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BANANA

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Patriotism is the FIRST refuge of a scoundrel. --Ambrose Bierce

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Surfer Boy Ken Leber displays the form that won him first place in the National Surfing Finals held at the Campus Club recently.

Chancellors Discuss GMC's Record; Contest Winners Honored on GM Day

By Mike Baker

The initial festivities of George Mason Day included several speakers, the presentation of awards to the winner of the George Mason Essay Contest and to the students with the best personal libraries, and the announcement of the five semi-finalists for the Queen of the Ball.

Former Chancellor J.N.G. Finley opened the day's activities by speaking to the student body concerning the founding of George Mason College. Finley explained that George Mason started its first semester with only seventeen students. The reason for this was that people didn't want to be associated with an uncertain organization. Finley said that when a site for the present campus was being selected there was some discussion of making George Mason a community college. The other sites which were discussed were

Sunset Hills in Herndon and the Fitzhugh property.

Despite its many setbacks, the College began as an extension center and is now a four-year college.

The next speaker was Chancellor Lorin A. Thompson, who spoke to the student body about the future plans of the college. Chancellor Thompson said George Mason College now has the potential of becoming a great university. With the presence of an education department and additional majors in chemistry and mathematics next year, George Mason will be moving toward this goal.

Thompson explained that on May 23 the Governor's Advisory Board will visit the college to discuss the construction plans of the next six years and the financial aid needed by the college.

Furthermore, Thompson said that we are now in a very active period and we have the opportunity to develop our own traditions and set of values to pass on to later George Mason students.

Mrs. Neal of Gunston Hall next presented a \$100 check to Paul Terence Becker as the winner of the George Mason Essay contest.

After this presentation, the Chancellor gave awards to the three

students with the best personal libraries. William R. Marcey won first prize and a check for \$25, Mrs. Martha H. Arnold won second prize and a check for \$15 and Orville M. Wood was the winner of a \$10 third prize.

Robert Cleveland, President of Tau Delta Sigma, then announced the five semi-finalists for Queen of the Ball. From a list of twenty-five girls, the student body narrowed the field down to Laura Beaty, Pat Kougas, Nancy Kelly, Tonic Scala and Susan Samon. The student body will select the Queen in balloting to take place this week.

Sparks Fly From Little Theatre's New 'Streetcar'

By Joyce Bentley

Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" is now playing at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. Directed by Norman Bernhardt, this production is one of the most exciting of the season. The story is about Blanche DuBois, a fallen southern aristocratic lady, who comes to stay with her sister and her Polish brother-in-law. Blanche is shocked by the condition of the apartment her sister has accepted to live in and tried to make her sister dissatisfied with her husband and her life. The main conflict of the play is between Stanley, a super-stud, and Blanche, who only has memories of her lost respectability and aristocracy to cling to.

Played by Meg Sargent, Blanche is a believable character and the pathos of her breakdown and eventual commitment to a mental institution is very touching. Walt Lachman, who plays Stanley is one of the most forceful and natural actors in the play. He and Lee Truse, who plays Stella, do a wonderful job together as the couple whose relationship is based only on sex, desire. The only disappointing actor in the production is William Hayden who plays Mitch, Blanche's boyfriend. He seems uncomfortable in his role and sometimes gives the impression of being useless and not knowing what to do with himself.

The play can be seen on April 20, 21, and 22 at 8:30 p.m. at 600 Wolfe Street in Alexandria. Call 683-0496 for information about reservations.

G. E. McKain Appointed As Purchaser

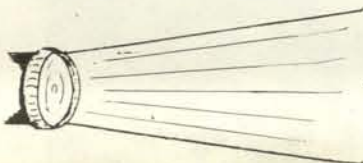
George E. McKain has been named to the newly created post of purchasing and stores supervisor at George Mason College.

Mr. McKain will be in charge of purchasing all supplies and services for the college.

The new supervisor was retired from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 30 years' service, primarily in the field of supply.

