Thought.. Theme of VSC Religious Emphasis Week

Prejudice, conformity, communism and words were a few of the timely topics discussed by this year's Religious Emphasis Week, January 23-26, 1961, on the Valdosta State Campus. Religious Emphasis Week is held each year as an impetus to promote religious understanding and cooperation among all students, regardless of denomination, and is designed to bring people of extraordinary caliber to the campus to speak on and discuss some of the pressing problems facing all Christians, students, or others.

This year's speaker, the Rev. Ralph McCaskill, a young man in his late twenties, is a native South Carolinian but refuses to regard as worthy of studentship in the University system. He began by reading the passage of the Good Samaritan to the audience. This parable, he said, "contains a burning question that demands an answer." The lawyer in the parable sought to confuse Jesus by asking him, "Who is my neighbor?" The way in which Jesus defined the neighbor shows that this question is not merely a matter for ministers and theologians, but an integral part of the everyday life of each of us.

The Reverend went on to say that, "We are familiar with the characters of the parable--the priest and the Levite who stopped, looked, listened and then passed by on the other side of the road. We smile at mentally picture them gathering their robes about them and trying to get away without being seen. But the smile fades when, in a more serious vein, we consider that quite often we play their part."

The Reverend pointed out that Jesus, in the parable, shifted the fundamental issue from "Who is my neighbor?" to the more profound question, "To whom am I willing to be a neighbor?"

Then he said, "This is where the Georgians are truly concerned. The shifting face of the racial situation in Georgia...is faced with the same question: Whom am I going to regard as worthy of studenthip in the University system."

"As far as the University system is concerned, the question has been answered by the federal courts...We may not like it, but..." (Continued on Page 3)

Mr. Batal Addresses Students

On January 31, 1961, Mr. Batal, an authority on Arabian affairs and a representative of the American Information Center of New York, will be on the VSC campus. He will be in Valdosta for several days during which time he will address student and town groups.

Mr. Batal is highly qualified to speak as he has been associated with developments in the Middle East for the past 17 years. He has served several periods of extended residence in foreign countries as Information specialist, researcher, and writer.

From July, 1943, through 1944, Mr. Batal was with the US Office of Information in Cairo, during which time he was assigned to special research projects in Sudan, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq.

During the summer of 1950 and 1955, Mr. Batal was the executive director of good-will tours and conferences to Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt. From 1952 to 1953, he did research work in the Nile Valley in Egypt. He is an American citizen and (Continued on Page 3)

12 VSC Lovelies Seek Homecoming Throne

If you are a lover of antebellum time--hoop skirts, minted tea, and candle yams, the weekend of February 10 has been designed for you. Here at VSC, as is already a known fact, the South will once again rise to all its antebellum grandeur, as homecoming time once again rolls around. See the above pictures for an example.

To start the weekend, students will come to class on Friday dressed in the costume of that era. That afternoon will be the homecoming parade. There will be twenty-five units depicting life in the Old South, headed by several different bands from surrounding areas.

Friday night everyone is urged to attend the basketball game dressed as farmers of the Old South or something characterizing farm life in the Old South. The costumes will be in keeping with an old-fashioned square dance to be held immediately following the game.

The South will rise again in a mock battle which will be carried on all day Saturday on the VSC campus. To add realism, there will be homes, Confederate uniforms....the works. (To make sure the South wins, there will be no Yankee--unless a few brave souls have the nerve to wear the blue.)

The homecoming dance will take place on Saturday night. The homecoming queen will reign over the festivities. She will be elected from twelve candidates nominated by the student body. These candidates are: Toni Steele, Barbara Walker, Gale Thomas, Martha Sue Bragg, Beverly Bridges, Louise Wight, Jean Hooks, Lizette Helms, Doris Wight, Mr. Batal, and a representative of the Arab Information Center of New York, during which time he was assigned to special research projects in Sudan, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq.

As of now the major issue is the election of the homecoming queen. There are twelve girls vying for the title. The entire student body will vote to determine the queen and the four runners-up, who will make up the court. They will be presented during the Homecoming Dance.

Homecoming will get officially under way at 4 o'clock on Friday, the 10th of February, with a parade through downtown Valdosta. Doug Calhoun, parade marshal, will engage club presidents to turn in the themes to be used for their floats by February 3rd. He says that convertibles are urgently needed to complete plans for the parade. 

Next on the slate is the basketball game, Friday night. The Rebels will meet Piedmont College of Demorest, Ga.

The homecoming dance will climax the activities of the celebration. This will be Saturday night, the 11th, in the gymnasium. The Math-Science Club and the Women's Athletic Association will decorate for the dance, using the homecoming theme. Music will be furnished by the band of Warren Covington, with the Tommy Dorsey band.
Faculty Favorite

"They say that your personality is reflected in the car you drive. In certain cases, even your income, the place you live—can be determined by the car," stated Mr. Spencer Jarnagin, the Canopy’s teacher personality for this edition. This was only one of the interesting topics Mr. Jarnagin turned his thoughts to in the course of being interviewed.

