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Nicholas Johnson, Insight Speaker

## Law School Notes

The Student Bar Association of Walter F. George is presently organizing a program of Minority Student Awareness, aimed at acquainting black students with what this law school, and the legal profession in general has to offer them. Last year only twenty blacks applied to WFG and none met the entrance requirements. The Minority Student Awareness program hopes to attract applications from more qualified black students. The feeling in the past seems to have been that blacks fared better in law schools outside the south. The program hopes to dispell such beliefs among blacks, and bring to their attention, instead, more affirmative facts. For instance, qualified black students at WFG have an excellent chance of receiving financial aid if needed. The Otis Redding Fund presently contains \$64,000 destined to be distributed among future WFG black students. Also, there are many other

scholarships and loans available to aid students who are unable to cope with the financial demands of a legal education. The program will be presented to the Mercer Black Student League in the very near future, and later will be presented at other schools, including Fort Valley and Georgia Southwestern.

A ballot vote was held on October 17 to consider the passage of a new SBA Constitution. The new Constitution, the result of several months work by the Constitutional Revision Committee, was adopted, with 73 percent of those voting in favor of passage, and 27 percent against. The primary modifications dealt with the Honor Committee and with elections, although other areas were also affected. The new Constitution came about because of dissatisfaction with the prior document, and because of growing evidence that the change was needed.

## SGA Briefs

The regular Meeting of the Senate, October 21, 1974

Before adjournment of an exceedingly brief session, the Senate listened to several topics brought to its attention. Sean Finnegan resigned his post as chairman of the standing committee on Academic Affairs. Election Marshall Dori Miller announced her candidacy for the position for Senior Senator in the October 24 election, necessitating the appointment of a temporary official to oversee that election. SGA president Joe Davis was selected for

that position.

Limited commentary and discussion concerning the CLUSTER's editorial policies was initiated by one of the Senators. To persons discontent with the present CLUSTER, three courses of action were recommended: (1) writing a letter to the editor would make him aware of individual complaints. (2) Serious criticisms could be voiced at meetings of the Publications Board. (3) Persons who desire to contribute material to the CLUSTER to improve that publication should appear at the meeting of its staff.

## Johnson Speaks At Mercer

By Randy Crutchfield

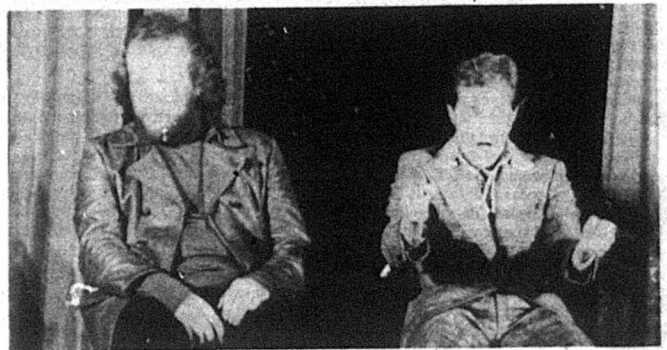
Fall quarter's sole Insight speaker, Nicholas Johnson, addressed a rather small but responsive audience in the chapel the night of Thursday, October 17. Mr. Johnson is a former U.S. Maritime Administrator and until 1973, served as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. In addition, to his work on behalf of the government, he has held faculty positions at several law schools. His published writing includes two books, *TEST PATTERN FOR LIVING*, and *HOW TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR TELEVISION SET*. Speaking on the topic discussed in the latter volume, his presentation covered the nature of the broadcast industry, television as a medium, television's effects on it's audience, and finally, ways and means to obtain results when a group of people seek to change the existing situation in broadcasting.

Mr. Johnson emphasized the tremendous influence television has on the American public - and the absence of responsible use of such great power. Instead of promoting consumptive and materialistic behavior for the benefit of the sponsor, (whose only interest is in

purchasing a product, the viewer, from a seller, the broadcaster) television programming could be designed to present both series and specials which frequently deal with human situations and problems. As far as censorship is concerned, the majority of objections to programming emanate from the network, the station, and the program sponsor, rather than from the viewing public. Thus program content is not determined in many situations by the audience at all, but is instead, dictated by purely commercial considerations, such as whether the program is a good vehicle for a product the sponsor is pushing. This backward concept casts suspicions as to whether television operation in the hands of corporate interests is well placed.

Television's vast social influence has been abused, in Mr. Johnson's opinion. Not only has the device been responsible for diminishing inter-personal contacts, but the passivity required for television viewing itself is destructive to self-esteem. Television is a one-way street, bombarding the viewer in a manner which

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"Stoned"

## Monday Night In Macon

By Pete Lamb

The Committee, a satirical comedy group that has an impressive list of credentials, came to Mercer last Monday night, and things here will never be the same. Not only was this the best performance that has ever been put on in the Chapel, but the audience was very receptive and most appreciative. Anyone who missed the Committee missed a very good time.

The Committee's impressive credentials include an upcoming appearance on the *Midnight Special*, five "Tonight Shows", several albums, and various assorted colleges and clubs.

Their range of satire covered politics,

strip shows, commercials, television shows, drugs, and many other current topics. The Committee did eighteen acts all together and included the audience in about a third of them. Opinions vary as to the highlights of the evening, but some of them were the robbery, the boogie man, Bermuda Prune Juice, voting, rectal hygiene, and the acid trip.

There can be no comparison as far as the Committee's act is concerned in relation to that of Firesign Theatre, Cheech and Chong, The National Lampoon touring company, or any other satirical

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## Why?

What is wrong with us? Why do we persist in killing each other to prove nothing? I am referring to the fighting going on in Boston. Certainly anyone who is interested in equality, fraternity, and brotherhood have to agree that the only way we can live as equals is to give equal opportunity to all our brothers on this earth, regardless of color. The whites in Boston object to having their kids go to school with blacks. The blacks object (but not to the same extent or for the same reasons) to having their kids go to school with whites. They both would rather their kids get no education at all than have their kids go to school with those of another color.

I can remember when I was going to high school a few years before local white politicians got upset about court ordered busing. I was bussed past a black high school to go to a white one. I did not ask for this and neither did my parents. The same case applied to my black neighbors. They did not ask where they wanted to go to school but were required to go to the black high school. This was busing before it changed its meaning. Now it means integration, whereas before it meant segregation. I heard no objections to busing then but I see people getting killed over it now.

## Frat Unity

During rush, a very important idea came upon me, Fraternity Unity. Some students on campus think of each Greek system as a sovereign unit, unconcerned about any other Greek (or furthermore, any non-Greek). Such a belief breeds bias and hinders unity.

This is an important time to bring this up, since all the freshmen pledges or associate members of the fraternities will be either carrying with them through the years the biases handed to them, or the mutual friendship among the houses. Believe it or not, there are some houses which endorse the second alternative. The ATO's and KA's mingled with each other the night their pledges accepted their bids. The Lambda Chi's and Pi Kapp's feel the same way, like many of the others.

What is it that causes disunity? The painting of the SAE Lion would certainly be a strange way to express friendship.

What's wrong with integration? What's wrong with equality? What's wrong with us?

