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INTRODUCING: ROBERT H. REID

Orientation Day was the first time the entire student body got a chance to meet with the college's director, Dr. Robert H. Reid. The business of providing leadership for George Mason College has kept Dr. Reid so busy that his secretary, Mrs. Brett, claims that even she must make an appointment to speak with him! However, in order to further acquaint the students with him, here follows a synopsis of Dr. Reid's career, and his thoughts about the college.

Dr. Reid received his B.S. in Education from the College of New York City, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from



DR. ROBERT H. REID

Honor Society Induction; Free Tutoring Available

Just inducted into the George Mason College Honor Society were Nancy Buddeke, Ann Walker, and Walter Whippen. These students have attained a cumulative average of at least 3.0. Ann Walker and Nancy Buddeke serve as permanent members of the Orientation Committee. Walter Whippen is a member of the Honor Court.

The Honor Society would like to remind all students that there is a tutoring service available for which there is no charge. The Society is also accepting creative writing to be forwarded to the English department for criticism.

Columbia University. Because of his dissertation, "Degree Mills in the United States", Dr. Reid is considered to be an expert on the subject. He served as Dean of Kendall College in Illinois, and he has taught in New York State and at Teachers College, Columbia University. In 1956, as the first educator to receive the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship, Dr. Reid toured twenty countries examining their educational affairs.

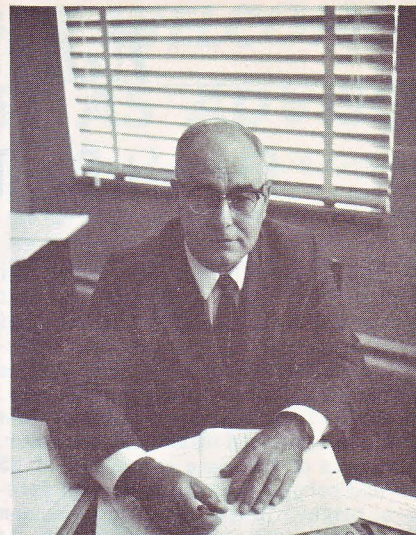
Besides his professional interests, Dr. Reid enjoys travel, coin collecting, viewing sports, walking, swimming, reading, and the theater. Dr. Reid resides in Georgetown with his wife and daughter who is presently a student at Finch College in New York City.

Upon beginning his job as director last spring, Dr. Reid stated that his goals for the new college were to have an outstanding faculty, an able student body, a good plant, and an exciting program of education. Concerning the faculty, he commented, "We have some unusual, able, and exciting people."

The ability of the students to find their way through continuing construction has amazed him, but their willingness in settling at the new campus has impressed Dr. Reid. "At the end of the first year I want the student body to feel they were at college and a fine college, and while they worked, they enjoyed it. What has happened before (at Bailey's Crossroads) is prologue. All we do here will be precedent," he remarked.

As director, Dr. Reid feels that he is "a catalyst and a teacher here to show what education should mean to the students and the faculty. I want the alumni to be as proud of GMC as University of Virginia alumni are proud of the University. I hope the students will remember with satisfaction the college, the teachers, and," he smiled, "with a little kindness, the director."

"George Mason College is the first co-educational college in all of Northern Virginia. We are in the nation's and in the world's spotlight. We must have the proper stance. News about GMC is being read by the most important people in the world," he observed. Since Dr. Reid believes in giving students responsibility, we, the first classes in GMC, are expected to continue the precedents of good manners and dress set here during the first weeks of school. As Dr. Reid explained, "We have made a very fine beginning."



DR. CHARLES A. HERRING

DR. HERRING TO ACT AS DEAN

In 1956 Dr. Charles A. Herring was the first professor appointed to the faculty of the newly organized George Mason College, and with the opening of the 1964-1965 session he has the honor of being the first Dean of Students at the new campus. Dean Herring has, in previous years, served as the Faculty Sponsor of the Student Assembly and as the Faculty Advisor to the Honor Court and to The Gunston Ledger.