This well-known individual on the VSC campus attended high school in Thomasville, Georgia, and received his B.A degree from Mercer University. Later, in 1954, he obtained his masters degree from Florida State University and is now working on still another degree.

While Mr. Jarnagin has very little spare time, when those rare moments arise, he enjoys working with ceramics, making silver jewelry, and woodworking. The latter hobby has brought forth such pieces that "my wife couldn’t find any use for," such as an end table which he put in his, to accommodate a multitude of coffee cups. He confesses that he is, but definitely, a coffee hound. "I can't imagine," Mr. Jarnagin said in an interview, "what kind of music do you enjoy?" Mr. Jarnagin lists popular music as his favorite, but claims that he "doesn’t understand" this new type of music, but he can tolerate it.

As for art, Mr. Jarnagin tends to shy away from the abstract--"he prefers realism." Mr. Jarnagin is acting chairman of the Education and Psychology Department. "I am becoming more interested in psychology and am now enjoying researching in this field."

Just after the birth of his two children, Becky, 7, and Spencer, 2. After reading all this information for the interview, Mr. Jarnagin returned to his coffee and meditation.

Possible Solution?

Every year at this time everybody begins to worry about the band for the Homecoming dance. It is time that we put the selection of the Homecoming dance band on a less haphazard basis. This is a method of anyone. It is just to point out a possible solution. The school has limited funds to spend. The SGA is out of a lot of trouble to obtain the bands.

If the student activities fee was raised one dollar per quarter and the extra money was applied solely to the Homecoming dance band there should be over two thousand dollars to use. Any money left over should be held over for next year’s Homecoming dance.

This, or a similar solution, and advance planning, would leave the SGA in a position to constantly obtain good bands.

Due to unseasonable colds, magnolia blossoms will not be used in their steady; that is, if Mr. Nevins doesn’t go Botanizing again.

One thing is for sure this year, and that is, if VSC is in for an unprecedented homecoming—a homecoming of cold weather, a victorious basketball team, and most of all one of good times.

BEARDS, BEARDS

My tag’s Thelonious Monk (crazy, huh?). Man, like I dig this cool campus the most! I mean I like I dig those way out beards—like those own people.

When I first made the scene at VSC, transferring from Greenwich University, my thoughts were like THIRUG! I met a lot of people with clean, come-to-my-pad-for-milk-and-cookies faces, know what I mean? Man, like I was about the most beat evah! I mean, you know how it is, with no espresso in that cube like a regular student can get. What can a dedicated beatnik do? The fresh air is killing me! Like I didn’t dig the atmosphere at all. And then when I was like, almost at the end of my usual visits end—’it happened! Those square-type guys commenced to put down with these cool-type-beards—more or less. But it didn’t last long—like I started jumping with cats that look just like me!

Once again, this is just my psychi-artist could see me now! Like he wouldn’t believe the serenity of my way-out personality. (Frankly I wouldn’t either but these cool beards are really frantik!)

But there is one thing I am anti that’s like with fear, dad. They tell me this beard bit is for some type of way-out blast called Homecoming.

Now, I’ll hand it to you straight man—that conventional-type beards—who cares, you know? Like this "Homecoming" bit...
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SOCIETY
BY SANDRA MASSEY

The Latest Word

After last week's issue of the Canopy came out, I had several "bugs" put in my ear about other engagements, forth-coming marriages, "already" marriages, and births. I hate to be accused of leaving someone's name out of the column when they deserve to be in there, so I appreciate any items of news that you can throw my way about any aspect of society.

February 4 will be the wedding date of an old VSC student, Dot Harell, of Moultrie, and her Atlant- ian and will be married there. Martha Price was seen frantically wangling about Ashley Hall the other day with a piece of net in her hand. Upon questioning what she was doing, it was discovered that she was just trying to get her bridesmaids outfitted for her wed- ding. Martha, who is a "quitter" from Moultrie, will become the bride of Paul Webb on Feb. 18.

Another new name to get used to on the campus is Jere Pruitt. Knowing her as Jere Vincent for years, it's a little hard to get used to Mrs. Pruitt. It seems that the stork has been pretty gener- ous these days, too. Mr. and Mrs. Law Parlow are now the proud parents of twin boys born on January 15.

Please turn into the Campus Canopy or to me any items that you would like to appear in this column.

Pat Heggerton, of Alpha Xi Delta, has recently received her chapter's scholarship award. The award is presented to the sister with the highest scholastic average. Janice Collier was also given an award for having made the most improvement in an individual scholastic average.

Alph Xi Epsilon recently held its annual winter rush party. The brothers and pledges were hosts for the smoker. Miss Toni Steele, Chapter Sweetheart, Miss Judy Butler, Sweetheart of the Pledge Class, and Miss Ginger Greaves, sponsor, assisted in enter- taining the guests. TEKE presi- dent, Bernie Brown, discussed some advantages of being a fra- ternity man, and how fraternity life is an aid to the pledge. Joe Webb introduced the brothers and pledges to the rushees.