I heard someone here at school say that they didn't think that the Omega Psi Phi fraternity would allow whites into their fraternity. This according to them, justified other fraternities not allowing blacks into their fraternities. My reply to this was simple but is not printable. I know for a fact that Omega Psi Phi would allow anyone to join provided that they make it through rush. This is essentially the same policy that the predominantly white fraternities hold, so what is the difference?

Why must we form exclusive clubs, fraternities, cliques, and groups? Why must we perpetuate stereotypes about races and religions that we know nothing about? I'm not down on groups, cliques, organizations, fraternities, or clubs as a whole, but I am down on those who make it a policy to exclude members of certain races and religions from them. These people only serve to keep us from progressing socially and also tend to make this country look like an experiment in genocide.

Maybe it will take the whole city of Boston to blow up in a cloud of ignorance to prove to the rest of us that we are all brothers and sisters. Color-blindness is unfortunately something which we are lacking. We would do well to strive for the day when "... all God's children" can be free at last, instead of imprisoned behind the walls of stupidity and racism.

The problem (impossible to put your finger on and say, "This is the cause!") could come from the fabricated opinions or lies about a specific fraternity. This could give the "rushing" freshman a colored view of one or several of the other systems. An IFC spokesman emphasized that the IFC rule against one fraternity slandering another one will be strictly enforced from now on.

The solution to this dilemma is for the members (especially the freshmen) to venture beyond their lodges and make friends. This has been done, of course; and it cannot be over emphasized. Fear could be the wall separating this kind of unity from enmity.

Someone once said, "We fear the things we have no knowledge of." By never passing up an opportunity to make a friend, such knowledge will be obtained to reach this goal.

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Read This

By Steve Causey

This week, I thought that I would like to explain a few things about this newspaper's policy and some things in general about the paper.

First, signed editorials are the opinions of the signees, and not necessarily those of the paper. When someone writes an editorial that he feels represents the feelings of a fraction of the student body (like last week's "Rush To What?"). I will print it.

Secondly, the responsibility for this newspaper rests with ME, not my staff. While everyone that works for the Cluster welcomes constructive criticism, complaints about the paper should be addressed to: Steven Causey, Cluster Editor, Box 110. Or you can tell me personally.

Some people have complained the newspaper is "too conservative" and that this is because of the conservative editor. Well folks, I have already announced that we are open to guest editorials. Unfortunately, no one has taken me up on this yet. I have yet to refuse to print an editorial because it was "not conservative enough".

Some Greeks complained about last

week's paper. I'm sorry that they did not approve of it, but I was elected on the grounds that I would tell both sides of the story. Prior to this issue, I have, and will continue, to print pro-Greek articles, but I am obligated to tell the "other side of the story" which is what I did last week.

Because I am in R.O.T.C., some people say that I am running a military publicity sheet. Anytime I run across an organization that has over 200 members, be it Greek, independent, or whatever, I am going to occasionally give it some coverage. Here again, though, this has not impaired the credibility of the paper, in my opinion. This association did not hamper my writing an editorial blasting Lt. Calley and will not hamper me (or the paper) in the future. As I have said, I will give it coverage, but it is not a sacred cow.

And finally, I would like to point out that there are some people that just have to complain about the paper, its staff and everything in general. If any of these individuals feel strongly enough to come up and join the staff in order to make the changes they consider appropriate, they are welcome to do so. Otherwise, they are invited to keep their hot air to themselves.

## Juvenile Behavior

Waiting in line is a compulsory procedure here at Mercer, especially for our meals. No matter how questionable the quality, all must eat, it's a weakness of the human system. Yet when a person acts responsibly and secures a respectable position in line he might be justified upset when late comers are permitted to break in front of him because of people who like being used by their friends. Further, from my understanding, a good many persons would like this behavior to cease but have

forgotten a basic fundamental if a free and equal society and that is simply to consider the right of other people. If there's a friend you must stand with, just go back to where he is standing. Likewise, if a club member, friend, party member, brother, or clergy associate try to slip in line beside you, point out where the end of the line is, and if he's a true friend he'd have to respect you for your decision. Thus, these actions probably won't terminate line breaking here at Mercer, however, it must surely improve the situation.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

A recent letter from Keven J. Murphy complaining about the members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity singing in the area of the student center while he was trying to study under the Magnolia tree or umbrella as the case may be. First I would like to inform Mr. Murphy that the student center is just what the name implies... a damn student center. As much money as I pay to attend this institution, I should be furnished at least a ten piece band to accompany me should I feel like singing. Further, any student matriculating as hard as Keven proclaims he does should have gone to the library to find the peace and quiet Keven seemed to have sought on the day in question.

I think it was more of a personal attack on the Qs. An earlier letter from Keven lashed out at Steve Causey for com-

Dear Sirs,

I would like to address my remarks to the gentleman with the words Mu-Si-Fi in his vocabulary. I don't think you should name false fraternities to take out your complaints. If you have a legitimate complaint you should come face-to-face with whoever it is you feel is annoying you. I would like to remind you Mercer's primary concern is academic awareness but it is not a prison, although it appears that way sometimes, people do have the

Dear Editor,

I'm glad that you've changed your slogan, "Part of the news that's fit to print" because I think most of your articles aren't. In reference to your article "Rush to What?" I would like to remind

plaining that a certain campus police referred to him as "boy." Granted, all campus policemen are not guilty, however, your experience with the campus police Keven, would be different from that of most Blacks. I refuse to believe that your life has been so sheltered that you have not read, experience, or gave a damn concerning the racial strife so prevalent in America for some 300 years. The frequency of your letters to the editor reflects that you were either lying when you stated that bit about the pressure on you to study or that the quality of your work is so poor, that your letter was written as an essay in someone's class and that you hope to receive a grade for it. Keven I would advise you to do what you do best, remain silent.

Charles D. Eaddy  
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right to be vocal. I'm sure there are many places you can study without being bothered, but it is people like you who preach turn the other cheek but when it comes to respecting another person's rights you ignore the fact. I can tell you that you have no knowledge of any fraternity system, but you pass judgement without taking a look at it from both sides. The R.O.T.C. field would be a good place for you to study.

James R. Lindsey

Mr. Jenkins that only two blacks went rush and both are now in predominantly white fraternities.

I am the pledge trainer and the captain of the football team for Sigma Nu and I did

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not appreciate your article at all. I also consider myself a personal friend of the person in question. For three years now Sigma Nu has been the only racially mixed fraternity on campus (black fraternities included). We've had a black who has been a social affiliate by choice—he was given a pledge bid. It is also the first racially mixed fraternity in Mercer's history. At a pre-rush cookout we had ten to twelve blacks at our lodge.

I'll be the first to agree that these steps are small indeed, but at least they are steps. The greatest track star in the world

had to take his first step as a baby. If you must editorialize about the situation, why don't you talk about the fraternities that make civil war antics their way of life. Or better still, fraternities that forbid intermingling of the races as part of their pledge program. What about the six fraternities that gave him no bid at all?

I am disappointed that my fraternity did not give my friend the same consideration that it gave everyone else. However, why do you editorially attack the one group trying to make some progress?

I'll fight as hard as anyone against the fallacies of the Greek system but as far as

the race issue—it's articles like yours that keep the two factions apart.

This person was never coerced to play football for us. I discussed it with him at length and the rules clearly state that in order to play on a fraternity team, you must be a member of that fraternity. When football season started he was not and therefore he is playing for another team.

