

# 'Brother, Thy Tail Hangs Down Behind'

Somewhere along the line, a misconception has arisen concerning living under the "Law of the Jungle." While the jungle does provide survival for the fittest only, there are rules to the game of life played there also. Those who dare to break these rules are castoffs of the animal kingdom and are held in utter contempt by the others within the animal kingdom. The jackel and the monkey are prime examples of the cast-off group.

If Mars Hill College is a part of the jungle of life, then it is not unlike the physical jungle in that it also has its jackels and monkeys. Before you laugh, you should realize that both are tragic groups in any society and in any jungle.

The jackel, who is noted for his cowardice, may be easily spotted, for out of fear he runs with the rest of the pack. You see, there's safety in numbers. The only "kill" made by the jackel is at the expense of the other animals of the jungle, those who must make their "kills" alone. The jackel may be seen feeding off the accomplishments of others. After all, if he faced the task for himself, someone might learn that the most dangerous thing about his nature is his big mouth. The size of his mouth may be appreciated only when the jackel has been cut from the pack and finds himself mortally wounded due to his own futile efforts at life and "social" existence.

The monkey is another "tale" entirely. He, like the jackel, may be seen in a group, for, after all, monkeys perform best in groups. The monkey has become very adept at mocking man. He has accomplished this so well that one might be fooled by mere conversation with him. One must go beyond the conversation itself and observe the work of this group. Here you will find the greatest of plans and the highest of dreams but the least amount of work. Rudyard Kipling caught their line of action and thought in these lines from the **Jungle Books**:

By the rubbish in our wake and the noble noise we make,  
Be sure, be sure, we're going to do some splendid things.  
Brother thy tail hangs down behind.  
This is the way of the Monkey-kind.  
—Bill Deans

## Staff Changes

With this edition the **Hilltop** comes under new editorship. Sophomore Sally Osborne of Wake Forest succeeds Mary Mattison, who traded her typewriter for a cook book (with husband), as editor-in-chief. The promotion leaves a temporary vacancy in the position of associate editor.

Jim Daughtry, former assistant circulation manager, has assumed the duties of business manager, succeeding Steve Spain, who did not re-enroll second semester.

Six more issues of the **Hilltop** are scheduled during the remainder of the school year: Feb. 22, Mar. 7 and 21, Apr. 18 (only one issue because of spring holidays) and May 2 and 16.

An outside entrance on the east end of the Montague Building has now been completed, giving staff members better access to the **Hilltop** and **Laurel** offices.

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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"I'M AFRAID STUDENTS NO LONGER FIND THIS COURSE USEFUL & INTERESTING — WE'LL MAKE IT A 'REQUIRED'."

## Letters to the editor...

The previous issue of the **Hilltop** carried an article that appeared to be very misleading and an absurd misrepresentation of facts. Reference is to an article written by Bessie Cline. Evidence was given that would lead the average student into believing that the world could not function without women. This is true only in a biological sense, which could someday diminish. Great discoveries are being made about some of nature's most intimate secrets. A known basis of life is the creation of amino acids which eventually lead to life as we know it. It is quite possible, in the distant future, for test-tube reproduction to become a reality. What then will become of this supposedly great "Femaline Race" to whom men are so greatly indebted?

The only real advantage the female has over the male is the ability to give birth to a child which is a God given characteristic. Of course, most women (or girls) misuse some of God's most precious gifts in ways which make them believe they are popular, etc., etc. I don't mean to imply that men are different, but they certainly aren't any worse.

The article to which I am referring also pointed out that women get in the first and last word in an argument. Mention was made of the fact that the female lacrimal glands produce more tears than those of a male. This anatomical discrimination doesn't show any evidence to indicate feminine superiority. If this approach is used it should work both ways. It should be pointed out to the male freshmen that all the seemingly beautiful curves they see in girls aren't all created by nature but more likely by Sears and Roebuck. Surely the book of Genesis does not refer to such a creator.

When I speak of women, the term is used in general sense. No attempt is being made to classify them all, but only a part—99 per cent. Naturally every girl that reads this letter will put herself in the rare one percent. However, if a close "inventory" were taken, most would come under the larger part.

