

Signs of Spring

Baseball occupies every spare spot between Spilman and the laundry.

Boys and girls are actually taking walks.

Sounds of England's latest "contribution" to America's record industry float from the Student Center and the dorms.

Chapel speeches are getting shorter while classes are getting longer.

Teachers smile when they assign tests and parallel, and sometimes students even smile back through their tears.

The stars at four o'clock in the morning are brighter and the frost lighter.

Paths are getting shorter and lectures longer.

Huffman Beach has changed from its usual white to red, pink, purple, orange and every other color possible for a blanket.

Seniors have gone out to do their practice teaching for the first time.

May Court practice has started.

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, long over, are dimly remembered as spring holidays are coming up.

There is a constant stream of couples on faculty road.

Spring has arrived on the Mars Hill College campus.

—Sally Lee Osborne

Let's Be Consistent!

Have we as citizens of the United States really gotten to the place that it no longer matters what kind of foreign policy we have? Have we gotten to the place that we can no longer see our own mistakes?

We are great critics of other nations, but profound admirers of our own country. We are quite capable of calling Great Britain and France traitors for selling trucks and buses to Cuba, but we are totally incapable of seeing our own inconsistency in selling wheat to Russia, the chief of the communist countries.

Our intention is not to argue whether we are right or wrong to sell the wheat to Russia. Rather we want to point up the unthinking attitude that we have taken on the matter. If we should stop our own trade relations with communist countries, then we might well criticize our allies for their trading with such countries. On the other hand, if we continue on our present path of trading, then, surely, we must stop calling the numbers of other countries for doing the same thing that we are doing. Communism is communism, whether it is in Russia or in Cuba.

Sometimes we feel a little upset about Mr. DeGaulle's idea of holding two bags in one hand, but should we not feel the same way about our own ideas? Perhaps by facing the illogicalities of our own foreign policy we ourselves can understand better what we are really doing and our allies may understand better also.

—Eugene Grigg
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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Letters to the editor...

Editor's note: The following is part of a memo the editor recently received from the Hilltop advisor, Walter Smith:

Thus far this year the Hilltop has "cussed" the quality of sportsmanship at Maryville, homework, American foreign policy in Latin and South America, lines and ID cards, homecoming weekend rules, lack of school spirit and failure to sing "the Alma Mater," and a rule against commuters competing in intramural sports.

It has spelled out a whole list of pet peeves among students and faculty members; it has published a letter complaining of inconsistently enforced standards; it has moaned "poetically" about criticism of itself; it has printed conflicting views of school spirit or the lack of it; and it has complained of the commercialization of Christmas.

Still more, it has published a letter complaining about the lack of genuine Christianity on the campus, griped about the campus lighting system being out of whack, complained about the image of the American student, and blasted a poorly-identified group of students whose tails are hanging down behind.

Further, the paper has "cussed" hate groups and hinted at length that all we need here is dancing to satisfy our students; it has also printed letters in argument over the relative merits of women versus men and unfair grading practices by certain teachers.

Now, in the latest issue the paper blasted the buildings and grounds department for failure to finish the track, pointed out the college's worst fault — i.e., the wide gap between the thinking of the administration and the students — and complained about inequalities in enforcement of campus rules.

Surely there must be some things — besides love, off-campus dating, money from home and chapel-cuts — that are right or interesting or worth-while about Mars Hill College. Let's try to discover some of them and mention them in our last four issues.

Hilltop Editor:

Please convey our heartfelt thanks to both the students and faculty of Mars Hill College for the kind and hospitable reception we received.

—Gaslight Singers

Poetic Protest

Dear Hilltop staff,

An honest gripe from a freshman minister:

I looked for God all around,
And surely, it's He I've found.
From way up high He called to me one day,
I've got some things for you to say.

Here am I, a ministerial student,
say they
Not suppose to look at girls' pretty legs;
Not suppose to wear no colored ties;
Oughtn't do this and oughtn't do that!

But great God, He didn't say that.
Lovin' Him's a joy; no burden.
Showin' thy neighbor the Friend thou got,
And keepin' His laws is only right.

—Denny Hill

Just A Minute

"I've only just a minute;
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me, can't refuse it;
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it;
It's just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it."

—Copied

'Liberty For Me' Two I Irresponsible Dema

The diurnal demand for liberty is indicative of the problem of a lack of liberty and the of a responsible use of liberty. The problem is, colloquially speaking, "I want liberty, me." For example, the recent Supreme decision concerning prayer and Bible reading in the public schools seems to linger as a lem. Those people who are bothered by decision see some rather far-reaching implications inherent in it, e. g. taking "In God Trust" off our coins. This is a misunderstanding, for the decision simply said that Pennsylvania and Maryland could not legislate prayer and Bible reading. It does not stop a room teacher from beginning the day with prayer and Bible reading. Liberty in a political society will not permit legislated prayer and Bible reading. The real problem is, "I want liberty for me."

Since Baptists in the South have been vociferous in denouncing the Supreme decision, we should remind ourselves that Baptists were the first to fight fearlessly for political and religious liberty. In fact, the page of the history of Baptists might be titled LIBERTY.

The first Baptist, John Smyth, wrote following in 1611: "That the magistrate is in virtue of his office to meddle with religious matters of conscience, to force or compel to this or that form of religion, or doctrine to leave Christian religion free, to every conscience, and to handle only civil transgressions (Rom. 13), injuries and wrongs against man, in murder, adultery, theft, for Christ only is the king and lawgiver of church and conscience (James 4:12)."

The roll call of the early English and American Baptists who fought for political and religious liberty is not possible here, but we understand that we are beneficiaries of their fight.

Perhaps the best safeguard for religious liberty and for liberty within religion is found in the words of Milton's Areopagitica: "Give the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience, above all liberties."

—H. Page Lee

Holiday's Meaning

Spring vacation marks one of the most celebrated of Christian holidays. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Christ after three days among the dead. To Mars Hill College students Easter this year also means a 10-day vacation with good home-cooked food, "rest," and entertainment. During this 10-day vacation, please and remember the real meaning of Easter.

Annual Awards Given

As an annual event, the Hilltop wishes to present awards to a few of the outstanding members of MHC's faculty. This can be seen as the April Fool's Day Awards — one and four days early.

To Dr. Hoyt Blackwell: The LBJ handout award of 1964.

To Mrs. Ruby Cox: Employment Security Commission's award for training secretary Moe Rich.

To Mrs. Gwyndola Fish: National Typing Company's citation for keeping students going the longest.

Mr. Richard Hoffman: John Birch Society award for cooperation.

To Dr. Ellison Jenkins: Southern Baptist Convention's medal for inspiring the youth.

To Mr. Page Lee: Mars Hill College's award for bringing students back to MHC (to religion.)

To Dr. Ella J. Pierce: Blue Horse Company's award for her students' contribution of typing paper.

To Mr. Harley Jolley: MHC student's piness medal.

To Miss Eva Brewer: American Aspiration's sales medal for all illnesses.

To Mrs. Jensen: Better Homes and Gardens Cook Book award for winning booklet "Ways to Serve Hamburger, Chicken, andatoes."