I will continue to fight to give this person a pledge bid, as others received, however, it takes 80 percent just to approve a social affiliate bid. I think that the tolerance of one race for the other on this campus or in America does not come close to 80 percent.

The person in question is an affiliate of our fraternity by choice. I've invited him to come to pledge meetings and voice his opinion and he has promised to do so. I also think that he will become a pledge in the

foreseeable future.

I will fight along with Greeks as well as non-Greeks to improve race relations on this campus. It would be nice if the Cluster would fight with us rather than against us.

Sincerely,  
Ronnie Harwell

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you, brother Harwell for opening our eyes. We feel that it is really outstanding that a fine organization like Sigma Nu has a couple of token Blacks.

P.S. It doesn't take 80 percent of the Cluster staff to approve Blacks (or anyone else for that matter) working on the paper. Maybe this is what the problem is. . . . approval.

## Dishonorable Discharge

By Neil Crain

Many brilliant statements were uttered at the most recent Waverly Leadership Conference. Statements pertaining to life, liberty, and property. And to the state of the university. And to the wisdom of the omnipotent sages. One such statement referred to the nature of institutions. It went something like this—"I don't want to be recognized by an institution. An institution recognizing me or anything I do is a personal insult to me."

'Tis a simple statement. It expresses a thought that is heard quite often from our generation of college students. The institution being referred to is, of course, the University. The University is an institution. Which is part of "the Establishment." Which is by definition "bad."

That's an easy thought progression to follow. Is it valid? Let's find out. First we must understand the terms involved.

Recognition (rek'eg-nish'en) n: the act of recognizing; acceptance; notice; appreciation. I suspect the last definition is the most appropriate for our topic. Recognition is a pat on the back, an act signifying a job well done. Recognition is usually accepted as an honor, a grace, a reward.

Of course the extent of the honor depends upon the nature of the giver of recognition. The recognition is of little value if its source is discredited, or is, by its essence, evil. Recognition from the Flat Earth Society is not the greatest honor I can think of. And an award from the KKK or the SLA is a dubious honor.

The source of the recognition mentioned in the subject statement is the "institution"—specifically, Mercer University. Let us, therefore, examine another term.

Institution (in'sti-tu-shen) n. an organization for the promotion of a particular object; established law, custom, norm, etc. An institution is an established and proven way of task accomplishment. Organizations and bodies which withstand tests of time, circumstance, leadership, composition, and adaptation become institutions. An institution, by definition, performs. It usually performs successfully. It renders benefits to those closely associated with it. These points of definition may clash with various other ideas about institutions (notably James Herndon's). So be it. These are ideas from the historical-political view of institutions.

This isn't to say that all institutions are "good." Institutions can indeed be detrimental agencies. Institutions have

been known to swindle, cheat, lie, and steal from numberless persons. For the benefit of a limited few. GM. Standard Oil. Southern Pacific RR. Even the Department of Agriculture. The purposes for which these institutions were created are good: to make money through the merchandising of quality products, to provide reliable transportation at a reasonable profit, to regulate the farming habits of the US so as to encourage the most productive and efficient use of farming land. However, these institutions did not adapt to the needs of the vast majority of the persons affected by the institutions' actions. A powerful few gain from the supportive many.

Mercer University is an institution. Is it a "good" institution or a "bad" institution?

I would say "good."

Why? Mercer is an educational institution. Educational institutions do not necessarily provide quality learning experiences. Mercer does. Mercer's reputation is an excellent one. Did you know you are attending what has been called the "Harvard of the South?" No lie! The arts and sciences curriculum at Mercer is "recognized" as being one of quality. Mercer has provided fine scholastic preparation for students for more than 130 years.

Throughout those 130 years Mercer—the institution—has worked hard to maintain its standards. It has had to adapt to many changing situations. It has had to cope with many problems: financial, educational, social. It has survived those problems successfully. Mercer remains a good educational organization.

house for partially deaf youngsters in Warner Robins, Georgia. They are nurse, mother, cook and authority to six children aged four through ten who attend The Houston Speech and Hearing School. Had it not been for Jennie and Mary Jo, these children would probably have had to move to another residence. About three weeks before the children were scheduled to arrive to begin school, the nun who had previously served as house mother for the children, was called back to St. Louis by her Order. Suddenly, the school was faced with the fact that these children might not be able to stay at the boarding house, because, there was no one there to take care of them. So the Director of The Houston Speech and Hearing School called Dr. Becker and they were able to get these UYA students interested and subsequently the boarding house was able to remain in operation.

Still another example can be found in Lamar Geddis. Lamar has been working at the Boys Club of Macon, since June of this year. He gave up the gaiety and convenience of dormitory life to live in a garage apartment on a salary of \$140 a month. His monthly expenses are \$57.50 for rent, \$20 for utilities and \$30 for food. It does not take a math major to compute that these expenses leave him approximately \$40 for miscellaneous and any other expense that he may encounter during the remainder of the month. Lamar works forty plus hours a week in conjunction with carrying a full academic

In recent years Mercer has had to face increased financial concerns. The ever-present ogre of inflation and the rising competition from publicly financed universities have forced Mercer to take various measures of adjustment. These measures have led—directly or indirectly—to a noticeably "inflation" of grades. More people are getting higher grades for less work than in past years.

Does grade inflation discredit the Mercer institution?

Not necessarily. The quality of a university is determined by the quality of scholars it graduates. Thus far Mercer has produced learned men and women who are able to successfully compete in the finest schools in America. The quality of education offered at Mercer may be in danger; it may not be. The main question to decide that point should be "Is Mercer lowering its academic standards in an effort to gain more revenue?"

At the present time, recognitions—honors—from Mercer DO indicate quality scholarship. Honors from Mercer are statements of jobs well done. By the chosen students. AND by the University itself. Each graduating student is a very serious reflection upon the quality, efforts, and aspirations of the institution of Mercer University. Specially designated recognition is a way for the University to say "Yes. These students represent what we consider to be the best efforts of the University."

Institutional recognition—the kind of recognition Mercer gives—is a point of pride, not insult. If that recognition is not well received—or given—then there is visible deterioration.

load.

He says that he signed up because this was "a new way of education" and in this way he was helping people and he just loves "helping other people." The Boys Club of Macon with an enrollment of 300 was about to be closed due to lack of help when Lamar heard about it. He went there and has managed to keep it in operation, with the help of 18 workers from work study here on campus.

These are only two examples of how the UYA has been working. Also to be added to the list is the story about the three UYA students who are working in the Talbot Co. School System or the students who volunteered to work with the Department of Family and Children Services. To tell about the tremendous help they are giving, would require too much space.

How effective have these UYA programs been? For an answer to that question, one needs only to go to the boarding house where Jennie and Mary Jo work and see how the kids respond to them. See how the kids climb up on their laps to play and see who they run to when they want something or when they scrape their knee. One needs only to go over to the Boy's Club on Second St. and see their beaming faces as they learn to play ping pong, shoot pool and stay off the streets.

The purpose of The University Year For Action is to give the students a chance to experience life while at the same time being able to help someone. It is accomplishing that purpose.

## UYA Is Action!

By Russ Cuskind

If you are one of the thousands of people who have always dreamed about helping another needy person, if you are one of those people who are looking for meaningful benevolent work, while at the same time working toward a degree in your field and if you are presently enrolled at Mercer, then the University Year For Action may be right for you.