Miss Cline's article also mentioned that more girls eat in the cafeteria, use the library, etc. However she somehow failed to mention how much they eat, which is quite evident, nor did she mention the reasons for which they went to the library. She also mentioned that girls make better grades than boys. I personally couldn't verify the fact; but if it is true, could it be that girls usually lure boys away from their studies?

Reference was also made to the saying, "Behind every successful man is a successful woman." Could it be that "Behind every unsuccessful man is a successful woman (successful in making him unsuccessful)?"

After reading this letter and comparing it with the previous article, if you still think that women are superior to men, you are either of low intelligence or you are a woman!

—Jerry Davis

Dear Sally:

Within two months, new group of student body officers will be elected. Every member of our campus should take an active interest in these elections.

The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, constitute the four important student body officers. The president must come from the rising senior class; the vice-president, from the rising junior class; the secretary, from the rising senior or junior classes; and the treasurer, from the rising senior, junior, or sophomore classes.

These student body officers need to have a 1.5 quality point ratio, can have no more than five demerits and cannot have been on social or academic probation within the past year.

The Student Senate has the ultimate authority in legislative matters. The Student Senate is composed of the four officers of the student body, the presidents of each academic class, and five senior, four junior, three sophomore and two freshman senators. Qualifications for the Student Senate are further specified in the Constitutional amendments.

—Paul Clark

## Our Image Needs Some Improvement

The American college student today has as much respect and say so in the world as a turtle has in the ocean. We are thought of as bubblegum-chewing, ill-mannered, smarty, ceited ignoramuses. What makes it worse aren't doing much to improve our image.

What does the college student do to get the news. Well, he riots and throws rocks Negro in Mississippi. He flings fits because can't have his girl friend in his room until o'clock in the morning. He talks about something and stands for nothing. Yes, this is the image of the American college student in the world today. "So what?" you ask. "That is the image of all college students in the world today."

One thing, however, gives the other college students a redeeming feature and their care what happens to their country are willing to stick their heads out long enough to do something about it. In Latin America, students hand out pamphlets, deliver speeches and picket and fight for a new cause they find fighting for, Communism. In exile Cuban students are planning, fighting and dying for one cause, freedom of their homeland. In the United States we picket for more freedom of expression — physical expression; we plan more freedom of thought—on becoming more popular; and we die from over consumption of alcohol or speeding too fast on a curvy road.

There are better things to fight for, to live and to die for. Our country, and it is our country, much as any other group's in the United States needs fighting for. It is our future we will determine, not our parent's or grandparents' or our children's and those who come between them. We determine it, make it or break it. We have a country of freedom. Let's do our part to keep it that way even if we are a bunch of ignoramuses.

—Sally Osborne

## Let's Get In Focus

Christian Focus Week begins Monday. It is not a week for the faculty or for everyone but you. It is for you personally, as person as if you were here alone. Participate in the activities of the week, give some serious thought to the meaning of the theme "Life Is Commitment" and don't let this week be for everyone else but you.

## Car Owners, Relax Your Problem Solver

In this age of uncertainty it is indeed refreshing to run up against something absolute and then. Yesterday was one of those occasions. It was a release from Motor Vehicle search, a Lee, N.H., organization which publishes in the interest of automotive safety research.

"The problem of preventing unauthorized use and theft of automobiles," the release begins "is now solved."

How about that? No qualifications, no limiting nothing. The problem "is now solved," indeed.

Intrigued, we read on. "There is now developed and ready for market a relatively simple but theftproof device prevents thieves from stealing cars . . ."

A recent test of the systems in New Hampshire "revealed that qualified mechanics were unable to drive the car even after 30 minutes work. The same mechanics were able to the motor of a modern vehicle without the tion key and drive off in 16 seconds.

The device incorporates 3 separate operating electrical circuits and solenoid valves in the brake and fuel systems. Without the for the ignition lock, any tampering with ignition wires locks the brakes. Should brakes be released, the fuel supply is cut. Should the fuel supply system be then adjusted to allow to flow, the brakes will lock and the nation is grounded.

"All in all, a car thief would be faced with a never-ending problem which would end in frustration."

Or, we would hasten to add, still overjoyed at this burst of certainty, a mental breakdown.

—The Daily Tar Heeler