

Students' Conduct Highly Commended

Last weekend was truly a unique weekend in the history of Mars Hill College. It is no easy task to make plans to charter a train for such a journey as that. I would like to thank each and every student who helped make this trip one which everyone seemed to enjoy. Cooperation was evident in many fields and the trip showed just how much can be accomplished when everyone works together for a common cause. Special thanks to those students who used their cars to transport Mars Hillians to and from Marshall.

Special recognition is also due every member of the student body who rode the train for the excellent conduct throughout the entire adventure. Mr. J. O. McCollum, assistant general passenger agent for Southern Railway, made the following statement: "This was the nicest group of students I have ever had the pleasure of accompanying—the same feeling was expressed by Train Crews in both directions."

Last weekend certainly proved that students of Mars Hill are mature enough to accept responsibility and conduct themselves in a manner which is a compliment to this institution. Such conduct is necessary if we, as students, are interested in making Mars Hill an excellent four-year college. With such fine conduct how can anyone classify Mars Hill as simply an advanced high school?

Through your action on this trip, you students of Mars Hill have proved that you are really interested in student government. The success of this trip has done much to advance the prestige of the SGA here on campus. In my opinion there's nothing we can't do now that we realize the students are really behind us. Thanks a million to everyone for a job well done.

—Gary Brookshire
Student Body President

Birth Control Talked

The Roman Catholic Church, which heretofore stubbornly resisted any change in its stand against the use of contraceptives as a means of restraining the "population explosion," has taken a first step toward a reassessment of this traditional view.

Three influential prelates, in a recent session of the Ecumenical Council in Rome, made an appeal for an "urgent and searching" re-examination of the Church's attitude. Their plea was supported by prolonged applause from the delegates. The prelates stated that a population explosion "would condemn hundreds of millions of human beings to unworthy and hopeless misery."

A commission has been appointed by Pope Paul to study the "practicality and morality" of birth control by the use of various contraceptive pills.

The significance of this step should not be underestimated for the world-wide influence of the Roman Catholic Church is immeasurable. The final official decision of the Church may well determine how much of a problem the "population explosion" will be in the future.

Published by the Students of Mars Hill College

The Hilltop

Box 486-T, Mars Hill, N. C.



Second-class postage paid at Mars Hill, N. C. Published 15 times during the college year.



Volume XXXIX November 7, 1964 Number 4

STAFF

- Editor-in-Chief Steve R. Spain
- Associate Editor Jimmy Daughtry
- Sports Editor Chris Pappas
- Circulation Manager Riche Cothran
- Advertising Manager Bill Fowler
- Typists Nellie Jolley, Ron Whitworth
- Religion Reporter Dolly Lavery
- WRA Reporter Pam Hunt
- Reporters Bessie Cline, Cecelia Butler, Marietta Atkins, Jake Stone, Jerri Beck, Reid Potter, Jo Wells, Angela Priester
- Faculty Advisor Walter Smith

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"BETTER TALK SOFTER - I THINK MY HOUSEMOTHER OVERHEARD YOUR LAST REMARK."

Letters to the editor...

Dear Sir:

On November 3, our nation elected a president. The night of November 3 saw people who were interested in the destiny of their country watching the election returns. This case was true in most all parts of our country except one. The majority of Mars Hill College's "happy college family" were unequivocally dedicated to intellectual pursuits—but not by choice.

A national election comes around only one time during a student's college career. Usually, being in college at the time of a national election is a unique experience and a terribly exciting one. When one is of college age he is perhaps more actively and enthusiastically interested in the country's political situation than at any other time in his life. This is simply because he is constantly surrounded by people who differ with him in his political thoughts; therefore, when he is called on to defend his position, or when the opportunity arises for him to challenge another's position, his interest is stimulated.

It seems a shame to stifle such an interest especially at an institution whose presumed goal is to educate it's students. Actually a successful education should be an interesting one. But, when interest is challenged, does it reflect a genuine interest in the students? I doubt it very seriously.