Mr. McKain attended the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

Flick Forecast



Wednesday Movie Schedule
Shown at 12:00 in the Lounge

April 26 "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Lon Chaney) and "Girls in Danger"

May 10 "Tempest" (John Barrymore) and "Property Man" (Charlie Chaplin)

May 17 "Variety" (Emil Jannings) and "The Great Chase" (W. C. Fields)

Whigs Enlist Ex-Nazi Officer To Speak Here On Racism

By Jackie Linden

The Whigs' next speaker will be Karl Allen, head of the local Wallace for President Campaign, and candidate for Mayor of Alexandria. He will deliver a talk on "The Racist Movement in America." Those interested are invited to Rm. 208-N, Friday, April 21st, at 12:00. A Floridian, Allen has a B.A.

in Political Science and an M.A. from Harvard. Coming to this area in 1961 to join the American Nazi Party, he became Deputy Commander. In 1964, however, he engineered an unsuccessful mutiny against Rockwell over "methods." Since then he has headed his minuscule White Party of America.

Intelligent and soft-spoken, Allen articulates the dogma of the "racist right." Blaming communist subversion of government, he claims, "The white majority is being dictated by organized minorities." He is backing Wallace and a third party to stop this and "represent what we stand for."

St. George's Invites Public To Viet Talk

The George Mason College and area public are invited to an "open house" slide-talk on "Viet Nam: Land of Contrast" on Sunday evening, 23rd April, at the neighboring St. George's Methodist Church, 4500 Roberts Road.

The speaker will be Francis G. Thomason of Fairfax City, a department of agriculture commodity economist who recently spent four months in South Viet Nam studying the rice supply situation and making recommendations for an agricultural support program. His talk centered on color slides he made in Viet Nam will begin at 7:30 p.m. It will be followed by refreshments.

editorial:

avoiding the laws

Student government at George Mason is on the verge of floundering. In the last two weeks, for example, the SA held three special meetings. The first one saw the Representatives appoint a committee to study a new school seal. The second and third ones saw the representatives participate in an exercise in futility. In the second meeting Bill Laws apologized for adjourning and storming out of a previous regular meeting. His following action, however, nullified his apology. Laws, in another burst of anger, called all Student Assembly Representatives "anarchists." He then declared a previous meeting from which he was absent illegal. The Assembly overruled Law's declaration and is supported in its action by Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules states that when a quorum is present, a meeting may be called to order in the absence of a president. It seems that Laws should restudy his parliamentary procedure before he makes any further parliamentary declarations.

Inept leadership, however, cannot be blamed for all of the SA's troubles. Some blame must be attributed to the SA's present faulty

constitution. At times, arguments have raged so furiously over this contradictory and confusing document, that normal business has been disrupted for weeks. (The question of the qualification of SA officers has never been satisfactorily settled.)

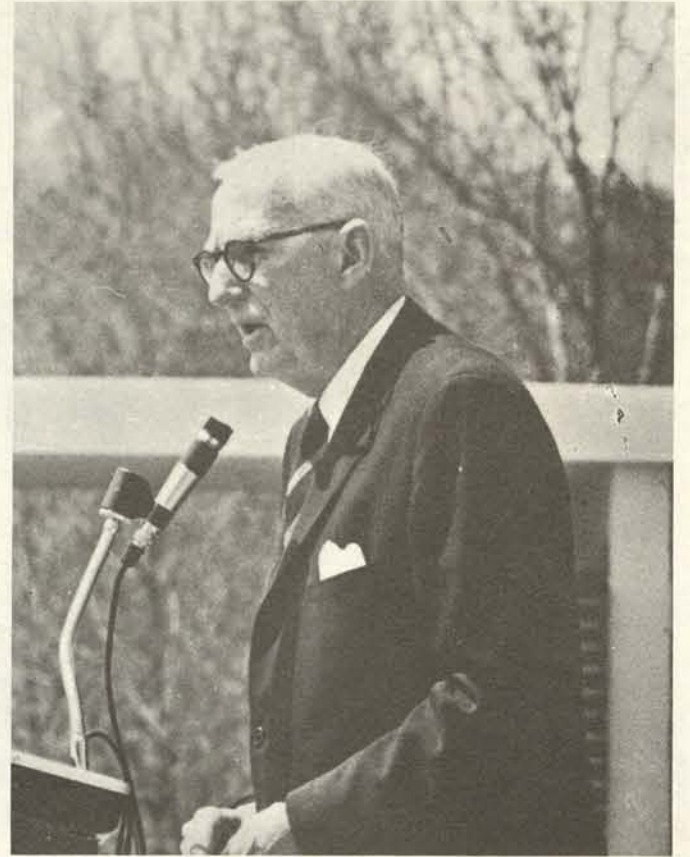
Fortunately, a new constitution may be easier to provide than effective leadership. An SA committee is now writing a new constitution with the aid of professional legal advice. Preliminary reports from the committee indicate that great changes will be necessary to insure that GMC has a tight, legal, and all-inclusive constitution.