The University Year for Action is a three year old program sponsored by the federal government at more than 50 colleges and universities throughout the United States. However, the UYA, as it is referred to by most, officially came into affect here at the Mercer Campus on June 1, 1974. "The purpose of the UYA," in the words of Dr. Lou Becker, director of Mercer's UYA program, "is that somewhat of a domestic peace corps. All of the projects of UYA deal with individuals within the low-income brackets. The thrust of the program is to help to obliterate some of the ills of society which poor people encounter. It also has a strong educational reality, because at the same time that the students are participating in these projects, they are (through independent study) taking a full

load of college courses. Hopefully, their education is enhanced by their experience."

Presently, there are twenty-two Mercer students involved in the UYA program. They work in such diverse areas as retardation centers, community centers, day care centers, at legal aid societies and the list could go on and on. The only restriction to where a student works is that it must be a public or private non-profit organization.

Students are expected to live in the neighborhoods in which they work and are paid a maximum stipend of \$140 a month. From this \$140, the student is responsible for his food, housing and living expenses. No other income is allowed, not even from parents. However, college tuition can be paid by outside sources. Living out of \$140 a month is hard, but, it gives the student a chance to experience what life is all about from the eyes of the under-privileged and low-income families.

A good example of Mercer students involved in the UYA program can be found in Mary Jo Allen and Jennie West. Five days a week they can be found at a boarding

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cannot be mistaken for "Communication." Possibly, the recently observed decline in communicative skills among members of this society is at least partly attributed to the adverse effects of large amounts of television viewing.

Avoiding major issues of public concern, the broadcasting industry has surrendered itself to the propagation of public relations and advertising firm myths. The frightening fact of the matter is that even harmful substances (such as fluorocarbons in aerosol sprays) are promoted right along with the hair spray, anti-perspirant, or whatever the item happens to be.

Pointing out that broadcast stations are licensed under the principle that the air waves are public property to be leased only when for a specified period of time, with renewal available only to those who have maintained their public obligations. Mr. Johnson suggested an attack on the record of an unresponsive station at renewal time. In this way it is possible for another group or individual to be awarded trusteeship of the station, if the previous owner's application for renewal is denied.

Another means of obtaining a more responsive attitude from a station is enforcement of the fairness doctrine. This insures that divergent views on questions of public interest will be heard.

Mr. Johnson felt that much of what is wrong with this country's government is the result of the fantastic influence of its giant corporations. The regulatory agencies failed to perform their assigned functions of protecting public interests in matters concerning corporate operations. During this period of service as a federal regulatory official in several agencies, he found that the agencies seemed to serve rather than regulate the industries under their jurisdictions.

Several reasons were mentioned to explain the corporate immunity: (1) there is a lack of effective anti-trust enforcement. (2) Corporations are interested in maximizing profits, not promoting free enterprise. In addition, a peculiar phenomenon called "sub-government" by Mr. Johnson, enables an industrial monopolist to protect its vested interests via the use of outright bribes, campaign contributions, deferred employment in a lucrative corporate position, and other methods to suit the circumstance. In return for favors the sub-governments can provide subsidies, government contracts, permission to increase rates, and elimination of foreign competition. Mr. Johnson's primary criticism of the press



coverage of Watergate matters was an inadequate inquiry into the involvement of large corporations, in some of the illegal activities. It was suggested that sponsor sensitivity could have been a factor in the television coverage.

Summarizing his position, Mr. Johnson stated that the individual's own concept of worth was threatened by the hard-sell approach of commercial television. As long as programming continues to be "styrofoam" surrounding a "commercial" core which constantly advocates an upper middle-class lifestyle as a goal to which all people should aspire, television will fail to accomplish much, except to contribute to the growing plasticized isolation and materialism of the seventies. Nicholas Johnson urged those present to look within, into their own minds and spirits for answers, rather than relying on some artificial outside source which is ultimately false.

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group. The Committee far surpassed my wildest expectations as far as what I guessed I would be confronted with that night in the chapel. They were absolutely fantastic. They took routines places no one expected them to go (you had to be there).

For those of you who missed the Committee, just hope they come back and then don't miss them.

## Church Of The Exceptional

A unique organization, the Church of the Exceptional, has been in operation three years giving the handicapped a place of their own to worship. Tim Estes, a Mercer student, has worked closely with the church for two years. He is currently their Associate Pastor.

It is the first church established exclusively for the handicapped. The church has been featured on the NBC TODAY SHOW and will soon be the subject of a NEWSWEEK article.

In 1973, the church won an award from GUIDEPOSTS (edited by Norman Vincent Peale). Due to this, twenty-three churches have written wanting to start a similar program. The church of the Exceptional has sent them literature and tapes. Those truly interested receive a little financial help from the churches as well.

Tim is President of the Macon Youth Association for Retarded Citizens. The group is composed of both retarded and

normal young people aged thirteen thru twenty-five. It operates a Saturday recreation for retarded children, offers baby-sitting for parents of retarded children, and has a citizen advocacy program which sets up a one-to-one relationship between a retarded and normal person. Marty McKaig, Judy Cagle, and Lauda Penton are three Mercer students working with this program. Volunteers are needed though, and anyone interested can contact Tim Estes at 743-3806.

Mercer students in the church are David Pearce, and at one time, Eddie Chancey who worked for two years at the church, and others.

Tim is a ministerial student with majors in Philosophy and English. He is currently on a committee with the National Association for Retarded Citizens and is active in the state organization. The church is interdenominational.

## AWS Revised Rules

By Mat Beelp

As you all know, the AWS has revised their rules concerning dormitory regulations. In case you were not aware of this fact, we now provide the revised rules for your entertainment.

**SIGNING IN AND OUT:** This is still required, but the procedure is somewhat different. Instead of the regular flipping out of cards, there are other options open to female inmates of dormitory existence. The new procedures include the following: Signing out now involves any of the following procedures... running around the lobby yelling "I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving" or convincing all persons present that you are indeed "flipping out". Signing in has been revised to now involve running around the lobby yelling "I'm here" five times. The penalty for not following the in and out procedures is an extended visit with a gorilla or any AWS official.

**VISITATION:** As you know, cows are now allowed into the female dorms. The rules involving male visitation now include cows, bulls and whatever livestock you happen to want to bring into your particular hovel. When you are bringing a cow into your abode, you are now required to shout "cow in the hall, cow on the hall, cow all over the hall". Be advised that following the now revised Quiet Hours, that no excessive mooing will be allowed. Signing in and out of guests is no longer required with the rationale being that what animal one brings to one's room is that person's and the vice squad's business.

**DEAD WEEK:** Dead week now means the period (five days before finals and the three days during finals) in which you wish you were dead.

**DATING:** There has been a change in the terminology being used in reference to

dating. Because of the AWS officers infatuation with "Field and Stream" the terminology now refers to fishing. Dates are now to be referred to as "catches". All catches are to be registered in the lobby of the respective dorms. No fishing is allowed in the dating parlors, except with a cow present.