This election has seen students burdened with the ridiculous load of tests. The tests themselves were not ridiculous but the time they were given was. True, delinquent lists must be issued at all

costs. But it seems that someone ought to have had enough foresight and enough interest in the students to have made arrangements for the students to have seen the election results on TV without the worry of a mid-term the next day. Also someone should have made it possible for the students of voting age to have gone home to vote, as students of other schools did. I have heard of "separation of church and state" before but this is ridiculous.

—J. Reid Potter

Scribblings...

Mr. Jordan of the religion department will show slides and tell of his studies in France at the November meeting of the Logothia Honor Club.

Mr. Cheek is wondering if one of his students thinks he is teaching zoology instead of English. On a recent paper which the student turned in reference was made to "The Pardoner's Tail."

Day's Demand

God give us men! A time like this demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
 Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
 Men who possess opinions and a will;
 Men who have honor — men who will not lie;
 Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flattery without winking;
 Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
 In public duty and in private thinking;
 For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
 Their large professions and their little deeds,
 Mingle in selfish strife, lo;
 Freedom weeps
 Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

—Josiah Gilbert Holland
The Hi-Times

The Negro

Some feel the color of my skin
 Sets me apart from other men;
 Yet, how important is the shade
 From which my form was shaped and made?
 The difference lies within the heart of
 Man, who is afraid to part
 With freedom which he cannot share—
 A narrow freedom . . . cold and bare.

(Mrs.) Nancy S. Thomas

Senator Favors End To Draft

In recent weeks the military draft has become a subject of major interest. Both President Johnson and Senator Goldwater have expressed desires to end the draft. There are many college students who feel likewise.

Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin has conducted a study on the draft situation. He says that President Johnson recently noted that we may have "drifted" from the original idea of universal military conscription, which was based on the belief that all should share the obligations of military service "equally, in accordance with a fair and just system."

Senator Nelson's study of the situation led him to the conclusion that our present draft system is outmoded. Listed below are some of the principle shortcomings he finds in our draft system:

First. It is unjust and inequitable. The fact that 42 percent of the eligible age group do not serve destroys the whole concept of universal military service.

Second. It creates countless personal hardships. Most draftees are not called up until they are 23 years old. For 5 years after they become 18, they live a life of needless uncertainty because their plans for a career, marriage, and a future of their own are almost completely dominated by their draft status.

Third. It is militarily inefficient. The draft has been proven to be a poor source of the kind of professional servicemen which we need to guarantee national security today.

Fourth. The draft wastes both money and manpower.

Fifth. The draft is no longer necessary. The facts show that we could eliminate it by 1967 if we begin now to develop a better alternative system.

Elimination of the draft is the object of an experimental program which began this month according to a report in the November Reader's Digest. Under the plan the services will accept volunteers who have formerly been rejected for educational or medical deficiencies. They will sign up for a three-year hitch; during the first six months the army will determine if rehabilitation is possible. If it is, remedial training will follow and the army will have the man's services for 2½ years. If successful, the program may not only fill the army's manpower needs but could also raise the physical and mental fitness of many young men who now find it difficult to get along in society.

C-N Visitors Lauded

Editor's Note: The following letter was received this week by Walter Smith, director of publicity. Because its message is directed to the entire college family, it is reprinted below.

Dear Mr. Smith:
I want to tell you that the entire Carson-Newman student body, faculty and administration is most appreciative of the effort that was made by your student body and administration to get your most excellent young people to our campus Saturday night. Although I have only been at Carson-Newman since 1960, I am sure that this was one of the finest groups of young people that we have had on our campus. Their conduct certainly is a credit to your institution. I also want to express our appreciation for the entertainment by your people for all the students. Every number was most enjoyable and was done in very good taste. The only regret I have now is that more of our people could not meet more of your folks personally.

I believe that such exchanges of students in the future is most important to the two colleges because of our nearness and because of what the two colleges stand for. We have much in common. I hope that this relationship can be broadened during the coming years. Although it is a little premature, I would guess that our student government would be interested in bringing a number of our students to your campus for our football game next fall.

Would you please pass on our thanks to your administration, your football coaches and football team, the student government leaders and the entire student body. Your people will always be welcome to our campus.

—Sincerely,
John N. Fox
Public Relations Director
Carson-Newman College