



The Gunston Ledger

"Duty, Honor, Country, Conscience".



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The Passing of a Friend

Martin Luther King is dead. There can be little sorrow for such a man. He was a tireless worker for his people, the American people, and a staunch advocate of that people's liberty. His work for our liberty, which often met with little recognition and great abuse in this country, was acclaimed by the world. He was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Now, at 39, the man is dead, yet there can be little sorrow for his passing. He sought peace and freedom—the American Dream. His peace is now everlasting. In the earth all men are indeed equal, and his "dream" has come to pass.

King had a greater dream, a dream for all men to be free. The sorrow is not for him. It is for ourselves, left in bondage, that we mourn. It is the bondage of the oppressed, unable to overcome their brothers' hatred, which robs men of their reason, and drowns them in the spew of their own sickness. For these people, our hearts are heavy with sorrow.

Still there remains a greater, bondage, one which affects all of us. It is the bondage of apathy, the apathy of white America. It is the guilt of those with reason who understand, but sit in silence.

Junior Class holds election, organizes for senior's plans

The Junior class held elections March 18-20. A sixty percent class turnout elected Gil Sager president; Cricket Sherman, vice president; Kay Minnies, treasurer; Joan Bentley secretary. The President and Secretary were unopposed.

The Junior class plans included a meeting last week with Chancellor Thompson to decide on the graduation date and to select the commencement committee. Their main project for spring is to select a speaker for graduation. Tentative plans also include a spring

Thus America is still enslaved. Perhaps if the silence is broken with commitment, we can move forward on the road to freedom. Perhaps in silence we will return to the lesser dreams of the old world, nurtured by greed, hate, and power. Perhaps the sacred covenant of the freedom shall pass from us, and free will become just another four letter word.

Martin Luther King is dead, and with him a part of America. You need not ask why, in the words of our late President, given in an address on equal rights, "The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

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Dr. Eugenie V. Mielezarek (254W) has announced that she is accepting donations of food, clothing, and money for a family that was a victim of rioting.

GM Emergency Loan Fund suffers student depletion pain

For the past three years, the college business office has been handling a Student Emergency Loan Fund. The money in this fund was solicited for the GMC Foundation, Inc., from the McLean Kiwanis Club.

dance to be held in honor of the senior class.

The activities and finance committees are presently being formed by the treasurer and vice-president. Sometime in May an open class meeting will be held.

Long range plans include either a summer picnic or a fall outing, and a party in the fall and again in the spring, although the final decisions depends on the class and how the juniors decide to spend their funds.

George Mason Day plans to include activities, luau

The festivities of George Mason Day will begin with an address by Lorin A. Thompson, Chancellor of the College, at 11:30 on Friday, April 19.

Student organizations will sponsor the day's activities. Symposium of TKE is organizing a "Spring Car Bash" to enable students to work out their frustrations for a small fee. The Newman Club is sponsoring a repeat of last year's "drinking well." Sage is planning a "Folk Fest." Those students interested in participating should contact Cricket Sherman.

Other activities of the day include a tug of war, sponsored by Delta Tau Sigma, a Bazaar, relay races, a baby food eating contest, a faculty-cheerleader basketball game, and a student art exhibit. The five semi-finalists in the Miss GMC Contest will also be announced.

Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be available throughout the day.

A Hawaiian Luau, sponsored by the Pep Club, will top off the day's activities at the Frying Pan barn. The Hawaiian atmosphere will be accented by fresh fruits, bar-beques spareribs, and beer. Dress, said Pep Club President

Pete Forame, can be "anything from fig leaves to flowers with the most daring couple receiving a can of Hawaiian punch."

Tickets must be purchased before Friday, April 12, at \$3 stag and \$5 drag.

During the day, the following schedule will be substituted for the usual class periods. The twelve and one o'clock classes have been

cancelled.

8:00 o'clock class meets 8:00-8:40
9:00 o'clock class meets 8:50-9:30
10:00 o'clock class meets 9:40-10:20
11:20-12:50—George Mason Day Exercises.

2:00 o'clock class meets 1:00-1:40
3:00 o'clock class meets 1:50-2:30
4:00 o'clock class meets 2:40-3:20
5:00 o'clock class meets 5:00-5:40

Drinking regulation infractions incur administrative statement

Due to several drinking regulation infractions at George Mason, there has been recent discussions concerning the legality of drinking at the college.