After receiving his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the State University of Iowa, Dean Herring taught at Stanford University in California, Southwestern College in Kansas, and Montana State College. Upon completing four years of service in the United States Army, he taught at Eastern Washington College and served as its Dean of Men from 1947 until 1951. At the University of North Carolina, Dean Herring resumed his graduate studies, earning his Ph.D. in 1955.

In regard to his outside interest, Dean Herring said, "I have too many for any good use, probably; I like music in almost any form; I like people, for the most part; I enjoy the outdoors, either the mountains or an Illinois farm. My trouble is finding time for all."

Concerning the student body, Dean Herring commented, "I am impressed, even as I have been in the past. It seems to me that from the beginning George Mason has been blessed with a very decent student body, just as it has been with a good faculty. We simply have more of both this year."

"The Office of the Dean of Students should exist simply to help the students realize personally and academically the best for themselves. College should inculcate self-reliance; students have entered the realm of men and women. At the same time, there are many times when they need help, sometimes with the machinery of college, sometimes with personal problems. What the office can do to help, it will do."

Don't Be Too Critical!

At the beginning of the 1963-1964 school session, Helen Johnson, the first editor of *The Gunston Ledger*, formulated a newspaper staff to publish our newspaper for the first time. A new staff is carrying on *The Gunston Ledger* this year. The editor-in-chief was elected by last year's staff during this past summer. Our staff is of this date composed of 25 first- and second-year students who foresee a bright future for *The Gunston Ledger* and wish to participate in its growth.

Our primary objective is to make *The Gunston Ledger* an impartial publication having no "favorites" and offending no one personally in point of view or in subject matter. While we plan to print miscellaneous material submitted by students, we reserve the right to edit, modify, or revise any such material as may be necessary in order to maintain the standards of the newspaper but at the same time to preserve in submitted material the intentions of its author.

In response to both the demand and the need for some sort of literary publication, we plan to designate a few pages of the newspaper to literary material every month. The size of this literary section will vary according to the volume of material we receive, but we hope we will

be able to set aside three or four pages a month for essays, poems, short stories and miscellaneous articles. Any material students wish to submit—whether it be literary or news—may be placed in the single contributions box in the Student Lounge. It is hoped, however, that students will ordinarily submit material for the literary section, for that material should not be written by the newspaper staff; news items, on the other hand, are usually to be compiled by the staff and therefore it is not a necessity that they be submitted by other students for publication. Eventually, if we find that there is enough literary material submitted to warrant our doing so, we hope to publish a separate literary magazine. Until we are able to do so however, we will incorporate as much literary material as possible into the newspaper.

Our financial position is poor at this time. We have received 28% of the total student activities fees to support the paper, but we have also found it necessary to advertise. By the second semester of this school session we would like to have the paper printed on ordinary news print; since this procedure is more costly, however, we must wait until we are on solid financial ground before we can make such a change effectively.

K. H.

WAVA EDITORIAL LAUDS GMC PRAISES DR. REID'S DYNAMISM

During the week of September 5, 1964, anyone listening to WAVA (FM & AM), a radio station broadcasting from Arlington, heard a highly complimentary editorial being read at regular intervals about George Mason College. The president of WAVA, Arthur W. Arundel, is a member officer of the advisory committee for GMC. He read the editorial from which we have taken several excerpts.

The editorial described George Mason College as being "a product and a step-child of The University of Virginia in Charlottesville" and as being "a living product of a two-hundred year old dream of Thomas Jefferson, who wanted The University of Virginia to be the driving force for public education in the Old Dominion." It was also reported that GMC joins Clinch Valley College in southwest Virginia as "the second two-year center of higher education under direct supervision of University officials

in Charlottesville" and that it provides an educational opportunity for residents of Virginia, Maryland, and the District.

Going on to state that GMC is the product both of the men of The University of Virginia and of the taxes of Virginia citizens, the editorial also says that "more than anything else now built, its character and success lies in the hands of a dynamic young educator and organizer of human energy named Robert H. Reid—first Director of the College."

