

Symposium Evokes Ideas

After weeks of anticipation the spring symposium has come and gone. Looking back over the week of events we must now decide the value and service they rendered us.

Catchy sayings such as Howard K. Smith's new meaning of "revolutions per minutes" will remain impressed upon our minds, but we must hope that we will consider what each speaker said was his personal interpretation of the best way to overcome contemporary problems. We should not feel, therefore, that the speaker's evaluation was totally wrong nor, on the other hand, feel that all he said was totally correct.

A speaker can only lay before us his evaluation of problems and their answers as he sees them, but we as individuals must absorb some as fact, and discard the rest.

For this reason it seems to me that we would do well in the future to have opposing views given to us in a manner so that both sides could be seen. For example, Mr. Smith was quite zealous in his praise of President Johnson's "War on Poverty Program," but this was only one view. If we also had a speaker of the opposing point of view, equally as qualified to present his views, we truly would have a deeper basis for making our own personal evaluation and learning in a true sense.

A suggestion which both Dr. Underwood and Mrs. Jolley think has merit is that we might possibly have weekly symposiums to inspire both the students and teachers to a deeper learning and solving of our problems. Thus, there would not be such pressure upon us as there has been in one concentrated week of events but a constant working toward this end all school year long.

Regardless of whether this suggestion can be initiated or not, the spring symposium has proven itself of value to Mars Hill College, and we hope that it can become a permanent event on our campus.

Beauty Surrounds

The mountains are beautiful in each season, but sometimes we become so accustomed to them that we fail to appreciate their beauty. Our good fortune in living in such a beauty-surrounded environment was emphasized twice Monday night by noted newsman Howard K. Smith in his symposium address.

Explaining one of his proposals for helping the nation improve its internal condition, Smith said the cities "should be made beautiful."

"You perhaps do not realize it living here surrounded by these beautiful mountains," he said, "but most Americans live in ugly surroundings."

Such emphasis should spur us to a little better and more frequent appreciation of the geography of our campus. It should help us understand what the psalmist meant when he said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

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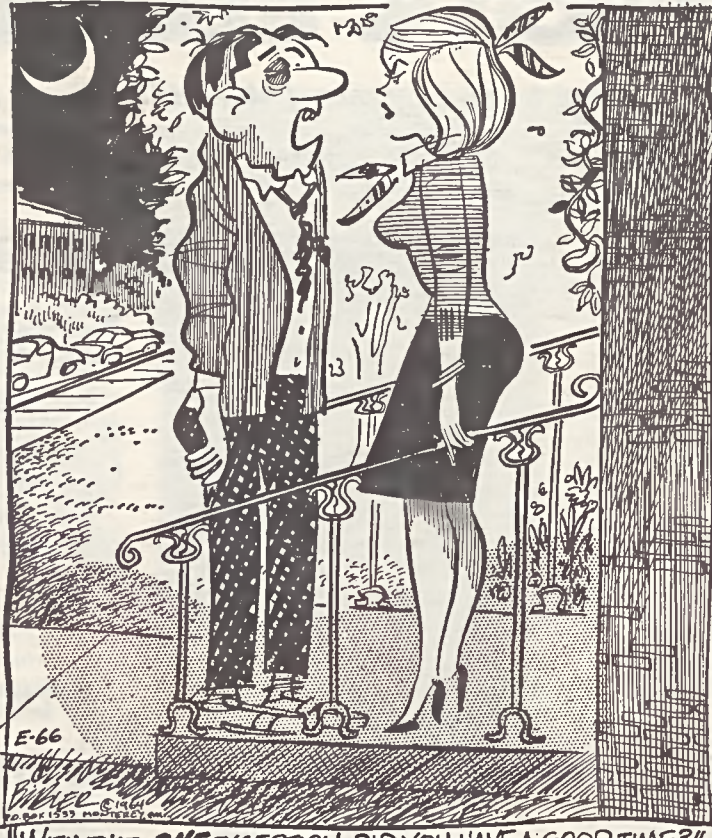


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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WITH THAT ONE EXCEPTION DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME?"

Scratchpad Scribblings...

Campus pranks are always in evidence here at Mars Hill. One of the more recent displays of trickery occurred last week when several of Tommy Hughes' friends, upon discovering that it was his birthday, took him several miles down the road and made him walk back.

Tom Jones, Gary Brookshire, Larry Buchanan, Ron Harvey, Craig Greene and Mac Watson, feeling rather adventuresome, went to see the Brown Mountain lights near Morganton last Friday night. They left MHC around midnight and returned in the wee hours Saturday morning.

A rash of auto accidents seems to be plaguing Mars Hillians. John Steen and Chris Seaton were in the hospital for several days as a result of their accident two weeks ago. Then last Saturday sophomore Jimmy Richard-

son had a \$500 "bump" in Asheville in his new Chevelle. Luckily no one was seriously injured.

