

# Immature Conduct Menaces Rat Week

The beanies have disappeared from the campus, the bonfires have been smothered and the unusual entertainment in the cafeteria has ceased; however, Rat Week has not ended. It continues to live in the memories of all Mars Hillians and will continue to hold a vivid place in our recollection of lighter moments at Mars Hill.

The freshmen are to be congratulated for the way they accepted their "inferior" position in the transition from "rats" to full-fledged members of the college family.

A few upperclassmen seemed to think that Rat Week was for the purpose of hazing without fear of penalty. When I speak of hazing I do not refer to simple harassment which is acceptable, desirable and necessary in Rat Week activities. I refer to harassment by abusive or ridiculous treatment such as compelling or requesting a freshman coed to hug and/or kiss one or more upperclassmen. It is likely that if such harassment continues Rat Week will be abolished or severely restricted in the future.

Several of those who were responsible for abusive treatment to rats are among those who frequently ask, "Why doesn't the administration give us more privileges and treat us as adults?" Could the answer possibly be that some of us abuse privileges when they are given to us and as a consequence all are made to suffer? —Steve R. Spain

P.S., fellows, if you want a girl to hug and kiss you be tactful—you don't need to hide behind Rat Week. Besides, Rat Week only comes once a year.

# Jenkins Case Could Turn Campaign Tide

In a recent editorial in the **Richmond News Leader** the editor expresses his belief that "the arrest and resignation of Walter Jenkins could mark a turning point in this campaign. Senator Goldwater has based his fight largely on great issues, but in the end, in the privacy of the polling booth, one does not vote on a choice of issues. One votes on a choice of men. The integrity, judgment, background, and personal contact of opposing candidates must count heavily at the level of the White House. A president is the very symbol of his country.

"What image does one see in Lyndon Johnson? Here is a man whose election to the U. S. Senate in 1948 reeked of such corruption that the stench has not died in 16 years. Here is a man, serving as a Senator and as majority leader, who rolled up a fortune of \$14,000,000 through the profits of Federally regulated radio and television stations. Lyndon Johnson saw no impropriety in accepting an expensive stereo set from a life insurance agent he scarcely knew. He condoned the deal arranged by Walter Jenkins, by which this same agent was compelled to buy unwanted commercial time on the Austin TV outlet. Bobby Baker, Mr. Johnson once said, "is my strong right arm." What is one to say of the President's judgment in keeping the weak Walter Jenkins as his left?"

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# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WHAT'SAMATTER? YA CUT HIS CLASS AGAIN?"

# Scratchpad Scribblings...

Junior Michael Teague's mother, Mrs. Maude White Teague of Clyde, died recently in a Waynesville hospital following a brief illness. She was librarian at Fines Creek and Crabtree-Ironduff High School and was an active church worker.

A discussion on financial aid for teachers was led by Mrs. Fish, Mr. Montaldi, Mr. Pingel, Mr. Booth, and Miss Kendall at the Student National Education Association's second meeting of the year. Ken Murray, president, presided.

The members of the SNEA are joining in a project to do something nice for the teachers during a special week coming up—Teacher Appreciation Week. After finding out our scores on the last set of tests it might be a good idea for all of us to take up this project.

All students who are non-veterans or unmarried and are under 21 who wish to donate blood on Nov. 11 must present a release signed by parents or guardians before they will be allowed to give blood. Release blanks may be secured at the physical education office or by contacting any member of the physical education staff.

Spooks and Goblins: There will be tricks and treats at the Halloween Party, Saturday, Oct. 31. Hop on your brooms and come to enjoy fun, food and funny people.

James Thomas of the drama faculty and Jerry Young a junior are building a listening audience with their Saturday afternoon

radio program. Featuring various instrumental guitar numbers, the program is transmitted over station WMMH from Marshall every Saturday at 5:15 p.m. "Jim, Jerry and Two Guitars" is sponsored by Young Motor Sales of Asheville. They invite everyone to listen to their broadcast and welcome requests or suggestions.

Bessie Cline states that she was not seriously hurt from having been thrown from a horse recently. She only suffered a stiff neck and various bruises. Luckily, she landed on her head.

A worthy quote worth remembering is, "The riches we impart are the only wealth we shall always retain."

# Letters...

Mr. Editor,

It is said that even your best friends won't tell you, but we believe the time has come for someone to tell Senator Goldwater's supporters that he has a personal problem. A billboard beside the Cub Restaurant states, "In your heart you know he's right," but can the odor the Senator has developed be considered "right?"

