Pop Quiz Ruling Eliminates All Cuts, Injustice To Responsible Students

Reactions to the increase in cuts taken by students, a faculty committee has decided upon a ruling provided that the instructors must inform their classes at the beginning of the year that if a student misses a pop quiz, he may be given an F. This policy negates Dean’s List privileges, as all students, regardless of their scholastic achievement, will be obliged to attend class every day to avoid F’s on announced tests. In effect this measure forbids any.

This ruling is an insult to responsible college students. Students who are chronically cut out are usually those who are flunking out. When they make their decision to cut, they also accept the consequences. It is, therefore, reasonable and just to inform the entire student body to accept the consequences for immature students. Moreover, in general pop tests are a negative measure, indicating only what a student does not know at a given moment. Too many outside factors are reflected in grades on pop tests for them to be really definitive. They are usually given more to penalize absentees than for any more positive motive. Their purpose is to encourage students to study, short announced test would serve the same purpose with more gratifying results. The moral is obvious, and the issue involved in this is why absenteeism has risen.

Roll books, usually small, nondescript affairs filled with cryptic symbols, are revealing records of both students and instructors. Re-read by some professors as a sacred cipher, and representing only tedious secretarial work to others, regardless of their sentimental significance, they are a reliable means to analyze a class.

A student’s attendance record is usually an accurate indication of his scholastic standing, his sense of responsibility, and his maturity. Accordingly, a roll book is also evidence of a professor’s effectiveness. Low attendance may often be traced not to student apathy but rather to the lack of motivation to attend class. There are classes where a student would benefit more by studying on his own at that particular time or using his time to other advantage than by attending the class. While it is recognized that college students do not attend classes to be entertained, neither do they attend classes merely to be read his toto textbook material that they are perfectly capable of reading for themselves. Certainly, students appreciate and acknowledge by their attendance efforts made by their professors to supplement their regular side material or to vary lecture presentations. If a student can cut class and still pass his courses, that should be his privilege. If he cuts class, he will not be held responsible for the results. The pop test ruling is a rather superficial measure which skirts the real issue and is an injustice to the students.

SGA Needs Students’ Support

Elections for Student Government Association representatives, traditionally held in the fall, will become increasingly important and indispensable and officers are over. Valdosta State College has a new SGA and its members have been instrumental in the college’s progress. Under the administration of Valdosta State College’s enrollment has increased from approximately 200 students to an expected enrollment of 2000 in fall 1966. During his presidency the physical plant has increased by some five million dollars, and recognition of his great contribution to the college, the following article is an excerpt from a tribute to Dr. Thaxton delivered by Dr. Arthur Gignilliat, English departmental head, at a meeting of the American Association of University Professors. He, whom we honor tonight, combines in his nature the best qualities of both scholar and administrator. He never shunned responsibility. He is unique in that he is not satisfied with a Ph.D. degree—most of us have lived for the purpose of getting a PhD. to add to the list of alma mater (University of Georgia) to assume the Registrar’s post. The Doctor was so successful as an administrator that in 1948 he was called to become the fourth president of Valdosta State College. Until the present administration of Governor Sanders, education had carried on at a mere subsistence level. Our present president, nevertheless, through all these years, has built a college with the highest regard for the State of Georgia. Thanks to him the year ahead is indeed bright here.

Thaxton Contributes Much During Educational Career

Letters To The Editor

It is the policy of the CAMPUS CANOPY to print every letter it receives. Obscene and anonymous letters will not be printed. Names are withheld upon request.

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to congratulate the newly elected officers of the SGA. I wish them luck in their coming year.

We have a good council and a fine group of leaders. I feel that the students will get behind our president, Bill White, and his council, they can accomplish much. The new council has a large job ahead of them, but with a lot of hard work through working together it is not impossible. I would also like to thank all the members of this years SGA for all the support they have given during the year. I especially want to thank the other officers, Angie, Bud, and Tex for working with me and doing such a fine job. Thank you.