### RULES FOR DESK GIRLS

1. No fishing while on duty.
2. No talking to weird people while on duty.
3. No sitting on ash trays while on duty.
4. No card playing, tv watching, music listening, or gum chewing while on duty.
5. No excessive laughing or crying while on duty.
6. Always stand on one leg while on duty and answering the phone.
7. No asking for a raise while on duty.

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## Mercer Choir

By James Edmonds

The University Choir has a new director this year. Following the granting of leave to Mr. John Van Cura to work on his doctorate, Dr. Lowen Marshall has assumed the direction of one of the University's oldest organizations. Dr. Marshall, who comes to Mercer from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill., is the new chairman of the Department of Music. He succeeds Dr. Rich who retired last June, following 30 years of service to the University.

In addition to his duties as Chairman and Choir Director, Dr. Marshall teaches courses and is involved with forming a small select group of Madrigal Singers which will perform selected pieces from time to time.

Dr. Marshall is especially excited about working with the University Choir. He



believes that the choir has great ability and potential. With the return of soloist Linda Danforth and Brenda Joanis along with past members who include Cheryl Morris, Laura Prinz, Lynn Stripland, Gail Youngblood, Joy Withers, Sandra Chapman, Joy Morris, Victor Jackson, James Dawson, Bill Maret, Janis Haygood, Russell Abernathy and James Edmonds,

the choir with its many new members should prove to be a outstanding musical organization.

Besides doing the "Messiah" for its traditional Christmas concert, Dr. Marshall has announced that the choir will also be performing at various churches, the Georgia Baptist Convention, and Mercer Worship Services.



# Music Reviews

With  
Sammy Hudson



## Symphonic Music

By Sam Harrison

If you're into classical music and haven't been to a good concert in a while, your lucky day has arrived. On Wednesday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Opera House, the Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig will perform as part of their 1974 American tour commemorating the 25th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic.

Leipzig was the home of Johann Sebastian Bach, who had a hand in its establishment in 1743. Its conductors have included such giants of German music as Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Wilhelm Furtwangler, Bruno Walter, and Gustav Mahler. Its present conductor is Kurt Masur, one Europe's foremost conductors.

The orchestra rose to greatness under

Mendelssohn's baton, and was chosen by no less than Richard Strauss, Johannes Brahms, Peter Tchaikovsky, and Richard Wagner to premiere their works. The standard of excellence that brought these men to Leipzig has been maintained into the present century, and it shows in the excellence of the orchestra's music. Consider this statement by a New York Times reviewer when he heard them for the first time: "It took no time for the Leipzig Gewandhaus to establish its credentials. It is a top notch orchestra..."

The concert is under the auspices of the Macon Arts Council and Mercer University. Tickets will be available in room 306 CSC on October 24-29 from 10:00 to 11:00 and from 1:00 to 4:00. You can't afford to miss this one.

### Music Editorial:

## Music, Or Walden's March To The Bank

By Pete Lamb

Music was invented by General Sherman on his way to the sea. This famed "March to the sea" was incidentally, proposed by the general's personal aide and confidant, a certain Captian Lemming. Sherman's march to the sea was believed to be the first southern massive urban renewal in history. But what does all this

have to do with music? Well my fine scholarly imbecile, music was used as incentive for the northern armies to destroy the south. Songs such as "Southern Man", "Rainy night in Georgia", and the now popular "Doraville" were the songs those soldiers fought by and over. Now you say, "Bah, humbug, phooey, and jive!" Well spoken, but that is my reason for writing about the current trend to identify the south with musical ingenuity.

The south nursed some of the greatest stars ever to hit the charts. Little Richard, Otis Redding, and Ray Charles just to name a few. Today these people have been ignored completely and the spotlight is not where it properly belongs. The Allman Brothers, Marshall Tucker, The Atlanta Rhythm Section, Lynard Skynard, ZZ Top, and Wet Willie are just a few of the groups who have or are achieving nation-wide prominence in the current field of popular music. The tendency now is to think that if its from the south, its got to be good. Most of all of the credit and blame belongs to a Mercer graduate who found a quick way to make a lot of money. That method was by selling garbage to the youth of the world. It has gotten to the point that if a group has an overall southern accent, is from anywhere below the Mason-Dixon line, or ever can play songs about the south, they are assured of success.

I will admit that southern musicians have been long overdue for recognition, but is the solution putting garbage like "Ramblin' Man", "Doraville", "La grange", and other mess out on the airways? In most cases the songs that these artists are putting on vinyl are versions of tunes that southern Black artists wrote earlier. The southern Blues have always been predominantly Black for obvious historical reasons.

Southern musicians are being exploited for their place of birth, not for their musical talent as earlier southern musicians were. As long as the record buyers of the country continue to believe that the current brand of southern music is the best thing to happen since political landlides, "Ramblin' garbage" will prevail on the airways.

## Henry Gross

"Henry Gross" is an album by the artist of the same name. Henry got his biggest break by being the supporting act of the 1974 Doobie Bros. tour. This resulted in national exposure for Henry and plenty of radio air-time for this album.

The album was produced by Cashman-West who produced all the Jim Croce records. One can detect bits of Croce influences in Henry Gross. Side one opens with "Simone", a nice laid-back tune which unfortunately gives the listener the idea that Gross is just an impersonator of many others. However, things start rocking with "Lay Your Love Song Down", featuring the above average

guitar of Henry Gross and some fine saxophone work by Dave Sanborn. Competing with this song for the best one on the album is "Skin King". There is no elaborate production on this one, just heavy percussion and guitars setting the tempo. Gross' vocals are nice; but one doesn't know if he's listening to Brewer and Shipley, Jim Croce, Barry Gibbs or Henry Gross.

This album contains songs for all types of listening; country, folk, rock, and some soul. Henry Gross is just coming into his own, so you can be sure he will be back with something a little better.

## James Camp

James Camp will be presented in an organ recital Sunday, October 27, at 3 p.m. in Willingham Chapel at Mercer University.

Mr. Camp, a Mercer alumnus, is presently a candidate for the Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Georgia. His organ study there has been with Egbert Ennulat. While at Mercer he

studied with James Carmichael.

In the recital he will perform works by Buxtehude, Scheidt, Bach and Vienne. The recital will be sponsored by the Mercer student chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

At the University of Georgia he is choir director at the Catholic Center. The public is invited to attend the recital.

## Ron Wood

Ron Wood, guitarist for the Faces, has released his first solo album entitled "I've Got My Own Album to do". Trying to achieve an original sound, Wood refrains from using any Faces member (except Rod Stewart in some backing vocals) on the album. Nevertheless, a definite Faces sound is heard.

Many fine musicians are on this record, the Stones Keith Richard, bassist Willy Weeks, and drummer Andy Newmark. George Harrison collaborated with Wood on one of the songs, too.

The album starts with "I Can Feel the Fire", a number which more or less establishes the groove of the album. The

bright spots of the album are "Act Together", a Keith Richards-Mick Jagger song, "Shirley", and "Crotch Music", a delightful instrumental written by Willy Weeks.

Wood is a mediocre vocalist and songwriter, and if it wasn't for the help of some established musicians like Richards and Stewart, the album probably would have been a flop. But Ron Wood is a good guitarist, one only needs to listen to a Faces record to determine that, and he manages to mix the easy sounds with the heavy ones in just the right proportions. "I've Got My Own Album to do" is not a great record but is a nice one.

