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## RAUN MacKINNON

Raun MacKinnon is one of the finest singer-composers to appear on the folk-rock scene. Like many of her compatriots, she has been making the transition from folk to the pop sound. She writes most of her own material, which includes, ballads, pure folk, spirituals, novelty numbers and the contemporary pop-rock sound.

During her busy week at Montreat Raun took time out for a brief but interesting interview for the *Dialette*.

The first question that was asked was what kind of music do you like to sing best? She answered, "I like to sing rock and roll the best but the reason that I do not do it in a performance is because you have to have a band."

She said that she considered Pete Seeger as the best male singer and Odetta as the best female. As for the best group she chose the Mitchell Trio formerly the Chad Mitchell Trio.

Next she was asked how she liked the South. She stated, "I think the South is real nice. It is geographically beautiful, and the people are very pleasant. In the South I have noticed a different attitude in the women. They have to put on a front because the social order is set up that way. Southern women are less fashionable but more beautifully groomed and I like the way that they look better. As for Southern men they are far more polite than Northern men."

There are two groups that I highly disapprove of that are more violent in the South. They are the Klu Klux Klan and the Black Muslims."

Concerning her stay at Montreat she said, "I deeply appreciate the fine treatment that I received. I have not gotten a lot of flak from the students which I appreciate." Still talking about Montreat she stated, "I would like to live here for it reminds me of my mother's house. Everything here is so peaceful and quiet."

After learning of her feelings toward the Black Muslims Raun was asked how she felt about Cassius Clay. "If he is going to live off the

material benefits of his country then he should have to serve his country. I do not condone draft dodging and he is being unpatriotic. People should respect their country."

She felt that the Vietnam War is stupid and it is costing the United States too much money but it is not President Johnson's fault and we cannot pull out of it now.

Raun listed as some of the top personalities in the United States that make the news as Cassius Clay, Bobby Kennedy, George Lincoln Rockwell, Baby Jane Holzer, former Governor George Wallace, and Billy Graham. She was then asked why she listed these people.

"Clay belongs to a militant organization and he is trying to get out of the draft because of his religion. As for Kennedy I admire that family and Rockwell because he makes a mockery of Nazism and that is a good thing. Everything Baby Jane has done it has been because of her money. Billy Graham sincerely believes in what he is doing and he has done a remarkable job and he is very brilliant."

Asked about her religious beliefs she answered, "Each man's religion is his own and no individual cannot live without some sort of faith, whether it is in God or himself. The forcing of religion is stupid but I am not condemning the compulsory chapel here for the people knew what they were getting into when they came here. I cannot stand someone who condemns another's religion."

Raun answered the final question of what is your main goal in life this way. "I would like to have the freedom to do what ever I would like to do within the law."

In her spare time Raun likes to knit, cook, read, watch other performers and sleep.

While she was here Raun conducted a workshop every afternoon plus her concerts at night. She even gave a concert at the Evaluation Center.

Raun is on her way to being one of the biggest stars in her profession.

## Representative Greenwood Speaks To Students

Representative Gordon Greenwood spoke to the student body Monday, March 6, on "Policies of the North Carolina Legislature" and "Why Young People Should Go Into Politics." Representative Greenwood is the Editor of *The Black Mountain News* and Chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee in the N. C. Legislature.

Several issues were brought to the students' attention. The first was whether 18 year olds should be able to vote in North Carolina. Representative Greenwood is in favor of this and he said, "18-year-olds are mature enough to have the responsibility of voting". He felt most of the 150 people in the Assembly are in favor of this also.

The second issue was whether East Carolina College should remain a college or be granted university status. Representative Greenwood stated, "There is a great difference

between being a college or a university with the biggest difference being the cost." The North Carolina State Board of Higher Education will make a report on this in two to three weeks.

The third point discussed was that of "brown-bagging" the taking of legalized whiskey into clubs, and restaurants. According to Mr. Greenwood, whiskey by the drink in North Carolina has no chance in the House or the Senate. Bills that have been brought up concerning this have not passed the Attorney General's office.

Concerning young people's place in politics he said that they need to be aware of what is happening in their state and the nation, and each person should know each candidate and all issues that have been brought up so that he can vote intelligently. He went on to say that a person who does not vote has no right to complain about taxes or the way the government is run.

## SPORTS SPECTACULAR

On April 8th and 9th, the Student Christian Association sponsored a "Sports Spectacular" featuring a few of the outstanding members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This is the second year the S. G. A. has undertaken such a program.

On Saturday afternoon, a powder-puff football game was held between the Christian Athletes and the boys of the college. Montreat Anderson came through, winning 18-6.

Following the game a banquet was given in Howerton Cafeteria introducing the individual athletes to the student body.

Saturday night a basketball game was held between the athletes and Montreat students. Most of the athletes were former basketball players and Montreat stood little chance of winning.

Sunday morning, Loren Young, the Southwestern Regional Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes spoke in church on "The Dynamics of the Athlete's love of God."

He stated, "It hurts to be a champion; athletes must endure tremendous pain to win. The apostle Paul wrote in athletic terms when he said that he ran the hard road, and fought the good fight. We must bear pain for the things that count. Through Christ we have more than a hope of victory; we have a promise that we will be winners."

Heading the list of athletes was Bill Curry, former All-American at Georgia Tech, and offensive center for the World Champion Green Bay Packers. Curry was put on the draft list and was picked up by the National Football League's newest entry, the New Orleans Saints. He was recently traded to the Baltimore Colts.

The Lotz brothers have played a major role in athletes at the University of North Carolina. John is assistant coach for the Tar Heels basketball team, and Danny was an All American on the U. N. C. 1957

basketball team that won the N. C. A. A. Championship. Danny is married to Ann Graham of Montreat, who is the daughter of Billy Graham.

David and Hugh Corliss, twins from U. N. C. at Chapel Hill, were also here. David was an All American at La Grange college in Georgia.

Albert Long, the only person to letter in four sports at U. N. C., was moderator at Saturday night's banquet, Barry St. Clair, basketball star at Davidson College, also participated.

## Lowery, Hull, Kohler To Lead Students, 1967-68

Bo Lowery, Len Hull, and Susan Kohler have been elected to lead the students during the 1967-68 school year. Mr. Lowery was elected as president of the Student Government Association while Mr. Hull was elected as President of the Honor Court. Miss Kohler will be the new President of the Student Christian Association.

Bo Lowery hails from Great Falls, South Carolina. He served as President of the Freshman Class this past school year. Bo also has been very active in other phases of Montreat life. He enjoys all sports but his favorite lives in Howerton Hall.

Len Hull is a native Tar Heel and he makes his home in Charlotte. Len, who resembles Johnny Carson, has been very active in school activities. He served on the Dogwood Manor Committee and was the leader of a folk group on campus. Currently he is playing on the tennis team.

Miss Kohler comes from Memphis, Tennessee. She has been very active with the Children's Home and the "Entertainers". She served as the chairman of the Drama Club and was elected from her hometown as a representative to the Gatlinburg Youth Conference.