To the students of VSC I would like to thank you for all your support this year, and also for the privilege of serving you.

I have enjoyed my term as president, for I've gained new experiences and above all many new friends.

I would like to finish by saying that the student body of VSC is not as dead as some people believe, and we are not backward and uncultured, just because we don’t like something. I am proud to be a VSC Rebel and I pledge to keep serving and helping the SGA. I hope that all students will join the work force of the SGA and make our school what we want it to be.

Thank you,

Jim Whiteside

Finals Mean Study, Not Fun

Final exams are May 30-June 1. That the inevitable means is only nine days away. Finals can influence students of their grade more than he thinks. The quarter is not over until the finals are graded, and problems will arise.

However, with interest, with some encouragement, the SGA members will be induced to act. As a result, VSC will have a Student Government Association that can operate efficiently and with the desire of the majority.

Notes

Due to printing difficulties, the ETV offer is not printed. Names are withheld upon request.
Fountain Gets Annie Povey Hopper Award, Other Students Recognized On Honors Day

A young Fitzgerald woman, Miss Mary Gail Fountain, was named the outstanding student at Valdosta State College.

Miss Fountain, 21, received the Annie Povey Hopper Award at VSC's annual Honor's Day program, held in the college gym on May 4.

The award, founded by the VSC alumni association, family and friends of the late Miss Hopper, a former VSC Dean of Women, goes to the VSC senior who "stands high academically and best exemplifies the traditions of the college and those traits of character, dignity and charm associated with Miss Hopper."

A sociology major, Miss Fountain has worked with Lowndes County Juvenile Court Judge Henry Brice and probation officer Ken Farrell in the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders. She also shared the award for excellence given by the VSC sociology department.

Four special awards are given each year at Honor's Day to the "outstanding all around" man and woman in the junior and senior college. These awards, known as Marga and Mac, went to Tommy Anderson of Valdosta and Anita Purvis of Ocilla in the senior college, and to Wayne Crow of Adel, and Joannie Cavan of Thomaston in the junior college.

The Honor's Day program is sponsored by the two VSC scholastic honor societies, Sigma Alpha Chi and Alpha Chi. Members chosen for these groups were also named.

Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, VSC president, presented the individual awards.

The Honor's Day program itself was dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Beatrice Nevins, former head of the VSC business department for 26 years. VSC's new $1 million science-administration building, rapidly nearing completion, has been named "Nevins Hall" in honor of Dr. Nevins. The Honor's day dedications fell on Dr. Nevins' birthday.

Dr. Raymond A. Cook, president of Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia, and chairman-elect of the VSC English department, delivered the main address. Addressing the honorees, Dr. Cook said "with out the leadership of persons like you, society would surely perish."

VSC students receiving departmental awards for outstanding achievement were: Art department award for creative achievement in drawing, painting, and sculpture—Earl Willis of Valdosta.

Biology department award for excellence in biology—Sandra Lynn DiMaesio of Valdosta.


Business Education award of merit—Linda Simpson Sands of Barney.


English Department outstanding student—Franklin Tye English of Douglas.

English prose award—Eddie D. Muckers of Whigham; Poetry award—Edith Fuller Moore of Nashville.

History department award for excellence—Calvin Roberts of Cochran.

Sociology department award for excellence—Miss Fountain and Alwyn Hamill Holloway of Valdosta.

Geiger Crowned

Miriam Geiger, a coed at Brewton Parker College, wears the crown of Miss Valdosta of 1966. Miss Geiger was selected from thirteen contestants who were judged in evening gown, swimsuit, and talent competition.

The theme of the annual event, sponsored by Valdosta Jaycees, was "We salute You," like you, society would surely perish."

"It's all been most pleasant," reflected President Thaxton, who will retire June 30, 1966. He became president of the college in 1948.

