

Could Parking Fee Be Reconsidered?

There are over 50 students who have their cars on campus. These students were naturally upset when they went to register their vehicles at the beginning of the term and were told that the price of car registration had doubled. There were and still are angry grumbings around campus and in the dorms about this matter. This indicates a widespread feeling that there has been an act of unfairness committed against the students involved.

In an effort to see if the Hilltop could serve as a medium for explaining the reasons behind the increase to the students I broached the subject to both the dean of students and the chairman of the traffic committee. The first referred us to the second. Both were pleasant and patient. The explanation, however, boiled down to "it's worth the price to have a private parking space in a paved and patrolled parking lot."

The various student charges and fees are set up in accordance with the total budget of the school, and we as students do not always know and appreciate what is involved. However, we do feel the pinch when prices rise. Even though we grumble accordingly, we accept price increases as inevitable. It does seem, however, that the 100 percent increase in the student parking fee — from \$5 per semester during 1963-64 to \$10 per term during 1964-65 — is too sudden and too steep. Perhaps the Traffic Committee of the faculty and the Administrative Council will reconsider the matter.

—Steve R. Spain

The Voters' Choice

Who'll be the next president of the United States? This is the question on millions of minds now, but few people today realize how different the question was in 1787.

Then, at the Constitutional Convention, one hotly debated question was: Should we have a president? Many of the delegates feared that one chief executive would have too many chances to become a dictator. They favored a three-man executive committee to carry out the will of the legislature.

But supporters of a one-man executive won out, mainly because everyone was sure that George Washington — whom all the delegates knew and trusted — would get the job.

This tempestuous convention was still not as much of a three-ring circus as party-nominating conventions can be. The claim for holding the first (in 1830) goes to a party now long forgotten — the Anti-Mason Party.

Today's president holds down not one, but five jobs — and any one of them could fill an eight-hour day. The man in the White House is: head of state, the nation's chief ceremonial officer; chief diplomat; commander-in-chief of the armed forces; chief legislative policy-maker; and chief executive, boss of all federal employees.

What can you do? Well, if you're one of the 418 MHC students old enough to vote, you can go to the trouble to register and cast your ballot. (See story on Page 1 concerning voting in Mars Hill.)

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Scratchpad Scribblings...

Craig Green, art editor of the Laurel, has been traveling around campus on crutches lately. It seems that he turned his ankle when leaving Myers Dorm the other night.

Brother Andy Morley stuck one of his fingers where he shouldn't have. As a result he had to have three stitches taken in it. (Next time, Andy, be more careful when picking up broken glass.)

Miss Brewer says that over 25 students have already tasted the hospitality of the Robinson Infirmary as bed patients. This is an unusually large number for the period of time. She suggests that anyone who has not already come by the infirmary for his flu vaccine do so at his earliest convenience.

Jim "Peanut" Alexander is the proud uncle of a bouncing baby boy. I wonder if this in any way influenced his getting in the shower the other day with his umbrella. Oh, well...

The art exhibit for this month is a one-man show of the work of Robert Haycraft of the art faculty. Included are paintings and

drawings. The paintings are abstract and subjective, and should be interesting to the art enthusiast.

If you have the habit of calling people by their last names you had better beware. There are 15 Smiths and 12 Youngs on campus. Even if you call people by their first and last names you can't be entirely safe because there are three James Richardsons running around loose.

Deans of women and counselors — about 65 of them — from colleges as far east as Greensboro will be on the MHC campus Thursday (Oct. 15) for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Women Deans and Counselors. The Touring Choir will sing for the visitors during a luncheon in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Vienna Hunter of the library staff was married last Saturday but her name's still the same. Mrs. Hunter, a widow, became the bride of Bruce Hunter of Mars Hill. She will return to her job in the library soon.

An organ recital by Mars Hill alumnus Wallace Zimmerman, noted Tarheel teacher and composer, has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday (Oct. 12) in the main auditorium. A member of the Class of 1947, Mr. Zimmerman was the first president of the music honor club.

Just One Word

Tell me something that will be Joy through all the years to me. Let my heart forever hold One divinist grain of gold. Just a simple little word Yet the dearest ever heard; Something that will bring me rest When the world seems all distressed. As the candle in the night Sends abroad its cheerful light, So a little word may be Like a lighthouse in the sea. When the winds and waves of life Fill the breast with storm and strife, Just one star my boat may guide To the harbor, glorified.

—Anonymous

Veep Selection Needs Revision

At this very hour the United States does not have a vice president.

I wonder how many of us realize the gravity of this statement. The job of the vice president is a necessary and full-time one. We cannot safely afford to be without one at any time. Measures need to be taken to provide an immediate replacement for the vice presidency whenever a vacancy occurs.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States in a recent news release has something of interest and significance to say about this matter. It states that although the United States has never lacked a president since George Washington was inaugurated, 20 percent of the time it has lacked a vice president.

Since John Adams became the first vice president in 1789, the office has been vacant on 16 occasions. Eight vice presidents succeeded to the presidency. Seven vice presidents died in office. One vice president resigned (John C. Calhoun of South Carolina in 1832 to enter the Senate).

As vice presidents are chosen only in the quadrennial national elections, the office has been vacant 38 out of 175 years.

Many persons are convinced that under recent presidents the work of the vice president has become extremely important, whereas before it was not. Several methods have been suggested to fill the office when it becomes vacant between national elections. It has been suggested that a new vice president be picked by the president, be picked by Congress, or by the Electoral College.

A compromise method that seems to have the best chance of acceptance would let the president nominate a vice president subject to confirmation by majority votes of the House and Senate.

The senate judiciary committee this summer approved a proposed constitutional amendment which among other things would set this compromise method as the one to be used in filling the vice presidency between national elections. The proposal probably will be brought up again in the next Congress. If both the House and Senate approve it by two thirds votes and three-fourths of the states ratify it, it will become part of the Constitution.

Ten Commandments Collegiate Version?

1. Thou shalt love thy instructor above all others.
2. Thou shalt remember class time to keep it holy.
3. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor (we don't have an honor system anyway).
4. Thou shalt not steal, except when thou canst get by with it.
5. Thou shalt love thy text as thyself.
6. Thou shalt not take thy tests in vain.
7. Thou shalt not throw pencils—erasers are harder.
8. Thou shalt not kill in circumstances of failure.
9. Thou shalt not covet what thou canst borrow, buy, or steal.
10. Thou shalt not love money, unless thee happens to be broke, hungry or dead.
11. Thou shalt not copy thy Puritan ancestors and indulge in the use of any intoxicating beverages, except at Alumni homecoming, change of address, dropping of courses, passing courses, changing socks and other such times as the rational mind might desire.
12. Thou shalt not commit lechery, adultery, fornication, or sundry crimes, if thee thinks thee might get caught.
13. Thou shalt religiously read THE APPALACHIAN, and support it with thy prayers, thy money, and thy service.
14. Thou shalt swear by the mighty gene that thou believest in purification of the races through genetic selection.
15. Thou shalt not lisp, even if thou hast a speech impediment.

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