The significance of GMC in our area is summed up well in the concluding paragraph of the editorial: "George Mason is now a living and growing thing. We are reminded here in the misty confusion of so many problems of the day in Washington of an old Chinese saying which goes—'If your plan be for one year, plant rice. If your plan be for ten years, plant trees. But if your plan be for one hundred years, then educate men.'"

SPIRIT URGED BY SYMPOSIUM

The Symposium has now become chartered and is anxious to carry out its functions as an official organization of George Mason College.

The purpose of the Symposium is best expressed in the words of the Preamble of its Constitution:

"The reputation of a college is based mainly upon two criteria: namely, the intellectual maturity and social responsibility of its students. The Symposium believes that the co-ordination of these criteria is essential for the cultural advancement of the individual student and the fundamentals by which George Mason College should be judged. It is the purpose of the Symposium to further the cultural and academic interests of George Mason College through the presentation of speakers in affiliation with the College's academic departments as well as those speakers of general interest to all students. In accordance with its social beliefs, the Symposium will sponsor dances and other events which will promote school spirit and fellowship among the students of George Mason College of The University of Virginia."

At the beginning of the year the Symposium was comprised of eight sophomores, chosen last spring by the founding members of the organization. The selection of these eight was determined by the interest and enthusiasm that each displayed in promoting the spirit and recognition of George Mason College. These eight students are: Mike Ferkins, Dick Hathaway, Jerry Hendren, Bob Holman, Dick Jeffries, Wayne Kirby, Ted McCord, and O. B. Towery. The only returning man who can actually be called one of the founding members is Tom Ruth, who has returned to George Mason for his third year. On September 30, four new men were inducted into the Symposium. They are John Cassaday, Jim Casey, Bob Hoyt, and Dennis Quigley, all of whom are returning here for their second year.

The Symposium is especially honored to announce as its sponsor and advisor Mr. Jerome L. Segal, Assistant Professor of Philosophy.

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Student Assembly News

The Student Assembly of George Mason College began meeting during the summer months, and by the time school had officially opened, several committees had been formed for the coming year. These were: the Elections Committee, Doug Nelms; the Alumni Committee, Carolyn Wise; the Poster Committee, Kathy Shaefer; the Committee for Club Chartering, O.B. Towery; the Special Events Committee, Bob Hoyt; and the Reception Committee, Nancy Buddeke. O. B. Towery was selected to head the newly-formed Honor Society.

The vice-president, Lanny Lehto reports a great deal of enthusiasm for the program of intramural sports on which he has done a good deal of work.

The Faculty Relations Committee, composed of Dr. Davis, Dean Herring, and Dr. Harrison amended and approved a document governing the chartering of clubs, and after another vote by the Assembly, it was put into effect.

The matter of naming the student lounge has been discussed, and the Student Assembly will consider any suggestions offered on the subject.

As requested by Bill Flandermeyer, editor of the yearbook, the Assembly considered a motion to make a formal statement of approval of the idea of a yearbook. The Assembly also agreed to pledge emergency financial relief, should it become necessary, at such time as the yearbook demonstrated that it was generally supported by the student body. Due to the high percentage of students who agreed to purchase the yearbook, the Student Assembly held an emergency meeting of a quorum on Wednesday, September 16, and a measure to write a letter of financial support was proposed and approved. John Cassady, Student Assembly Treasurer, reported that a new bank account had been opened and that the yearbook had on deposit four hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

Bob Fillmore has been assigned to investigate the matter of student car-pools, and information relevant to the subject will be posted in the Student Lounge.

On Wednesday, September 30, the Student Assembly appointed Bob Hoyt as temporary Sophomore Representative to fill in for Jeri Krakower who has been unable to return to school due to illness.

Student Assembly meetings will be held every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Assembly room. All students are invited to attend.

The President of the Student Assembly, Jerry Hendren, will be available in the Assembly room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for the benefit of any student who wishes to make suggestions to the Assembly about any school-related matters.

