will feature exclusively work by Mercer students, and will consist of paintings, drawings and sculpture.

APO Pledges Seven

The Mercer chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity pledged seven new members Tuesday.

The new members are: Don Baxter, Ernest Ferrell, Robert H. Hurt, Lamar Ogleby, Jerry Poole, Mike Swords, and Terry White.

Sullivan Award

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chairman of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, and member of the professional council of the National Probation and Parole Association.

A graduate of Mercer University in 1938, he served in the Navy during World War II, rising from apprentice seaman to lieutenant. He studied law at Emory University where he received his LL.B. degree.

NOTICE

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE MERCER CLUSTER UNTIL THE FALL QUARTER

MU Faculty Club To Dine Tonight

Faculty and staff members will be honored tonight by the Faculty Club at a dinner in the Student Center.

The annual dinner will honor those members of the faculty and staff who are retiring or leaving the University, it was announced by Mary Wilder, chairman of the dinner committee.

Those being honored are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Highfill, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stone, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bolton, Mrs. Alice Bohannon, Mr. Claude Britt, Mr. Clyde Hiss, Mr. Charles Love, Mr. Malcolm Blizard and Miss Georgia Christopher.