## Jeff Beck

Jeff Beck was among the first British "superstars" to make himself known to American audiences. After replacing Eric Clapton as the guitarist for the legendary Yardbirds, Beck embarked on a career that carried him through different people, different groups, but above all, it carried him to new musical heights.

After his stint with the Yardbirds and the battle scars that went with it as a result of his nightly guitar "showdowns" with the groups other guitarists, Jimmy Page, Beck formed his own group. This band went through many personnel changes but the best lineup included vocalist Rod Stewart, pianist Nicky Hopkins and future Faces guitarist Ron Wood. A fine example of their work is the album "Beck-Ola". Later on, Beck was making plans for a new group that would include Stewart, bassist Tim Bogart, and drummer Carmine Appice. The band was to be named B.B.A.S. It was at this time that a near-fatal car accident took Beck out of music for a while. While recovering, Beck was

doing some session guitar work, appearing on the Stevie Wonder "Talking Book" album and the first Badlam album. Jeff Beck then was ready to form his own group; Beck, Bogart, and Appice. Rod Stewart, of course, had become a star in his own right with the Faces. The band released one album in 1973 and subsequently did an American tour. This was Beck's finest band but unfortunately not much has been heard of them since the tour.

Beck is still doing some studio work for other musicians and one can guess that it won't be long before he forms another band. Jeff Beck has always been a dynamic guitarist whose work has influenced many others. It has been said that he is not as fast as some other guitarists, but he goes further in his solos. Beck has been an effective force on rock music in the 60's and 70's, and the bet here is that he will still be a major factor in music in the 80's.

### A CONVENIENT DISABILITY

It is recorded that during the battle of Copenhagen, Lord Horatio Nelson, Britain's one-eyed, one-armed naval hero, was ordered by his superior to break off the engagement and withdraw. When an aide pointed out the signal flags flying from the flagship's yard arm, Nelson raised his telescope to his blind eye, said that he did not see such a signal, and went on to win the battle, much to his superior's chagrin.

### OLD ADVERSARIES

While we're on the subject of Nelson, it might be interesting to note that he lost his arm while attacking a shore battery, one under the command of a young French officer named Napoleon Bonaparte.

## Hazy History

### A BIT OF A HURRY

Walter Lord, in his book Day of Infamy records that when the attack of Pearl Harbor was beginning, the band of the U.S.S. Nevada was on her quarterdeck, striking up the national anthem for the morning colors ceremony. According to Lord the band played the piece through without missing a note, in spite of the battle raging around them. It was only after finishing that they broke for battle stations. Even then, all the members of the band except one put their instruments away. That one in his haste sent his coronet up the anti-aircraft ammunition hoist.

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# Hot Time In The Reading Room At Old M.U.

The other night my roommate and I were sitting around the room. Our radio was broken and we were just sitting there listening to his stomach growl. In the next room a music major was softly playing a vocal cord. Having nothing to do I padded over to the library.

I walked up to the desk and the attendant, formerly a paid mourner for a small funeral home in Dracula, Ga., asked if he could help.

Shouting to make myself heard above the humming of the fluorescent lights, I asked for a good biographical sketch of a famous person.

The lad clattered back to the "under-water basket-weaving" reserve shelf and returned with a University of Michigan publication called Gargolye. In it I found the fascinating autobiography of the now famous Irish tenor, Elvis Kovoski. It began:

My mother and father couldn't afford a baby, so they had me. We settled in a little town called Indian Head. It's on the other side of Buffalo.

Our family had more trouble than a soap opera. They could never afford to buy me shoes, so they painted my feet black and laced up my toes. But hardships have always plagued my life. Why, at the age of two I was left an orphan - at the age of two what would I do with an orphan? And I can still remember the time I learned how to swim. I was one of a set of twins, and when we were born our father looked at us and said, "Let's drown the ugly one." And that's how I learned to swim.

At the age of four I had white hair. I had a nearsighted nurse and she kept putting the talcum powder on the wrong end. It was soon after this that I lost my parents. What a crap game! I missed Dad in particular. He's the one who really taught me how to save. All during my childhood he showed me how to put quarters in a little black box. I was 17 before I discovered it was the gas meter. But I soon won them back. My parents, not the quarters.

Then I went to kindergarten. I didn't hate to go to kindergarten, but of course I was different from the other 5 year olds. I was 12. But what fun I had playing crap, while the teacher called the roll. And it was even more fun fermenting my Pabulum. I became the boy bootlegger of P.S. 17. But the teacher caught me at it and told my dad. I can remember how he said, "Listen, Stupid!" he always called me Listen-and then took me up and introduced me to the Board of Education.

But I later made him proud of me. Our class gave a play called The Life of Abraham Lincoln and I was picked to play Lincoln. I was the only one in the fourth grade with a beard. Finally I grew up - what other way could I grow?

Leaving public school, I went to City High, but they sent me home to sober up. It was at that time that my father told me not to go to burlesque shows because I'd

see something I shouldn't see. So at the first chance I got I went to one and I did see something I shouldn't - my father.

Finally I got out of high school. I had been in the twelfth grade so long the pupils were beginning to think I was the teacher. So I enrolled in Arwhee Normal. It was really sad the day I left - everyone crying - they thought they'd never get rid of me. And I'll never forget those last words my father said to me, "Rover," he said - he always wanted a dog instead of a son - "you're going to go a long way." And to

make sure, he nailed the door of the boxcar shut.

But I had to forget my college career. Dad had become a problem at home. He was wanted by Alcoholics Anonymous, dead or alive! He could really hold his liquor. Why, you couldn't get it away from him. So I quit school and went back home. The day I arrived Dad got so drunk he sawlowned a dictionary. We fed him Epsom salts for a week but we couldn't get a word out of him. Another time he put his false teeth in upside down and before we could stop him, he chewed up half his head. Then we tried to reason with him but he said if he gave up liquor, he was afraid he'd never be able to break himself of Sen-Sen. Then one night when we weren't watching he sneaked out and drank a quart of shellac and died. Whast a lovely finish.

Reaching the end of this stirring book I began to cry. Softly, the assistant librarian tipped over and hit me in the mouth. "Get out!" she screamed over the din of humming lights and I slunk sadly through the swinging door and into the night.


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## Film Festival

dying man, Mr. Valdemar, from leaving his body. Mr. Valdemar is held suspended between life and death, giving a glimpse of the afterlife to the rest.


**THE HAUNTED PLACE.** (Oct. 30) Charles Dexter Ward claims an ancient family estate in Arkham, an inheritance. The estate is horrifically overshadowed by Ward's ancestor, Joseph Curwen, who was burned at the stake for sorcery a hundred years before. As he burned he birthed a terrible curse upon the villagers. Now their descendants become convinced that Curwen has returned from the dead.

**THE TOMB OF LIGEIA** - (Oct. 31) A beautiful woman dies, leaving behind her a promise to never leave her husband. Eventually he remarries a beautiful lady named Rowena. Then the evidence mounts that his former wife, Ligeia, has returned from beyond.



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## Cross Country Set Back

Fred Milburn

The Mercer cross country team traveled to Southern Tech in Atlanta Wednesday October 16 and ran against five tough schools (Southern Tech, Armstrong College, Georgia State, Augusta College, and Oglethorpe).