George Evat and a carload of other MHC students drove over to Asheville last week for dinner one evening. Instead of coming back to campus after their meal the group wound up in Cherokee. Needless to say there were some sleepy eyes in those eight o'clock classes the next day.

Jerry Stroupe's 1951 six-cylinder Plymouth made it all the way from Girl's Hill to Mrs. Vann's on two cylinders. While Jerry's attention was diverted by some cute lass, Gene Richardson loosened four spark plug wires. Bet you'll keep your eyes open next time, Jerry!

Letters...

Dear Sir:

In the last issue of the Hilltop it was stated on the sports page that there would be no track team this year. I would like to say that this situation is not due to the spirit or interest of the boys who have participated in this sport in previous years.

Having a personal interest in the matter, I interviewed Mr. Bryson H. Tilson, who is in charge of the track's construction. He stated that the reason the track is not finished is because of "bad weather" and "not enough man-power."

When asked if funds were insufficient, he answered that money was no problem in this project. He said special material for the completion of the bed of the track had been ordered, and he promised that the track would be ready for us next year.

Our track men started training on their own time back in December. Running down the public roads of Mars Hill in cold weather and snow was certainly no fun. Now that it is time for the regular season to start, they find that all their valuable time and energy was wasted and that their abilities are seemingly not wanted this year. Having looked forward to a new track to run on for two years, the track team has certainly been slighted.

—Eugene David Richardson

The Bell

They rang the churchbells late last night.

I rose in bed all pale with fright, A question showing in my eyes. (They ring the bells when someone dies.)

Whose soul, now dead to earthly love, Did the bells ring in honor of? Who fixed his steps toward heaven's throng To match the rhythm of that song?

Who dallied on the way to hell A little slower than the bell? And wished its mournful sound might stay His footsteps on the foredoomed way?

Who left behind a trail of grief Doubtful hearts and disbelief? Who wrapped death's secrets in his shroud? I shuddered as the bells rang loud.

Men stare at death with sightless eyes. (They ring the bells when someone dies) And there is in that cryptic bell No surety of heaven nor hell.

—Joy Comer

Student Body Elections Crucial

Editor's note: The election of our student body and Student Government Association president, vice president, secretary and treasurer — the highest student offices on campus — is scheduled for March 18. Believing that his experiences this year as president have given him keen insight into the kind of persons needed for these offices, the Hilltop asked Gary Brookshire to write the following editorial.

The time is rapidly approaching when the students of Mars Hill College will elect their student government representatives for the 1965-66 school year. As president of the Student Government Association this year, I believe that a word of caution should be issued to those interested in holding office and to those responsible for placing them there.

The concept has been developed by some of our students on our campus that holding an office, whether it be in the SGA or in some other organization, is nothing more than a status symbol through which the individual can express his popularity to his fellow students as well as to himself. To hold such beliefs is a sad mistake as far as the Mars Hill College Student Government Association is concerned. In a governing body it takes more than the reputation of a "good guy" to make the wheels of progress operate effectively.

Being a young organization on campus, the SGA requires the sincere interest and enthusiasm of those in positions of leadership. Without this feeling of dedication it will be impossible for our governing body to make the advancements which are so desperately needed at this particular phase in the life of our college.

If each of us as students would realize the importance of the Student Government Association as the organization through which we are able to voice our opinions concerning campus life, I am convinced that more consideration would be given to the quality of persons elected to fill positions of representation.

Another point to consider is the amount of time involved in carrying out one's duties as a representative of the students. Active participation in the SGA will require a certain amount of sacrifice on the part of those involved in order to achieve profitable results from their endeavors. In order to participate effectively members of the student government must be willing to limit their other activities, enabling themselves to concentrate fully on the tasks involved in self-government.

I am certain that growth will be evident in the Student Government Association of Mars Hill College if it is led by those sincerely dedicated to its purposes and who are willing to give of their time for the future development of their college and its student body.

—Gary Brookshire

If They Can Why Can't We

Now that we've seen what a symposium looks and sounds like and know some of its virtues and its shortcomings, we as students might be intrigued by the details of a student planned symposium at Wake Forest College.

Bannered as "Challenge '65," the convention-symposium is scheduled for March 11. Its focus will be on "The Emerging World of the American Negro." An impressive array of speakers and 600 student delegates from campuses throughout the Eastern United States are expected to participate.

Increased student and community awareness of contemporary world affairs, rather than final solutions to existing problems, is the goal of the symposium.

One of the most interesting facts about the symposium is that it has been entirely organized and directed by the students. Four speakers have directed nearly three dozen other students in securing the speakers and in raising \$11,000 to finance the venture.

To suggest a similar role for Mars Hill students next year might be asking a little much at a fledgling senior college, but something to work toward.