It appears then, that to promote effective Student Government and to avoid repetition of the silly squabbling that has characterized this year's Assembly, two measures are needed. One, the SA must have better leadership. Two, the SA must have a different, legal, and workable constitution. The Constitution Committee can provide the constitution, but only qualified and interested students can provide the leadership. If these two conditions are met, Student government at GMC will move in the right direction.





CBS on the spot

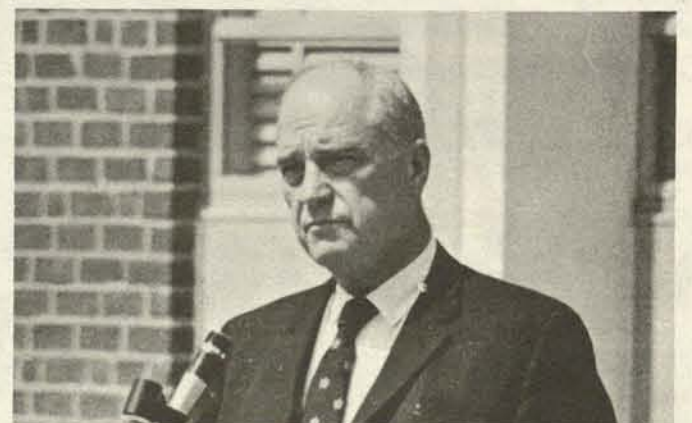


John N. G. Finley

George Mason Day was celebrated here for the first time on April 14th. The event was completely set up and organized by Gail Gallagher, Junior SA Representative, and Ellen Turtle, SA Activities Chairman. The varied schedule of events emphasizing participation by students and faculty provided something for everyone including free hot dogs and cokes to stimulate the fun. There was also a birthday cake—though not for George Mason. Miss Gallagher shared her day with our namesake.



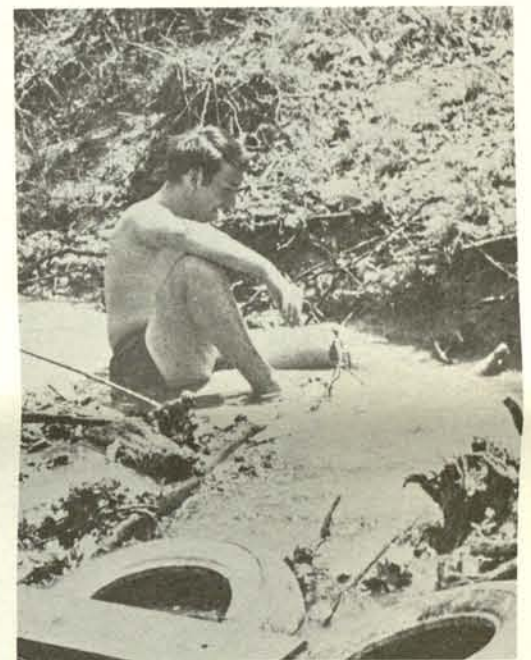
Soph Paul Becker receives the \$100 first prize in the George Mason Essay contest.



The Chancellor

PULL!