GUNSTON LEDGER WELCOMES PAST JOURNALIST AS ADVISOR

Mr. Mark Lawrence Gnerro, acting assistant professor of English, has consented to assist the Gunston Ledger in the position of Faculty Advisor. Mr. Gnerro received his B. A. in philosophy from St. Mary's University in Baltimore,

his M. A. in English from George Washington University, and is now a candidate for his Ph.D. at Catholic University where his fields are English, Linguistics, and Italian. He also attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore from 1959 to 1961 as a Gilman Fellow.

Mr. Gnerro has gained his teaching experience at Loyola College in Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Institute of Arts, and Catholic University.

Aside from his teaching career, Mr. Gnerro has worked with the Washington Star as a general assignment reporter and feature writer. He has served as copy editor or writer for several other publications and has done publicity writing on public relations staffs of certain Washington and Baltimore institutions.

As a professor of English, Mr. Gnerro says, "I hope to help my students to a greater appreciation for the fine arts, especially for imaginative literature, and to acquaint them with useful and timely findings in the field of literature."

As far as the Gunston Ledger is concerned, Mr. Gnerro plans to provide the staff with advice and encouragement whenever it is required. Through the staff, Mr. Gnerro hopes to help the student body generally to a keener awareness of the value of a free and responsible press. "It was Mr. Jefferson, I believe," he stated, "who considered the press as America's only real censor. The editors of the Ledger are to be their own censors, motivated by truth, good taste, and the public good. I regard my role as that of friendly observer, offering technical, journalistic advice if it is requested after publication."

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR GRADES UP FOR ACTIVITIES

One of the regulations of George Mason College requires that only those students with a 2.0 ("C") or better cumulative average may participate in or be a member of any college activities. If this average is not maintained, the privilege of participating will be revoked for the second semester.

For the first semester of this year, this regulation has been modified. The past average of second-year students will be disregarded. Every student may participate in the college's activities this semester. During the second semester, however, only those students with a 2.0 average or better for the first semester will be allowed to participate. This is a generous and lenient opportunity the Administration has offered the sophomores. Take advantage of it!



MR. MARK L. GNERRO

Question Over Campus Dress

It is a long standing tradition that University of Virginia students appear dressed as gentlemen. Because George Mason College is a branch of the University of Virginia, it is desirous that some of the traditions of that institution be initiated here, and because GMC is now established on its permanent campus, its students must strive to create a favorable impression; therefore, it is logical that the administration request that all men wear coats and ties. However, there are several obstacles which may prevent the continuance of the "Virginia gentlemen" tradition.

Although the appearance of the students is an important factor in reflecting the character of the college, many students have voiced the opinion that there are those here who are not financially capable of appearing daily in a coat and tie. Another argument contends that there are students who will appear to be sloppy no matter how properly they are attired. Another view is that the college is a place for academic, not social, competition.

There is also the question of women's dress. Are a skirt and a blouse the equivalent of a coat and a tie? Should women appear in heels, or are loafers sufficient? If the women continue to dress casually, should the men be permitted to do so, too?

Dedication Set Public Invited

On Thursday, November 12, 1964, the official dedication of George Mason College buildings and equipment will take place on the college grounds in Fairfax. At this dedication ceremony, the formal installation service of Dr. Robert H. Reid as Director of the college will be conducted.

Expected at this dedication ceremony is Governor A. S. Harrison of Virginia and the entire Virginia State Legislature. Two prominent University of Virginia officials in Charlottesville will also be present: President J. E. Shannon and Dr. Joseph L. Vaughan, Chancellor for Community Colleges.

On Saturday, November 14, 1964, an open house will be held at George Mason College. Students, faculty members, administrative personnel, and parents are welcome. The public is invited to this open house, which is being held in order that everyone interested in becoming acquainted with George Mason College may do so. There will be a great many students participating in the activities on Saturday and helping with the decorations and preparations. A crowd of about 3,000 people is expected. The open house will be held all Saturday afternoon.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was approached the other day by Dr. _____ and was told that I was to wear a coat and tie to school every day.

Now I don't object to a coat and tie, but rather to the "law" itself.