Concerning drinking infractions at GMC, M. Mebane Turner, Dean of Students, said "We want to encourage the use of college facilities for social functions but we must clearly point out they must be conducted under limitations placed upon us by the state of Virginia."

There are two state laws which pertain to drinking on campus.

First, alcoholic beverages should not be carried onto state property nor should they be consumed on state property; and secondly, the legal drinking age in Virginia is 21.

Dean Turner also commented, "When an infraction of these regulations is reported to the Office of the Dean of Students, the dean has to make sure that appropriate action is taken. The administration must encourage that students should conduct their activities on this campus in concurrence with these regulations."

Turner pointed out that most of the U.Va. students are 21 or over and that the fraternity houses where most of the drinking takes place are not on state property. In conjunction with this final point, Turner made it clear that the GMC administration will deal only with drinking infractions on campus.

Crouch assumes directorship, plans reorganization, plays

Charles E. Brewer, founder and director of the Agora Society, has named Sophomore Douglas Crouch as his successor. Brewer, who graduates this June, gave up his position after the final performance of *The Country Wife*.

At his first effort, Crouch plans to stage *The Boor*, a one-act play by Anton Checkov, about the first or second week of May. Directed by Donald R. Gallehr, Instructor in English, the play features Crouch as Smirnov; Linda Oakey, as Mrs. Popov, and Nick Mercury, as Luka, the servant.

The group will rehearse its next play this summer. After that, short plays with small casts will be done about once a month on a regular basis. These will be done on weekdays, during the day, in the hope that eliminating the need to make a special trip to school will result in larger audiences.

In addition to these innovations, the price of admission will be very low. Crouch hopes to make enough money from these performances to purchase needed theatrical supplies. According to Crouch, "the Agora Society will not rent any equipment or incur any debt for which it cannot pay immediately."

In previous productions the group had rented equipment, depending on ticket sales to pay the bill. When revenues were not as high as expected, the debt had to be paid by the student assembly or the administration.

Crouch's general aim is "to make the Agora Society a productive group of creative and talented actors, which will, hopefully, contribute to the aesthetic, intellectual life essential to any great university."

Callahan speaks to Young Republicans on Va. Assembly

Vincent Callahan, a Republican delegate to the Virginia General Assembly and Secretary to the House Minority, spoke to the Young Republican Club Thurs., April 4. Callahan spoke on the recently concluded session of the General Assembly.

The following is a calendar of coming events for the YR club:

- April 9. The GMC YR's will conduct a presidential preference poll at the Fairfax Co. Republican Convention which will be held at George C. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, at 7 p.m. Votes will be sold at 25¢ each; all proceeds go to the club treasury.

- April 13. A state-wide college seminar will be held in Lexington, Va. at Dupont Hall of Washington and Lee University. Seminar topics include club organization, publicity, mobilization, and other subjects. A beer party will follow.

- April 17. Arlington Co. Republican Mass Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall 5115 Little Falls Road, Arl. at 8 p.m. registration starts at 7 p.m. All Republican students who are registered voters in Arlington are urged to attend.

The law of love

By proposing various causes for the torrent of destruction which swept the nation following Martin Luther King's death, many persons have sought to uncover solutions to the racial strife which threatens to cripple the country. The key, they proclaim, is opportunity—in education, in housing, in occupation, in equality.

These persons, however, are ignoring the basic problem—the sickness of a society which has fostered an explosive atmosphere of violence, hatred, and distrust. It is this sickness which must be cured if mankind is to be saved from self-destruction.

Our society has become governed by an exchange principle. It counters violence with violence. It gives love only to those who will return it. It gives hate to all those who offend it.

Such a system can only increase the forces of hatred which grip the society. Violence countered by violence can yield only more violence. Hate returned by hate yields only more hate.

Mankind can heal the sickness of violence only by non-violence. The forces of hate can be overcome only by love.

Each person must overcome the hatred and violence in his own heart. Only by personal commitment to the law of love can humanity be preserved. When a person chooses hate, he chooses suicide for himself and his community. Like Martin Luther King, he must become a lover of mankind.

