

Fredo Dramatic Story of Farkas Family Gives Meaning to Word 'Freedom'

Si los Estados Unidos, por lo que respecta a la libertad de expresión, es un país libre, ¿por qué se le permite a un gobierno extranjero, como el de la Unión Soviética, interferir en los asuntos internos de este país? Este es el tipo de preguntas que se hacen a menudo en estos días de crisis.

At times such as this it is good to stop and look around. We at Mars Hill are especially fortunate to have some living reminders of the true meaning of such words as "freedom." The dramatic story of two members of the college staff, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Farkas, and their four children is both inspiring and enlightening.

A native of Hungary, Mr. Farkas went to the University of Berkeley for graduate study at the beginning of World War II. There he met an attractive German girl who had been a member of the male contingent of Germany's Olympic track team. They fell in love and were married.

In 1945 when the Russians occupied Hungary, where the young Farkases were living, the young couple fled to Germany, never to return. As a result of the Communist domination of the country, it was necessary for the family to take refuge in the United States, where the authorities were not so strict.

Soon the family was sent to a camp for displaced persons for several years. Then, in 1948 a new opportunity came. Mr. Farkas received permission to take his family to the United States, where they lived in a large apartment for several years. In 1954 a new opportunity came. Mr. Farkas received permission to take his family to the United States, where they lived in a large apartment for several years.

family to Argentina, where they subsequently lived for eight years.

Finally, in 1956 the golden opportunity came. Mr. Farkas was called to the American Embassy in Buenos Aires and informed that his request to take his family to the United States had been granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Farkas and their four children — Kathy, Steve, Suzie and Alex — arrived in the U. S. on Aug. 14, 1956. They went to Bridgeport, Conn., where they lived for a year.

In 1957 the family came to Montreat, near Ridgecrest, to visit some friends. They liked the mountains and this part of the country so well that they bought a house next door to their friends. One of their other neighbors was the famous evangelist Billy Graham.

Mr. Farkas began working at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville and began improving his ability in speaking English. Mrs. Farkas began teaching Spanish at Montreat College. During the 1958-59 school year he taught at Warren Wilson College at Swannanoa; then, he was invited

to join the Mars Hill faculty. For a year he commuted to his home in Montreat on weekends, but then a suitable house became available and the Farkases became local residents.

Soon Mrs. Farkas began working in the library and, when there was need for an additional Spanish teacher, she filled the position. This fall she returned to the library staff while Mr. Farkas continued to teach German.

In November 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Farkas became naturalized American citizens, and since then the children have also become citizens.

Anyone who has difficulty with the study of a foreign language would certainly be impressed with a visit in the Farkas home. In addition to his native Hungarian Mr. Farkas speaks three languages. Mrs. Farkas speaks three languages besides German fluently and two others "more or less." The children speak Hungarian, Spanish and English. Kathy is taking advantage of her rich heritage by planning to become a language major. She is a freshman at Mars Hill.

Two Laps Around The Campus

By Dolly Lavery & Faye Shaw

The Hilltop staff would like to offer its commendation to Truett West, who in the line of duty at the cafeteria recently broke 121 consecutive double-yolk eggs. We are proud of you, Truett. You have added a new tradition to the logs of Mars Hill College. Now it will be Joe, Doctor Moore and Truett West.

Fox Dormitory has various improvements over the older dormitories of the campus. One is a supernatural elevator that enjoys running up and down by itself. Sometimes it even locks young ladies in with it and lets them enjoy riding up and down. One young lady even got to ride up and down for fifty-five minutes before she was finally allowed to exit.

In recent years, discussion of an age-old problem has decreased in importance. A few days ago the question of whether or not women had more ribs than men was brought up in Dr. Jenkins sociology class. After suggesting that the student conduct an experiment to solve this problem, he calmly added: "But just try to explain to the Dean that that is what you are doing!" Still in the line of medicine, Dr. Jenkins claims to have trouble watching medical programs on television. He always wakes up in the middle of the night with symptoms of dire illness. When a program is situated in the maternity ward, he can sit back and enjoy it without any fear.

Numerous comments, ranging from mild to strong, were heard recently from men's campus concerning the ruling that all students must sign out when leaving campus; but one of the most pathetic moans came from Mrs. Fulcher, housemother in Myers, when she noted the implication in the following notice on the bulletin board: "All students must sign out when leaving with the hostess of the dormitory in which they live."



Moe Richardson, business major from Williamsburg, Va., lolls in the sunshine and enjoys the privilege of an upper classman during Freshman Rat Week. Pam Howell of Gastonia and Macky McFee of Asheville carry his books (plus their own which are in laundry bags) and McFee makes like a Boy Scout with the umbrella in case it should suddenly rain or Moe should want some shade.

'Rat Week' Big Success; May Become Traditional

by Sally Lee Osborne

Poor Freshmen. Sweet Freshmen. Nice Freshmen. Kind Freshmen. Now bark. A new enthusiasm on the campus of Mars Hill College was shown this past week when the students adopted a week affectionately known as Freshman Week or Rat Week.

Starting last Monday night with dorm meetings, Rat Week ended last night with one of the biggest pep rallies Mars Hill has ever seen. Rat cards were worn by all Freshmen during the past week and on different days various tasks were performed. Wednesday all Freshmen went around with umbrellas open and praying for rain. Thursday all supplies were carried in pillow cases or laundry bags and a pep rally took place in the auditorium. Freshmen had to carry their betters' books to and from classes, aid their elders in the cafeteria and, all in all, show their upperclassmen how much they loved them.

Friday night the Freshmen had

their comeback. After throwing their cards into the bon fire, they joined the Seniors against the Juniors and Sophomores in a pep rally. Spirit soared high and the meaning of the entire week was not lost. The atmosphere was happy and full of fun instead of the malice many expected.

Sponsored by the Student Government, W.R.A., and Cheerleaders, the past week brought an air of the senior college to Mars Hill. Freshmen knew they are Freshmen and now they have something to look forward to: the poor Freshmen next year. Upperclassmen finally gained a privilege of their rank. Not only did the week bring the Freshmen closer together (for protection), but it brought the entire college closer. Students, when they are supposedly working against each other, seem to come closer together. Rat Week fulfilled its purpose: To promote school spirit.

Mars Hill is full of traditions. May Rat Week become one of them.

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