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From The Editor:

Integration Is Social As Well As Political

I live in the small southern town of Wilmington, North Carolina. The citizens have a heritage. A century ago they were fighting the noble war at Fort Caswell and Fort Fisher. Wilmington was the last open seaport in the Confederacy. Their pride lives in their Southern blood.

Integration came quietly to Wilmington. The Negroes work in Belk's and Penney's Department Stores. They can eat in most of the restaurants, sleep in most of the motels, sit anywhere in the movie theaters or buses, and attend the local white high school. When they asked for admission to the First Baptist Church, they were seated at the front. Although there are three Klan organizations in the city itself, they are largely impotent, unable to carry out their threats. The town is so quiet that it is listed as one of the top fifty cities for retirement in the United States.

But Wilmington is a perfect example as to why integration will not infuse the deep South for many generations. As an old Southern town, its center of attention rests on the social plane. The prime functions are those related to the magnolia dances and mint juleps that have been handed down from generation to generation. The Negroes will not be able to crash this barrier. One may eat beside them, work beside them, sit beside them on the bus; but socially to them the Negro is inferior. And in Wilmington as most Southern hamlets, the social rules the mind. No legislation can get them an engraved invitation to the Country Club. No act of Congress will get them a cool whiskey on a hot summer night.

Integrationists had best realize this. They have a long way to go. That long way will take a long time.

Society News

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were given by Sue Contreras, Joan Holder, and Jackie Howie. Officers and new members were then inducted and the club flower, white carnations, were presented by Kay Whitmore.

People in charge of induction were Mrs. Walker, decoration; Kathy Kanipe, programs; Gay Everitte, dinner; and Sue Lewis, candle holders.

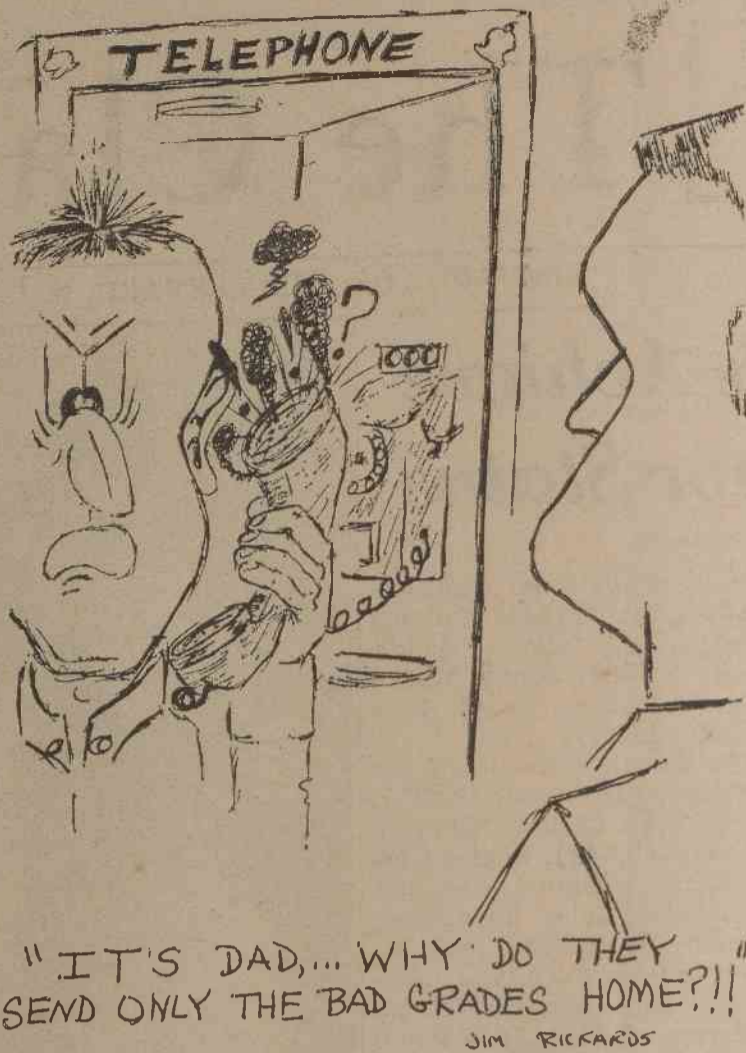
A special thanks goes to the Delphians for helping set up the decorations.

The Nu Epsilon Mu Omega, formally Mnemosynean Society, held its weekly meeting on Thursday, October 21. Plans were made for their formal tea, which was held in the faculty lounge on October 27. Dinner was served before initiation of

new members. Plans were also discussed to order sweatshirts and sorority pins. Susan Tabor is head of the pin committee.