"And the gospel of non-violence can be spread only through believers dying for the cause." Mohandas K. Gandhi

Letter to the Editor

Soldiers tumble brokenly into trenches; civilians char in napalm seared ashes; and, I am part of this. Houses burn, children die, women are gutted and raped, and I have given my name in support of this. Hungry, bloody people roam aimlessly without food, care, or homes, and I may be called upon to perpetuate this. It does not matter if my country or another country does these things, this is me.

No. It is not me. . . . I can no longer be a part of this; I take back my name in support of this; I will not and cannot perpetuate this, for this is not me.

There is a poison in men's blood. Vietnams erupt like boils, fester and ooze until one thinks only of lancing them and then the problem will be solved. But the trouble lies deeper. The poison in the blood of violence, it is hatred, it is selfishness, it is lies and cruelty, and only when these things are antidoted will there be no more Vietnams, no more wars. These are the things that really need curing.

Yet, Vietnam exists now as a way of life gone wrong, a symptom of a sickness that needs treating. The treatment begins with ourselves. In good conscience, I can no longer be a part of the Selective Service System, the organization that provides men for

wars, that perpetuates hate and killing, and that is symbolic of the evils that course through the veins of America.

Thus I am returning my draft cards. I am choosing to do so because of my beliefs and because of my conscience which must be reckoned with. By sending in these cards, the world becomes a little bit more loving.

/s/ Paul T. Becker

Eds.—The above is a reprint of Mr. Becker's letter to his draft board. Becker is a former student and editor of the Gunston Ledger.

Arena's "The Iceman Cometh" reveals insight into despair

By Richard E. Trodden

The Arena Stage production of Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*, which is being performed in repertory along with *The Tenth Man* and *Room Service* until June 2, is a production of major significance for the Washington area.

Under the direction of Edwin Sherin, O'Neill's perceptive insight into the existential situation of despair is portrayed with respect and somber sensitivity. Rarely does modern drama attempt to express itself in the epic form found in *The Iceman Cometh*; therefore, it is to Sherin's credit that he neither cut nor reduced this play into another "light evening" of sociological trivia.

The setting of O'Neill's play takes place in Harry Hope's bar—a mixture of the famous "Black hole of Calcutta" and Dylan's "Desolation Row." Under the protecting wing of Harry Hope live the fugitives from life, men whose past and future is glorified and made hopeful only through the aid of the bottle. It is these men who are to become the unwilling proselytes of the new religion of harsh reality.

No religion would be complete without a prophet or messiah, and so O'Neill presents to us Hickey, the deified American ideal, or more theologically: "the great salesman in the sky." Hickey, portrayed by Richard McKenzie, seeks to convert his followers to reality by



Pitcher Michael F. Johnson hurls the ball towards the plate.

George Mason's Tennis Club to inaugurate training April 15

The formation of a George Mason Tennis Club is being planned with active participating beginning April 15.

The College has recently constructed two Grass-Tex courts located adjacent to the athletic field and they are available for immediate play.

The Tennis Club will be composed of those men and women students who have a desire to participate in both intramural and intercollegiate competition. It is envisioned the Club will develop the future representative team efforts where scheduled intercollegiate competition will take place.

Activities planned this Spring include individual competition, ladder competition, men and women's singles and doubles tournaments, two intercollegiate matches, and an intercollegiate tournament to be announced.

H. M. Turner, Dean of Students, R. H. Pierce, Business Man-

Marauders maul Galludet for losing streak break

By Morrie Bernstein

After a dismal opening losing streak of five straight, George Mason's stellar baseball team trounced Galludet 10-8 behind the strong-arm pitching of Jim Wentworth and the long ball hitting of "Smoky" Dave Sullivan, on Thursday, April 4.

Sullivan smacks homer

Wentworth went the distance for the second time this season, scattering the opposition's hits amid a few errors by slickfielding Vinegar O'Donnell. Sullivan, who is pummeling the sphere at a .409 clip, had a perfect day, 4 for 4 at the plate, including a

467 foot blast into the right center field bleachers for his first home run of the season.