Delta Tau Sigma sponsored a tug o'war in dismal swamp, which is located southwest of the buildings: On this page are some shots of the exciting action.



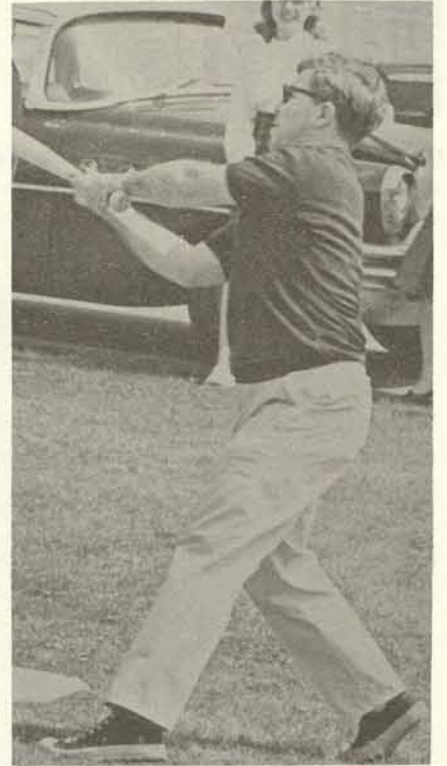
OH HELL!

Jody Taylor, finding the going rough, decides to eliminate some of the opposition, namely Rick Dowden.





Priscilla Hopkins shows her form against the faculty.



McDermott, at least, can hit. Unfortunately he failed to beat the throw from deep left field.



Whoosh!

Nick Scholl grabs a hot liner as Kalergis, Hockersmith, Johnson, and Hopkins watch in awe.





History teacher Goode swings futilely at a high curve.



Busy executive types seem to have trouble hitting. C a t o n struck out.

Students Down Faculty . . .

A ten-run burst by the students in the final inning downed the faculty.