We, supporters of President Johnson, wish to thank the Cub for the personal touch given to the Senator's campaign.

—Diane Whiteside  
Lew McNeil

Editor's Note: An exhaust fan protruding through the billboard emits a variety of kitchen odors.

# Mock Elections

Well, it's time for Mock Elections And we have but two selections; Unless you count George Wallace The States Righter's only solace. We can either vote for L.B.J. A beagle-lover all the way, Or we can vote for Goldwater T.V.A.'s founding father. The mud will fly fast and thick, For that's the way of politics, But whichever way the voting goes I'd like to say before I close, The man surviving this upheaval Will be the lesser of two evils.

—Bill Squires  
The Orange & Blue  
Carson-Newman College

# Do It Now!

Is there some task that frets your brow?  
Do it now.  
Is there some field that you should plow?  
Do it now.  
Is there some high resolve to vow?  
Do it now.  
Some charity you may endow?  
Do it now.  
Some friend to help escape his slough?  
Do it now.  
For all the time God will allow  
Is now.

—Roman S. Gorski

# WRA Needs Support

Editor's Note: The following editorial comes at an appropriate time. The Mars Hill WRA coeds are hostesses this weekend to the State Convention of the North Carolina Athletic Recreation Federation of College Women.

The Women's Recreation Association is the only organization on campus which enables women to participate in a program of athletics. By being a student at Mars Hill a girl is a member of the WRA. It is the girl's decision if she wants to be active or inactive.

One part of the WRA program is intramurals, including both team and individual sports. These games are very informal and everyone has a good time except when a game has to be forfeited because of an insufficient number of players. When this happens these people have not only let their teams down but have also proved their lack of interest. If at anytime someone finds that she cannot attend a game, it is her responsibility to notify her team captain. Some just put their name on a list when it comes around and then forget it.

The WRA not only sponsors intramural sports, but other forms of recreation as well. Several square dances have already been held this year. It is hoped that more recreation of this kind can be planned, but the WRA has to have the support of the students.

A point system has been set up by which different awards can be earned. At the end of the year, there is a banquet for all the active members. During this banquet awards are given to the girls who have earned them.

If you have not been taking advantage of the WRA program you are invited to do so. Go to the next game and support your team. If you haven't signed up for a team, it is not too late.

—Pam Hunt

# There's a Difference

For years I have heard of Mars Hill as a fine Baptist school, yet only rarely have I heard it referred to as a Christian school.

What is the meaning of this semantic palaver? More specifically, is there any difference between a denominational and a Christian school?

The main argument here is a matter of definition, of course. To some staunch Baptists, for instance, Baptist-ism is equal to Christianity, or even the only form of it. There are others, however, who believe any denominationalism is pagan. Though neither belief is entirely wrong, I challenge anyone to contend that either is entirely or uniquely correct.

Move now to the realm of education today. Is a church-related or religious school or even a seminary necessarily Christian? Are all truly Christian schools necessarily church-related? I submit, bluntly and without apology, that not only are religious, denominational, and church-related schools not necessarily Christian, but in most cases are not nearly as Christian as they try to sound.

If you disagree, then answer these questions: Is it a Christian school which tolerates an unruly student because his parents are generous patrons? Is it a Christian administration which is so inconsistent that students do not know from one day to the next what they may or may not do? Is it a Christian school that is so concerned about its students that no less than three of them may be in a car when it leaves campus? Is a Christian school so moral that it allows no personal contact with the opposite sex?

Does a Christian atmosphere produce a new faculty joke column each month called "Which student is pregnant now?" Must an entire Christian faculty resign rather than submit to the unnecessary dictates of its Christian president? Should a Christian school require its professors to swear to teach only the principles and practices of the supporting church? Is it a truly Christian faculty whose members sleep through chapel, if they bother to attend? Should a truly Christian school emphasize religious practice so much that it becomes a church school rather than a church-related school?

The answer to all these questions is obviously no—a thousand times no. And do not suppose that these are fictitious cases. These are examples of things that are actually happening today in only five of our "fine Christian colleges."

The cause of the small private school has been lauded by educational and governmental leaders alike. We have been blessed in this country with many Church-related schools like Mars Hill. Would that God had given us the courage to make them into truly Christian schools.

—Jimmy Daughtry