O'Donnell leading hitter

Vinegar Vince O'Donnell, who has been sour wine for opposing pitchers this year, saw his fantastic .539 batting average drop to .478, after a 1 for 4 showing at bat. However, this season's leading candidate for Most Valuable Player came through with one of the clutch hits of the day. In a notable piece of strategy, Galludet walked Sullivan, loading the bases, to pitch to O'Donnell, a .478 hitter. The latter replied by lacing a single which drove in two runs. However, after his endeavors in the outfield, O'Donnell was replaced by Jeff Andrews, who later put the game on ice by belting a triple.

Stellar third baseman Kurt Wood added to GMC's attack with three hits in five attempts.

Earlier season losses were at the hands of Va. State, Prince Georges C.C., Montgomery J.C., and Fordom. However, the team has seemed to jell and with a little hitting and some more outstanding relief pitching by Mike Baker, GMC can look forward to a brighter season.

ager, are joint faculty sponsors of the Tennis Club. They also represent an undefeated doubles team on the George Mason College campus.

Students who are interested in playing either intramural or intercollegiate tennis or both are invited to fill out an application and submit it to the Office of the Director or Athletics, Ray Spuhler.

Marauders bow to Ashland, sustain crippling 19 - 0 defeat

By Michael Joseph

On a cold fifty degree Friday evening, April 5th, the George Mason Marauders took the field against the tough Ohio Ashland College baseball team.

Pitching for George Mason was Dave Sullivan, G.M.'s fastball artist. Sullivan in two previous starts had failed to go the route due to control problems. Control presented little problems to "Smoky" Sullivan as he breezed through the first four innings with little difficulty.

The Mason attack fizzled throughout the game as the team grounded only three singles up the middle of the diamond. The two Southpaw Ashland Pitchers held the Masonites helpless as they went down swinging 15 times.

Due to the unusually cold weather coupled with lack of experience in playing night baseball, George Mason was crippled defensively. Consequently several errors, bloop singles and overthrows at several bases enabled the Ashland team to pile up five runs against Sullivan by the eighth inning. With one out in the eighth inning, Sullivan developed a sudden streak of wildness and was relieved by Mike Baker.

With a two strike, one ball count on the first batter he faced, Baker gave up a single up the middle. The next three out of four hitters all hit the ball on the

ground; however, the Mason infielders committed three errors. The next hitter lined a high curve over the left-center field fence for a four bagger. By this time, the game was far out of reach and four errors followed before the inning ended.

The Eighth and Ninth innings saw the Mason hitters swing hopelessly against Ashland's second southpaw pitcher.

When the game had ended and all statistics were tallied, Ashland had scored 19 runs. However, Mason pitchers, Sullivan and Baker, had some comfort in that only three or four were earned runs.

Theater workshop announces classes for spring session

The Washington Theater Club, the only Washington drama workshop where the student trains with working professional theater artists, is accepting registrations for the Spring semester which begins April 16. Classes will meet once a week for 10 weeks and will be under the supervision of Artists and Managing Director Davey Marlin-Jones who directs the regular season shows.

Courses include—
• Professional Preparation—which will cover the problems in preparing for an acting career such as auditioning, rehearsing, keeping fit, unions, agents, resumes, and special make-up.

• Playwriting—which will enable beginning and advanced writers to see their scenes performed.

• Directing—which includes practical experience employing original material and advanced actors.
• Basic and Advanced Acting—which cover improvisation, recall, sense memory, and the approach to the role.
For information call 332-4584.

College Notices

Spring season soccer will start on Wed. Apr. 17. All members meet in the locker room. New members are welcome. Mr. Fecteau will conduct the meeting.

LOST AND FOUND

Anyone who has information as to the whereabouts of the Advocate's 135mm telephoto lens please contact the yearbook office, Rm. 155. It was lost in the vicinity of the parking lot.

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Jr. Woman's Club presents \$60 check to George Mason

The George Mason Junior Woman's Club has made its third gift to George Mason College.

The clubwomen presented a check for \$60 to H. Mebane Turner, dean of students and director of admissions, and Louis J. Aebischer, associate director of admissions. The donation will be divided: \$50 to the college scholarship fund and \$10 to the new library.

This is the second time the club has given money to the scholarship fund. The juniors' first donation to the college was furniture for the student lounge.