Gamma Mu Chapter of Kappa Delta observed White Rose Week, January 18 through January 22. Nationally observed as the week prior to initiation, White Rose Week is a time when pledges are brought closer to the real mean- ing of Kappa Delta. Initiation was held on Sunday, January 22. Those becoming Kappa Delta sis- ters were Marianne Baxter, Susan branch, Suzanne Brown, Mimi Collier, Margaret Davis, Punkley Ellington, Sue Nelle Girardin, Bootie Hartley, Linda Hudson, Lyn Lewis, Sue McGowan, Judy used Parker, Emily Shaw, Betty Joyce Stephenson, Ginger Wade, and Lila McClenny. After the ini- tiation ceremony, the group at- tended the evening service at the First Baptist Church.

On January 16, a cock party was given in the Alpha Xi Chap- ter room for the winter quarter rushees. A sneak preview of what membership in Alpha Xi Delta would be like was given by the pledges and sisters. The night of the rushees were also given an op- portunity to meet alumnae of the sorority. It was also during this time that awards to the pledge were made. Gene Kiff was se- lected as the ideal pledge and John Sonnenthal Boatwright was awarded five dollars for having the highest scholastic average in the pledge class.

Alph Xi Delta's teas for the fraternities were originally sche- duled for January, but they have been now re-scheduled for Febru- ary 9-22.

A Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held by Alpha Delta Pi on January 28 in honor of their new initiates. Sorority colors will be carried out in the decora- tion scheme. At this time awards for scholarship, outstanding pledge and for an award for the best pledge theme will be made.

Mr. Batal

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Mr. Batal was born in Lawrence, Massachu- setts. He is a graduate of Am- herst College in Massachusetts and was a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard Universi- ty. He was a lecturer in Journalism.

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Mr. Batal will speak to the International Relations Club of VSC on January 1 at 4:30 in the afternoon. He will be the speaker in assembly of students on February 1, and will speak at a joint meeting of the TWCA, MCA, HAU, and Women's minister Groups on February 1 at 6:15.

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T.K.E. Hold Initiation Banquet

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God, you or I might be black.

But this is not asking you to throw your arms around them and call them your brother in Christ. This is not asking you to take them into your house. This is not asking you to socialize with them. But it is asking you to show them, instead of a cold, hard, rock- throwing, cursing, mad-slinging preju- dice—instead of this—to show them the sympathetic in- site of a neighbor who sees some- one in need.

Rev. McCaskill cogently summed up the talk by saying that all Georgians must face the problem rationally, sensibly and, always, as Christians. Ever re- membering His Words: in as much as you have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto Me.
Rebels Extend Streak With 77-71 Triumph

Holding firm under pressure, the Valdosta State College Rebels carried out a 77-71 basketball victory over the LaGrange College Panthers. It was the second triumph of the season for coach Gary Colson's Rebels over coach Joe Copeland's Panthers.

With the victory the VSC quintet boosted its overall record to 10-3, stretched its winning streak to eight games, and boosted its GAC mark to 4-3.

The setback left LaGrange College with a 2-7 mark in all games and a 2-5 league record. Although the Rebels held the lead except for a brief period in the first half when the score was tied, the Panthers would hold firm and then line up with the score was tied, the Panthers would hold firm and then line up with

After the score was deadlocked at 20-20 midway the half, VSC boosted its overall record to 9-3, extended their current victory streak to seven games and avenged an earlier 72-57 loss to the Rebels at Winter Park, Fla.

They will play two fine GIAC teams. These teams will be West Georgia and North Georgia Colleges. West Georgia has a large and a good shooting team while North Georgia has a small scrappy team. These teams respect each other and are hoping to improve their winning streak and their GAC record.

What If?

Coach Colson grew a beard for the Valdosta State College Rebels' return home for the first time since Christmas with a very impressive win-loss record of 1-0-3 and a 0-3 game winning record. The Rebels were able to extend their streak to 8 games this weekend by defeating a strong Rollins College team 91-71. The 5th and 6th wins came to the Rebels when they defeated Berry and Shorter Colleges 44-57 and 56-58 respectively.

The attack leaders for the Rebels are Sonny Williams, Doug Winters, and Homer Chambliss with averages of 15.5, 14.1, and 11.5 points respectively. The Rebels have scored on the boards averaging 35.5 rebounds per game. The board leaders have been Chambliss and Williams with 9.3 and 8.6 rebounds per game. The high score for these two boys came against Rollins College when Chambliss grabbed 20 and Williams grabbed 19 rebounds.

From the floor, the Rebels have hit for 13 games 48.9% and 65.9% from the free-throw line. Leading in these departments are Robert Bailey who has hit 56% from the floor and Doug Winters who has hit 80% from the charity line.

The Rebels take to the road again this weekend with a GAC record of 4 wins and 0 losses.

Rebels Trounce Rollins, 91-71

Valdosta State College's Rebels used a driving attack and a superior rebounding performance to down the Rollins College Tars, 91-71.

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