

Merry Men

Upon waking from a restful sleep, I poked my head out of my window of MA-Hall to see a small group of boys serenading all the exquisite beauties in the dorm. Their enthusiasm was so great that at first I thought they were all smashed or else completely insane (as we tend to be here). But upon watching them more closely I observed they were all sane (perhaps a little sotted) and enjoying themselves greatly.

Of course, once the male starts yowling the female naturally has to see what's going on (instinct they call it). Heads flew out the windows to hear the sweet "homespun" music. Songs were warbled by such talents as Steve Stewert, Doug Plemmons, Danny Plemmons, Danny Keylon and other unknowns. In addition to the music, Sergeant Keylon marched before his platoon, yelling orders and performing clever acts of humor (well, maybe not exactly clever, but quaint). More likely it was caused by the frenzy of opening night on stage. Once the girls started making noise, the golden voices of Keylon's Merry Men were doomed.

The boys all stood in a disfigured line (looking more like a bobby pin run over by a wine truck) and tried to harmonize their favorite melody "The Old Country Church" but alas, it was hopeless. The girls were all squaking so the Merry Men decided to move on. However, before leaving the guys sang their finale, "Goodnight Ladies", then marched on down the street, leaving a whole dorm turned on and this writer crabby (I tend to be that way when being wakened. Maybe I was a snapping turtle before I was reincarnated to the state I'm in now—that's not much better).

No more than 15 minutes later, half of MA Hall was suddenly emptied and screaming, maniacal demons surged off to the boys dorms. Naturally I was still up viewing the whole freaky scene and somewhere in the deep glades of Montreat stray those roughish Merry Men whose lives are bound to forever sing, dance, and be very Merry.

—Andrea Setzer

sports



Boys basketball had a rough season with a 4-23 record, but they fought the odds till the end. Basketball is one of the most demanding sports. It requires great stamina, Bold Guts, mental, and physical ability. Red Auerback of the Boston Celtics said "show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser." Everyone can say that there is more pain in losing than in winning. There should have been more support from the students and faculty.



ALL THE KING'S MEN

Broderick Crawford, Joanne Dru, John Ireland, Mercedes McCambridge, John Derek

Based on the Pulitzer Prize novel of Robert Penn Warren, this widely acclaimed film has won many awards, including the coveted Academy Award. Star Broderick Crawford and supporting actress Mercedes McCambridge also won "Oscars" for their powerful performances in this dynamic drama of Willie Stark, ruthless, power-grabbing governor. Here is the "man of the people", the man who made the headlines—the man who inaugurated an administration of violent, vicious and reckless corruption!... A drama that will take its place among the great historical films that have become the motion picture record of American history!

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subjected to "the worst choice of the century" by a President who has had as much experience in public life as Richard Milhouse Nixon.

—Allen McNeill Ross

Recently, a local newspaper has been commenting on President Nixon's "wise" decision to cut back spending on education, among other things, to "balance the budget."

It is the opinion of his newspaper columnist that there is a better way to "balance the budget." There are no federal income taxes on the interest of most municipal bonds. An income tax could be started on the interests of these tax exempt bonds. If the next trip to the moon were scrapped, \$20,000,000 could be saved. Do not these ideas sound more reasonable than to extend the sur-tax to increase revenue?

Like most tax bills, the sur-tax hurts the "little man" more than the industrial tycoon. I thank God that it is at least phased out, but there was no need for it in the first place. There are numerous ways to close the "tax gap" by removing the loop holes. In my opinion, it is time for the churches to start paying taxes. When a church owns a radio station, it is tax exempt, but not so for the individual.

The individual with the least is most hurt by Nixon's plan to "balance the budget", that meets with so much approval by certain papers. Education, welfare, and food for the poor go first while rockets to the moon and tax-exemptions for the rich must stay on. I presume that some of the local editors are either dumb or rich.

Whatever the case, they are willing to let Nixon step on the "little man", with approval.

—Allen McNeill Ross

Politics

Carswell

Nomination

Judge G. Harrold Carswell is totally incompetent to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court as an Associate Justice. In what lawyers term as "judicial temperament", he has none. His sense of fair play is that of a bigot's. His professional competence does not meet the standards necessary to serve on Montreat's Honor Council. In 1948, he publicly went on record believing in "the supremacy of the white race." As recently as 1969, he addressed the Georgia Bar Association with a racial joke.

Judge Carswell is, indeed, somewhat of a joke. This is the man President Nixon wants on our most powerful judicial body. The judicial system is based on a fair and non-partial hearing. Justice cannot be served when a judge's personal views invade the judicial process. Those who have worked with the judge have stated that the black, the poor, and the unpopular were treated neither fairly nor equitably.

Carswell could not part his personal prejudices from his judicial functions. Judge Carswell has repeatedly shown open hostility to certain cases in the courtroom. A lawyer who has battled before the judge, Leroy Clark, has said, "The most hostile Federal District Court judge I have ever appeared before with respect to civil rights matters..." Clark went on to explain how the judge deliberately disrupt a counselor's argument. He claimed the judge would often turn his chair away from a lawyer while presenting his side of the case. Mr. Clark does not stand alone in these matters and opinions. Others have noted Carswell's using the bench to denounce a lawyer simply because he was from the North. Obviously, this is not proper judicial temperament.

His "temperament" alone should not be the only argument against him. Judge Carswell is neither a man of professional distinction nor is he a great intellectual.

Carswell is a mediocre man. Dean Pollack of Yale testified that the judge "has not demonstrated the professional skills and the larger constitutional wisdom which fits a lawyer for elevation to our highest court." The Dean went on to state that Carswell is the worst nominee for the Supreme Court in this century. Professor William Van Alatyne of the Duke University Law School, one of the most distinguished legal scholars in the South, testified for Judge Haynesworth but opposed Judge Carswell. He concluded his opinions before Senate Judiciary Committee by saying that Judge Carswell's decisions reflected "a lack of reasoning, care, or judicial sensitivity overall." Dean Bok of Harvard has stated "... the problem (with Carswell is one that has much less to do with judicial philosophy than with judicial competence; for extremely competent judges can be found with varying attitudes concerning the judicial function, let alone political or social questions."

Dean Bok has touched the nerve center. Carswell is not a competent judge. President Nixon should take a second look at his choice. I am grieved that such an honored court would be