Due to a last minute mix up in the team Fuzzy Bryant was not able to run in the meet, leaving the Bears short of a fifth man. This meant that the Bears' score as a team did not count.

Georgia State won the meet easily with Southern Tech, Oglethorpe, Augusta, and

Armstrong trailing way behind in that order.

Joe Franklin led the Bears in the meet, coming in fourth, followed by Fred Milburn eighteenth, Cesar Borri nineteenth, and Ray Stuart twenty first.

Then, on Friday, the team went down to Americus, Georgia to take on Georgia Southwestern. The Bears lost to the more experienced team by a slim margin (26-28).

The team will pick up with a new addition on the team, Steve Taylor a freshman from Hollywood, Fla.

## Bears Even Record

By David Quin

The soccer Bears ran into a bit of trouble as they dropped three recent games to strong opponents to make their record 3-3.

The team traveled to Atlanta on Friday Oct. 18 and dropped a 3 to 1 decision to as fine Georgia State scored two quick goals and they proved to be the difference as Mercer could not catch up after that. The next day at Due West, S.C. a fine Erskine team (no. 4 in the nation) blasted the Bears 9 to 0 and showed their superior talent. On Tuesday, Oct. 22 a strong

Flagler team showed their stuff and defeated the Bears 7 to 1.

Hopefully, the Bears improved their record by 4-3 by defeating Georgia State in a rematch yesterday (Thursday). Results of that game were unavailable at press time.

The team hopes to extend (?) its win streak as it plays Emory in Atlanta on Monday October 28 at 3:00 p.m. and College of Charleston here four days later at the same time. Support your Bears!

## Women's Basketball

By Bill Burgin

This year will bring the fifth straight season of girls basketball to Mercer, and Head Coach Peggy Collins will have been at the coaching controls all five years. In the previous four years, Miss Collins and her team have compiled a record of 67 wins and 12 losses. Last year the team had a shot at the national title, losing to the second ranked team in the nation and finishing fifth in the country. This year's team is just as promising. Miss Collins attributes the success of her teams to the players. I'm sure the girls on the team will agree with me that a great deal of the credit should be given to the coach.

Peggy Collins draws some of her knowledge of basketball from actual playing experience. At East Rome High School in Rome, Georgia, she played on the school's team, and in her senior year she was awarded the honor of most valuable player. After graduation from high school, Miss Collins enrolled at Berry College. She attended Berry four years, majoring in physical education and minoring in English. Miss Collins participated in various organizations, in addition to playing on Berry's girls basketball team. She did post graduate work at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and spent a brief period of time teaching in the Knoxville public school system.

In 1969, Peggy Collins came to Mercer and began the girls basketball program here. After the 1971-72 season, her third year as coach, Miss Collins was named Coach of the Year in the Southern Womens Athletic Conference. During the 72-73 and the 73-74 seasons, she held the capacity of state basketball chairman in the GAIAW. This season she is the chairman and executive secretary for the region, which

covers most of the Southeast.

Besides being girls' basketball coach at Mercer, Miss Collins has teaching duties in the school's physical education department. She is a freshman advisor on campus, and she is active in the Macon community. Miss Collins works with such charitable organizations as the Red Cross and the Heart Association. She is also a student here at Mercer, taking one class in public health. In the future she hopes to enter some line of work in the area of public health, because that is her chief interest.

As head basketball coach, Peggy Collins tries to stress to her players that winning is not the most important part of the game. Good sportsmanship and confidence in your ability are of the utmost importance. This year's team does not have the height of some of its opponents, so good conditioning, quickness, and poise are being emphasized. Miss Collins feels that this year's basketball team has a chance of returning to the nationals, but it will be a much tougher road than last year. There are more away games this year, and some tougher schools have been added to the schedule. An undefeated season like last year, according to Miss Collins, will be difficult to accomplish.

Miss Collins feels that the status of girls basketball has improved greatly over the past few years at Mercer, but the program is still lacking in certain areas. Fan support from the school and the community has not been up to par in the past. Miss Collins claims to be able to cite certain key games at the end of last year's season, where more support could have made the difference between winning and losing.

Another area needing improvement is recruiting. Although Miss Collins does not personally believe in scholarships, she

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## Intramural Football

By David Quin

The 1974 intramural football season began October 7 as the Raiders and Panthers fought to a tie and Kappa Alpha defeated Sigma Alpha Epsilon (scores unavailable).

The program consists of an independent and fraternity league and will conclude play in another month. It is headed by Coach Barry Myers, who is in his first year

of running the program.

The Lawyers and ATO will defend their titles from last year against several strong challengers. Brady Sigler's team (the Rover Raiders) look especially good so far with an undefeated season, as does Kappa Alpha with a similar record.

A schedule and team standings in each league are provided.

## Football Standings

### INDEPENDENTS

	W	L	T
Raiders	3	0	1
Law I	3	1	0
Law II	3	2	0
Ponies	1	2	0
Panthers	1	2	1
Peaches	0	4	0

### GREEKS

	W	L	T
KA	3	0	0
ATO	3	0	0
SAE	2	1	0
Kappa Sig	2	2	0
LXA	2	2	0
Sigma Nu	1	3	0
Phi Delt	1	3	0
Pi Kap	0	3	0

## Football Schedule

### INDEPENDENT LEAGUE (Field 1)

Oct. 28	Peaches-Ponies Raiders-Panthers
Oct. 29	Law I - Ponies
Oct. 30	Peaches-Law II
Oct. 31	Raiders-Peaches Panthers-Law II
Nov. 4	Ponies-Law II
Nov. 5	Raiders-Ponies Law I-Panthers
Nov. 6	Peaches-Law I
Nov. 7	Panthers-Peaches Law I-Raiders
Nov. 11	Ponies-Peaches Law I-Law II
Nov. 12	Ponies-Panthers Law II-Raiders

### FRATERNITY LEAGUE (Field 2)

Oct. 23	SAE-ATO KA-Pi Kap
Oct. 29	Phi Delta-Ka Sigma Nu-Pu Kap
Oct. 31	Oct. 31 LXA-ATO SAE-Kappa Sig
Nov. 4	LXA-Phi Delta Sigma Nu-SAE
Nov. 5	KA-ATO Phi Kap-Kappa Sig
Nov. 7	Phi Delta-ATO KA-LXA
Nov. 11	Pi Kap-SAE Kappa Sig-Sigma Nu
Nov. 12	LXA-Pi Kap Kappa Sig-Sigma Nu
Nov. 14	Phi Delta-KA SAE-ATO

1st game on schedule will be played at 3:15  
2nd game on schedule will be played at 4:15

Field 1 is nearest the library  
Single games in independent league will begin at 4:15

does see a need for a scholarship program for Mercer to compete with other schools in recruiting top-notch players. What girl would pay Mercer's fairly expensive tuition if she is offered a scholarship to another school? For the basketball program to maintain a competitive team and expand, scholarships for the girls will have to become a reality. Miss Collins is at the moment undecided about her future in Mercer basketball. Her return next year may or may not depend on the changes made in the girls basketball program before next year.

Peggy Collins has proven she is a capable coach. All but three players from last year's team are returning, and they have proven that they can win. These people work hard and deserve the support of the student body, the faculty, and the Macon community. Remember, your support could mean the difference between a winning and losing season. Take a close look at the schedule and plan to attend both the girls' and the boys' basketball games. They will greatly appreciate your support. See schedule Page 8.