Last year at George Mason College Payne Freret was probably a nominee for the "worst-dressed student," but he was one of the best students scholastically there. He is now at M.I.T. My point is that a college is judged by the quality of the minds of the students and professors, not by the quality of their dress; otherwise my good friend, Payne, would certainly not be at M.I.T. this year.

It is well-known that for the brain to function properly, blood and oxygen must circulate freely through it. A tie or collar which is too tight can inhibit the total capacity of a student's mind—and could very well ruin a potentially great person, thereby "cheating" humanity, present and future.

Last summer I attended George Washington University, an institution of high caliber and standing. The students there wore everything from bermudas and well-worn tennis shoes to Italian cut suits—my point being that even though some of the students dress worse than I, the reputation and caliber of the school do not suffer. Would the school rank any higher if the students wore tuxedos? I think it might "get a lot of laughs."

I am not in this institution to impress anyone; I am here to get an education.

As I previously stated, I object only to the "law." What's wrong with a sports shirt anyhow??

(SIGNED) Joe Constantini



FOOTBALL ANYONE?

SPORTS! What's The Scoop?

The question on everyone's lips as the football season at G.M.C. gets under way is whether or not Teddy's Bears will go all the way this year? Three of the original "Big Four" football teams have been dissolved. Casey's Chrushers, Brady's Bruisers, and the Tromping Trojans are but memories in the George Mason College Football Hall of Fame. Only Teddy's Bears survived the gridiron battles of last year to evolve as "the team to beat" this campaign.

Although, little is yet known about the strength of the other four teams, it is the general consensus that all five teams are evenly matched. Experienced men are at the helm of the four new clubs which does mark notable progress over last years rather random selections of captains. Lanny Lehto was a Trojan last year and knows nothing but the taste of victory. Dave Krause, the Y. A. Tittle of college quarterbacks, has experienced defeat as a member of the Bruisers and will go all out to reverse past experiences. If John Cassady can handle his team as well as he does the Student Assembly's treasury, there is no reason why his men shouldn't finish in the money. Finally, there is Ed Fredette, a rookie captain in the league this year who is expected to be a big headache to the rest of the teams. As a matter of fact, "Ed's Angels" may fly all the way to the top.

A further look at the incumbent "Bears" reveals strength in its personnel. This team has just about everything. That is, almost as many bad qualities as good! Weight is its most obvious disadvantage, however, height and speed could take up the slack. Mike Johnson and Sonny Tuel form a good pass-catching combination since both are tall and can scamper. Jim Pracht, also shows an exceptional capability to catch the pass for a small man, but his greatest contribution, along with Art Crenshaw, is his defensive ability. The "Bears" backfield shows great

it would seem to me that with all the sharp students around here, no one has as yet formed a union. How about this one? The UPPPS (Union for the Placement and Preservation of Pencil Sharpeners).

with the parking lot. A brisk hike is healthy as long as the weather is pleasant, but snow will come. Does the college plan to purchase St. Bernards with brandy kegs to aid lost students?

so howcome no beer machines in the Lounge. I thought George Mason accepted all the traditions of U. Va. (coffee isn't healthy anyway).

we are happy to see the bridge club joined by a new organization: the knitting circle. Since these people obviously have nothing else to occupy their time, ΦBK will surely be in order. (Boy Scouts, anyone?)

well, we paid a dollar to register our cars, but still no parking meters. What's the holdup?

was the room taken away from the Symposium or was the Symposium taken away from the room? Face it boys, all you need is a big tent and an extension cord.

Got a complaint? Write and drop it in The Gunston Ledger contributions box. Send to— John Ghoul or "What's the Scoop?"

See you next issue.

versatility considering the many talents of Wayne Kirby and Bern White. Both are good pass receivers and runners, but they can also be called upon to pass.

It is indeed unfortunate that due to the lack of qualified reporters stories on the other teams training camps must be omitted. However, next month there will be thorough coverage of the football wars and a sizeup of each team as well as predictions pertaining to the season outcome.

It might be added that letters to the Sports Editor will be gratefully accepted.