The officers are Jackie Howie, president; Joan Holder, vice-president; and Kay Whitmore, secretary - treasurer. Recently elected were Kathy Keller, historian; Glenda Lovell, Sgt. at Arms; and Cindy Nummery, reporter. The adviser is Mrs. Walker.

The Cliosopic Society held their smoker for pledges and old members Tuesday, October 26. Ken Cook the President, and Mr. Ray Fisher, Clio Advisor, presided over the meeting. The smoker's purpose was to acquaint the pledges with the proposed plans for this year. Ken explained that the Clios was a social fraternity, provided by



JIM RICKARDS

From The Editor:

Mann Still Unread

Some students feel that in my commentary concerning the students mode of clothing themselves, I did a great injustice to the nonconformist. Not at all. The nonconformist has very little to do with the exhibitionist. Just as clothes do not make the man, desert boots do not make the nonconformist.

The great rebellion against the man in the grey flannel suit was not against his fashions, but anti-striated thinking. Thus, students let themselves fall into the accepted mode of dress and style for offbeats and consider themselves the wild new prophetic voice, which, incidentally, died with Greenwich Village. There is revolution afoot. But this revolt is as useless as that which preceded it. Our famous few are fighting for the freedom that was extended in the fifties. Long live individualism, even if it must be obtained by conformity.

The revolutionary students of the fifties and the sixties have rejected the idea of man's surpassing temporality and have begun to make "stone walls a prison and iron bars a cage". The only everlasting and important part of mankind is his mind. Whether the body is covered in the lily's finery or embrionic sac is unrelated to the process of thinking. A true nonconformist reads Kant and Buber with no care as to whether they wore beards or sunglasses, just as he reads Gnsberg and Ferlinghetti with no association made between their thoughts and their fashions.

If one chooses to wear madras and wingtips, he is no less a nonconformed individual than one who rides a motorcycle and shoes himself with sandals. Again, anyone for Mann? I didn't think so.

the school. He told of the new policy of selective membership which has been different from that in past years.

Ken told of the plans of the club, these including a Clio-Euterp Dance, hayrides, hootenanny, Clio Dance, Christmas Dance, and the Clio-Delphian football and softball game. He explained about the initiation, which was Friday, October 29. Ken then introduced Mr. Fisher, who spoke about the social clubs, their standards, and their need to improve over years past. The old members were then introduced to the pledges and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting Ken Cook had these things to say about the Clios—"I want to get more done this year, mainly for the purpose of preserving the soci-

ety."

Why was the membership limited? "We wanted to create a fraternity atmosphere, mainly for the purpose of individual cooperation, rather than mass confusion. I feel that in any organization there has to be a certain standard of perfection in order to obtain a desirable goal. My main purpose is this goal of perfection."

What are the requirements for membership? "Our one main requirement is character. We try to select members that we feel can add to the purposefulness of our organization."

Ken has confidence in the usefulness of the club and also in its members. Confidence instills confidence and Ken summed it up by saying, "This year is going to be the best."

Demonstrators Are A Student Farce

Student demonstrations are becoming more and more prevalent throughout the United States. When students here on campus were asked their opinions on the usefulness of and reasons for demonstrations, the following remarks were made.

STUDENT A: "They are useful, but the students get tense and upset that they have to get rid of their tensions somehow. The only thing they really do is make the people who are participating feel better."

STUDENT B: "I think demonstrations are both good and bad depending upon the situation. As far as Brevard College goes, they are always bad and they are resisted."

Many students expressed the opinion that demonstrations were a complete waste of time.

STUDENT C: "When you demonstrate, all you do is get confused. It amazes me, no matter how excited the students on the campus get over such trivia."

Some students expressed the opinion that the idea of standing around holding a sign was silly and rather foolish. Many students didn't have any opinions and just laughed the whole matter off as a joke.

European Study Offer Announced

EAST LANSING, Mich.—College students interested in studying in Europe during the winter spring and summer terms are invited to apply now for Michigan State University programs beginning in 1966.

Offered by the American Language and Education Center (AMLEC) of MSU's Continuing Education Service, informal educational programs are scheduled for Paris, France; Lausanne and Neuchatel, Switzerland; Florence, Italy; Cologne, Germany, and Barcelona and Madrid, Spain.

Winter programs start January and the spring programs, April 18, with the exception of the Madrid course which begins April 11. The deadline for winter term applications is December 10, and for spring term March 18.

Details for the summer term and informal courses will be available soon.

The programs will feature classes in conversation, composition, grammar and reading. Participants will also visit points of historic and geographic interest, which become the topics of lectures and seminar-type discussions covering cultural, political, social and economic institutions of the country in which they are residing.

To promote the use of the foreign language and to provide them with opportunities to better understand their European contemporaries, American participants will attend classes and share living accommodations with students from many countries, including Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Great Britain.

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