# PIRG Organizes

Active organization of a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) at Mercer is underway. A petition drive will start in the coming week to gather student endorsements of PIRG at Mercer. The goal of the petition drive is to make students aware of PIRG and to increase student support in order to obtain administrative recognition of PIRG. Once Mercer PIRG has student endorsements and has administration approval, it will be possible to

begin a voluntary funding system.

PIRG is a non-profit, non-partisan student organization. PIRG's work for student and community issues such as the environment, energy problems, consumer protection, and civil liberties, to name just a few.

In addition to the petitioning effort, Mercer PIRG will host a state-wide PIRG meeting on Sunday, October 27 from one to four in the Connell Student Center.



Rob Bilner, PIRG Representative

## Doctors Present Papers

Dr. John R. Marquart and Dr. Clare T. Furse will be presenting papers at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Norfolk, Virginia on October 23, 24 and 25.

Dr. Marquart's papers are entitled "High Temperature Dissociation of Carbon Diselenide in Shock Waves" and "Analysis of Gaseous NOx Compounds in Nitrogen-Oxygen Gas Mixtures by GLC." The papers will report on research work carried out by Dr. Marquart at Mercer University and at the University of Illinois last summer.

Dr. Furse's papers are entitled "Polarography of Cupric Pyrophosphate Solutions - An Undergraduate Experiment" and "Use of 'Pseudo CAI' Programs and Individualized Computer-

Generated Problem Sets in a General Chemistry Course." The papers will report on work carried out by Dr. Furse at Mercer University and at Eastern Michigan University.

In addition, the National American Chemical Society Committee on The Role of Computers in Chemical Education, of which Dr. Furse is a member, will conduct a four-hour workshop on "The Use of Computers in Chemical Education." Dr. Furse will conduct two of these sessions, the titles of which are: "Production and Effective Use of Computer-Generated Repeatable Exams (CGRE) and Problem Assignments" and "Effective Use of Computer-Based Instructional Techniques in a Small College Chemistry Curriculum."

## Movie Review: "The Longest Yard" (Or How I Learned To Stop Worrying About Parole And Love Football)

Burt Reynolds performance in this movie does not in any way shape or form compare to that of his in the movie "Deliverance". While both of them were filmed in Georgia and both show the "redneck" side of the state, no other comparison can be made between the two. Parallels do exist between "The Longest Yard" and the movies such as "Cool Hand Luke" and "M.A.S.H."

"The Longest Yard" is about a pro football player who gets tired of the girl he's living with, steals her car, is chased by the police, ditches the car in a bay, insults two policemen, and is sentenced to eighteen months in prison. Believable? Ah, but the plot thickens. When he gets to prison he is told by a prison guard that the warden (Eddie Albert) wants him to coach

the prison guard's football team. The guard in the normal redneck stereotype manner belts Burt in the stomach while explaining to him that Burt is to refuse the offer. Well as the writer would have it, Burt is coerced into becoming the coach for the inmates football team to play against the guards.

From then on we see attempts at recruiting, practicing, and other seedy prison-type activities. The last third of the movie is taken up with the football game. I'm sure all the extras in the movie were required to watch the football scene in "M.A.S.H." for some pointers. However, the football scene is the best in the movie.

If you are crazy about Burt Reynolds, love prison movies, and are fond of rough football games, go see "The Longest Yard".

## Halloween Film Festival

A special Halloween treat for all, an Edgar Allen Poe - Vincent Price film festival (Festival? Oh Well!) Four of Roger Corman's movies will be shown for those who dare. (Dare what? Miss my studies!? Of course I dare!)



**THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER.** (Oct. 28) Practically a horror classic. Vincent Price stars as Roderick Usher who buries his sister alive to stop her impending marriage. Follow the story to its horrifying end as the "deep and dark" train closes sullenly and silently over the fragments of the House of Usher."

**TALES OF TERROR.** (Oct. 29) A collection of 3 of Poe's finest short stories. "Morella" - Lenora, a young student, returns to her father's brooding family estate by the sea. There he lives amidst dust and cobwebs, carefully preserving the mummified body of Morella, who died 20 years before, giving birth to Lenora. Take it from there.

"The Black Cat" - A fine story that weaves humor and terror into a macabre tale of revenge.

"The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar" The almost occult study of mesmerization comes into play as a medical hypnotist forbids the soul of a

## ROTC Awards

R.O.T.C. awards were made Tuesday by Col. Moody on Sikes Filed here at Mercer. In all, ten cadets were awarded various ribbons, scholarships and other awards for distinguished performance.

Named as Distinguished Military Students were Russ Scholtz and Brian Clearman. Academic Ribbons were awarded to Robert Stalishsmith (MS2), Danny Green (MS 4), and Jim Adams (MS

3). Recondo Awards were given to George Bowers, Brian Clearman, and Russell Scholtz The 1974 Summer Camp Physical Proficiency award went to George Bowers for scoring 480 points out of a possible 500 on his P.T. test. R.O.T.C. scholarships were awarded to John W. Bollinger, Jr. (3 years), Ronald Walters (2 years), Lawrence M. Hammock (3 years), and Mark E. Collins (3 years).



Colonel Moody Presents Scholarship

## Women's Intramurals

By Todd Cotton

The Women's intramural volleyball season is underway. The competition began October 17, in a battle among the eight sororities which are participating.

Phi Mu, pressing their way towards victory, defeated the Joint Tort Feasors

and ST, consecutively. MS crushed Chi Omega in their first game of the season.

The season should be quite interesting because of the intensive practice and dedication from the sororities. Their games and practices are in the girls gym.

### Women's Intramural Schedule

#### October 28-Monday

A. Chi Omega vs. Joint Tort Feasors - 8:00  
B. Alpha Gam vs. UA - 8:50

#### October 29 - Tuesday

A. Alpha Delta Pi vs. Phi Mu - 8:00  
B. Chi Omega vs ST - 8:50

#### November 4 - Monday

A. AdPhi vs. Joint Tort Feasors - 8:00  
B. Phi Mu vs UA - 8:50  
C. Alpha Gam vs MS - 9:40

#### November 7 - Thursday

A. ADPI vs. ST - 8:00  
B. UA vs. Joint Tort Feasors - 8:50

#### November 11 - Monday

A. ADPI vs. Chi Omega - 8:00  
B. Phi Mu vs MS - 8:50  
C. ST vs UA - 9:40

#### November 12 - Tuesday

A. Phi Mu vs Alpha Gam - 8:00  
B. UA vs Chi Omega - 8:50

#### November 14 - Thursday

A. Joint Tort Feasors vs MS - 8:00  
B. UA vs ADPI - 8:50

#### November 18 - Monday

A. Joint Tort Feasors vs Alpha Gam - 8:00  
B. ST vs MS - 8:50

## Looking For A Job?

Hey there! Are you looking for a job, one which pays well, involves very little time but utilizes all your intelligence? Are you looking for a job which you will be proud to tell your friends, parents, and professors that you've got? Well, we've got an offer we hope you won't refuse! How would you like to work for the largest newspaper at Mercer as assistant Business Manager? Sound interesting? If by now you are saying to yourself, "gee, I sure would like

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