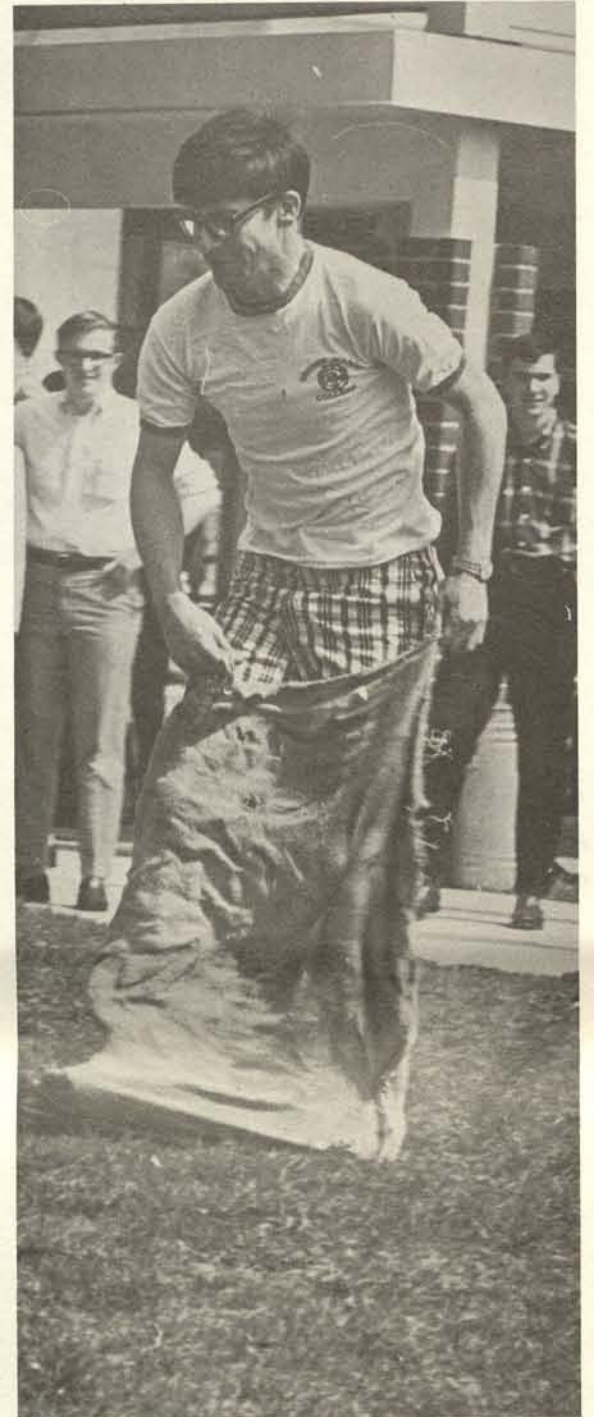
Volleyball

DON'T LET HIM GET IT
Randy Strohl
Dotty Blum and
Skip Klug
indulge in a
little keep-away

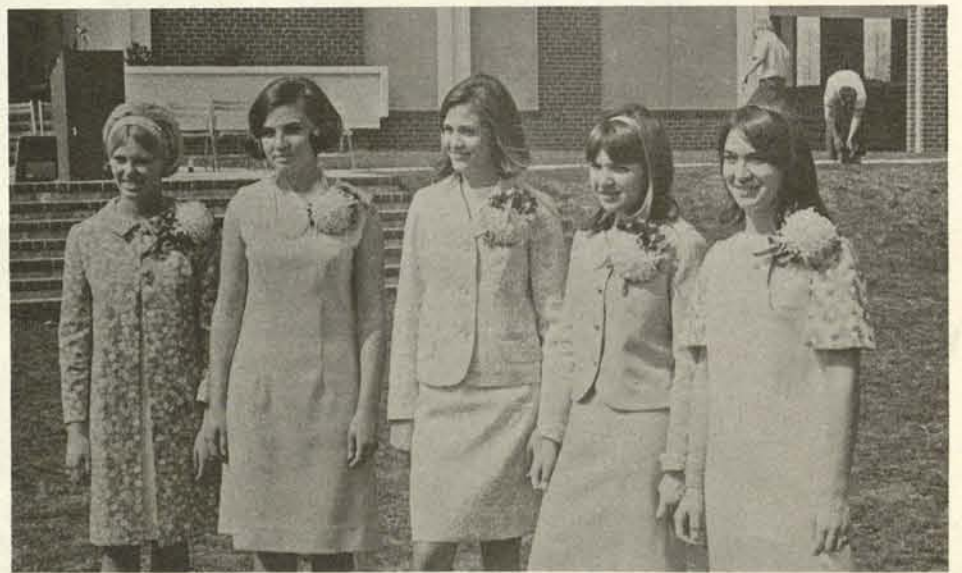
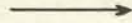


SPLASH FOR MASON DAY

Lynn Jugdmanor gets the dunk in the Newman Club's laundry concession.



Mike Zimmerman makes shaky progress in three-leg race.



Semi-finalists for the Queen of the Ball were announced Friday. They are: Nancy Kelly, Pat Kougias, Laura Beatty, Susie Semon, and Toni Scala.



George Wilson and a close friend await the Great Chase.

Get the pig!
Slit her throat!
Do her in!

Mike Zimmerman throws the pig for a ten yard loss as the rest of the defensive line closes in.



The Great Chase was covered by Channel 9.



Boy, I sure wish they'd let me go; I hear they have some good slop in the Canteen.

At one time the campus was so crowded that it was very difficult to find a place to sit.



MASON WINS SECOND, 14 — 13

In the afternoon, the baseball team played Arlington Hall at Shea Stadium (our baseball field). After blowing an 11-5 lead, Mason finally pulled it out in the bottom of the tenth to win 14-13.



Short Stop Warren Gamble tees off.

Third Baseman Milt Faul scoops up hot ground ball.



Coach Arnold Siegfried paints Rick Dowden's spiked Knee.

Boys fend off rush of girls in Quadrangle football match.



For three students, George Mason Day was not over when the band left. Campbell Farnell, Herb Robinson, and Terry Becker worked through from 8 Friday night until 10:30 Saturday processing the pictures for this issue.