"The remarkable growth of the college and the expansion of the curriculum are the most outstanding changes since then, according to the president. "For example when I came here the art department had only one instructor. Now it has three and we will add two or three art instructors next year."

Two new doctors will join Dr. Thaxton in the new psychology department. In all, about thirty-one or two instructors will join the faculty next year. For the first time, astronomy courses will be offered.

"Not any of the present faculty," said Dr. Thaxton noted that the addition of chemistry, physics, pre-med and especially business administration majors in the curriculum has been the important factor in bringing boys to the college. "For the last ten years we've had more boys than girls," he added.

Almost every year since his arrival President Thaxton has taught a class in addition to his other duties.

A few years ago he had a young high school teacher in his Latin American history class. The man's name was Governor Clements. "He was a character anyway. After a while everybody called him the Governor," laughed Dr. Thaxton.

"One day Mr. McCoy and I had just come back to the college after a Kiwanis Club meeting. Mrs. Maddox, (the president's secretary) was cleaning out her office as fast as she could. When Dr. Thaxton asked Mrs. Maddox what was going on, she told him the governor had called and was coming to see him in about twenty minutes."

"It so happened that my good friend Gov. Vandiver was in the area. Mrs. Thomas was hurriedly cleaning up the registrar's office. Mr. McCoy rushed home to change his suit and tie. Finally the governor arrived."

"It was Dr. Thaxton's student, Governor Clements, who had called and not Governor Vandiver. "We all got a good laugh out of that," recalled President Thaxton.

"I've gotten students and faculty members out of jail, the president replied, when asked what some of his duties were. "Not any of the present faculty," he added. "Once I helped the sheriff look for a co-ed who had been kidnapped."

When asked if he had any exciting retirement plans, the president replied, "I've had all the excitement I need for a while, now I'm looking forward to rest."

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VSC Faculty  
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from 1950-55, and at the American University, Beirut, Lebanon, from 1955-61. He is married, and a Roman Catholic.

David P. Lewis, who has been on leave-of-absence since September of 1964, will return to the VSC faculty as associate professor of Business Administration. Lewis was assistant professor of Business Administration at VSC from 1965-64. He expects to receive the Ph.D. degree from the University of Tennessee this summer.

Joining the VSC faculty as assistant professor of physical education will be James E. Melvin, Sumter County, Georgia. Melvin is currently a graduate assistant in physical education at University of Georgia. He has the B.S. from VSC, and is currently working toward a master's degree at U-Ga. He is married and a Baptist.

William D. McCarthy, of Ware County, Georgia, has been appointed assistant professor of VSC assistant professor of music. McCarthy holds the B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from University of Georgia, and is working toward his Ph.D. He is a Methodist and married.

Russell G. McRae has been appointed assistant professor of art at VSC. A native of Monroe, Georgia, McRae holds the B.F.A. and M.F.A. from University of Georgia. He is married, and has been assistant professor of art at Florida Southern in Lakeland, Florida since 1962.

A new VSC professor of biology will be Robert A. Norris of Waycross, Georgia. Norris has the B.S. and M.S. from University of Georgia, and the Ph.D. from University of Massachusetts. He is currently engaged in research under a four year grant from the National Science Foundation. He is married and a Methodist.

David W. King, of Rebecca, Georgia, will join the VSC faculty as instructor in modern languages. He holds the B.S. from VSC, the M.A. from L'Universite Laval, Quebec, Canada, and is currently working toward a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He was a modern language instructor at VSC from 1962-63. He is married and a Methodist.

Joining the VSC faculty as assistant professor of art will be Donald C. Penny of Atlanta, Georgia. Penny has been gallery director at Palm Beach Junior College since 1964, and holds the B.F.A. from Georgia State College and the M.S. from Florida State University. He is married, and a Methodist.

John R. Rice joins the VSC faculty as professor of education. A native of Okean, N. Y., Rice is currently associate professor of Education and psychology at Georgia Southwestern College, Americus. He holds the B.A. from Georgia Southern, the M.A. from Augusta College, and the Ph.D. from Florida State University. He is married, and a Methodist.

Elmo M. Robards of Atlanta, Georgia, has been appointed professor of political science. Dr. Robards is currently assistant professor of political science at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; and has been there since 1961. He holds the B.A. from Emory University, the M.A. from University of North Carolina, and the Ph.D. from University of Chicago. He is married and is Presbyterian.

Joining the VSC faculty as assistant professor of art will be Mark Shovar, of Toledo, Ohio. Shovar has been assistant professor of history and political science. Dr. Robards is currently assistant professor ofPolitical Science at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; and has been there since 1961. He holds the B.A. from Emory University, the M.A. from University of North Carolina, and the Ph.D. from University of Chicago. He is married and is Presbyterian.

John C. Husford of Homerville, Georgia, has been named associate professor of music. He has been assistant professor and assistant dean of the College of the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California since 1961. He holds the B.A. from Bob Jones University, the B.S. from Georgia Southern College, and the M.M. from Florida State University, where he is working toward his Ph.D. He is married and a Baptist.

A nickel goes a long way today—you can carry it around for weeks before you find something to buy with it.
College Young Demos Buy Votes
Three Officers Resign At Meeting

By Larry Shealy

At a meeting of the College Young Democrats of Georgia College Young Democrats of Georgia, on Monday night May 16, three of the officers resigned in protest of the local club's actions and the actions of the state Young Democrats Organization. They were elected College Young Democrat Convention held in Atlanta May 13 and 14.

Waller I. (Wig) Geer IV, vice president; William J. Harrell, treasurer; and John F. Suher, parliamentarian resigned according to a letter read at the meeting.

"Because we do not believe that the ‘organizations’, the Young Democrats of Georgia are functioning in the best interest of the Georgia Young Democrats of Georgia, and because we have observed many of the by elected officers and delegates in the Young Democrat Convention of Georgia, we have observed many of the by elected officers and delegates in the Young Democrat Convention of Georgia, and because we do not agree with certain internal policies which were practiced by the Georgia Young Democrats Organization.

Reasoning Incomprehensible

"Why?" is our immediate reaction to the vote-buying incident. Certainly those individuals involved were aware that the Young Democrats of Georgia are inexcusably irresponsible and a blow to the integrity of the club. Those officers who resigned made a commendable effort to salvage their honor and that of all students in politics. Unfortunately the consequences of this incident will undoubtedly affect both the innocent and the guilty.

At the meeting Slack remarked, "Politics is a dirty business. We have always had a hard time. Dirty politics are played by petty politicians. Amending Slack's quote, "If the fire's too hot, turn off the stove."

Sheila McCoy, Editor

Herndon Chosen For Internship

Robert E. Herndon, Valdosta State College senior from Alma, has been chosen for the BSU Internship program in State Government.

The intern will work within selected state agencies for eleven weeks during the summer. June 13 - August 31. He will be given a responsible position for a research nature involving the work of that agency and including the preparation of a paper showing the results of his research.

In addition to the assignment, the intern will participate in an extensive series of seminars and luncheon talks. The collection of reading assignments and writing of a critique of the program will also be required.

The program will consist of two sections from Pygmalion by Bernard Shaw, scenes from The Faming of the Shrew, and God's Trombones.

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Herndon was chosen by a committee of nine judges. The judges were: Ruth Ellen Lundy, Valdosta; Robert E. Herndon, Alma; Sara R. Anderson, Tifton; Pauline L. Bivens, Americus; Robert D. Wilmot, West Point; Elizabeth B. McMillan, Ocilla; H. A. Johnson, Warsaw; and J. W. T. Bean, Americus.

BSU Choir To Present Concert Series During This Weekend

Under the direction of Harold Cartee, the Baptist Student Union choir of 50 voices will present a series of concerts this weekend.

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