

### Scratchpad Scribblings...

Ruth Delene Richardson has been awarded an assistantship in business education at the University of Tennessee for 1965-66. She will be studying there for a masters degree.

Jerry C. Davis, a graduating pre-med student, also has been awarded a \$2,500 assistantship at the Knoxville campus.

Congratulations to George Kinard of the education department, who will receive the Doctor of Education degree at Florida State University commencement exercises Monday. He is a specialist in a comparatively new area, social foundations of education.

While handing out felicitations, Kinard should send one to sophomore Paul Keller on his recent marriage to Linda Reid of Asheville. It must be spring fever!

Mars Hill coeds were prominent in last Sunday's society pages of the Asheville Citizen-Times. Announced were the engagements of first term grad Betty Jean Crawford, senior Emma Corn, sophomore Mary Edwards and Alumna Jane Edwards and the marriage of freshman-in-64 Anne Corn.

Mary Emma will wed sophomore James Clouse; Janie will marry ex-student Wayne Merriam, who is now stationed with the Army in Germany.

IBM machines that sing and dance in addition to their usual duties were viewed by members of the Business Honor Club during a recent field trip. The machines were part of the scenery on a question-and-answer tour of the three-floor office building at the American Enka Corp. plant west of Asheville.

Hundreds of youngsters from churches throughout Western North Carolina will be on the campus today for the annual Junior Choir Festival, sponsored by the Music Department of the Baptist State Convention.

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### Meet Attracts SGA Officers

It's off to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for three days for the new SGA officers April 29-May 1. Representing Mars Hill at the Southern Union SGA Conference will be president, Chris Pappas; vice-president, Arthur Earp; secretary, Mary Lynn Bunting; and treasurer, Louis Turner.

The SUSGA, with headquarters in Birmingham, is composed of schools from all over the south. The purpose of the three-day conference will be the orientation of newly-elected officers in addition to the opportunity to acquire new ideas for the betterment of student government.

## Old Interest, New Instrument Has Narkinsky Searching The Heavens

by Bessie Cline

Stargazing seems a rather unusual hobby but it has proved to be of exceptional interest to Sam Narkinsky of the math department. Last week when many Mars Hillians were gazing at the moon, Mr. Narkinsky was out with his new telescope, but learning much more about the stars than the students.

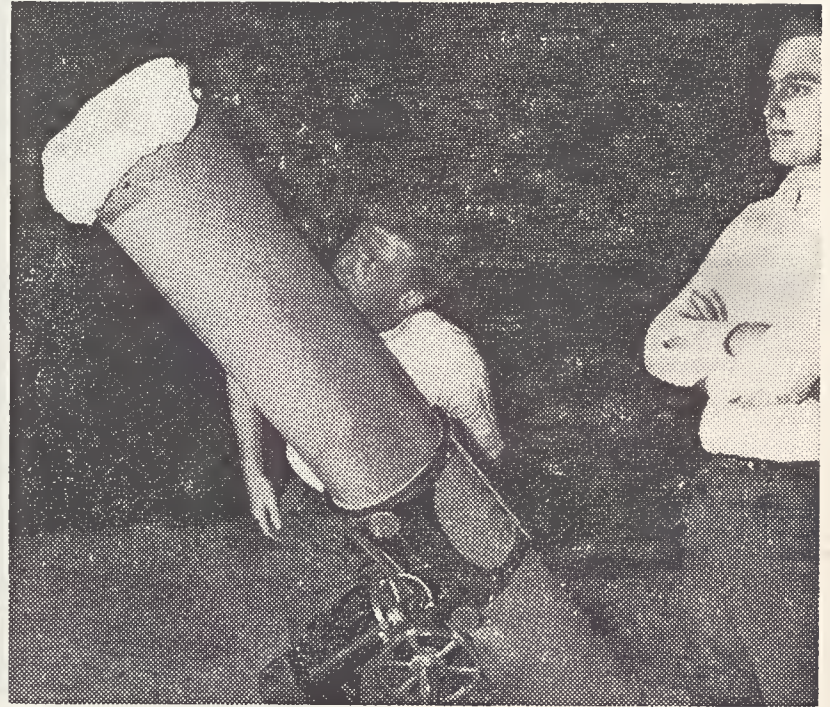
Mr. Narkinsky's interest in astronomy began to develop when he was in the third or fourth grade and first began to read about the stars and planets. He memorized everything he could about the solar systems although he admits not much of his store of knowledge was understood.

During junior high his hobby was all but forsaken, but when he entered high school, it was revived by the vast number of new books and courses he found. It was at this time that he bought a four-inch reflector and began his intense study. But an abrupt end came to his hobby when his brother broke the reflector.

College offered more courses which Mr. Narkinsky either took or audited. Majoring in physics at the University of Illinois enriched his astronomical knowledge because of the obvious overlapping of the subjects. In graduate school his time was devoted entirely to math and his hobby suffered once again.

After coming to MHC, Mr. Narkinsky found a series of advanced books on astronomy in the library. While reading these, he wrote to several companies inquiring about telescopes. The price range had jumped from \$175 to approximately \$325 but for a better instrument. About two months ago he finally purchased a long-dreamed-of eight-inch reflector. It has a magnification power of from 60-400, but the atmosphere here is so turbulent that only once has the power been to even 240. With a high power in such an atmosphere, the images are greatly distorted so the lower powers prove better.

Planets seem to interest most astronomers, but Mr. Narkinsky enjoys figuring out the various clusters of stars in the Milky Way or the galaxie of which the earth is a part. Currently he is studying the Beehive, a part of the constellation Cancer which can be



"Better take off that shower cap I use for a cover," Mr. Narkinsky says to Ron Gaylor as he starts to look through the eight-inch reflector. The delicate instrument was about to give Ron a good look at the planet Mars.

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seen easily now.

Double stars, or a star around which another rotates, also interest him. Mizar, the second star in the handle of the Big Dipper, has a double which has no name but also has a smaller star beside it that resembles a double. Both Mizar and the little stars are visible and were used by the Indians as a test for eyesight. The Greeks referred to Mizar as the "horse and rider" because the little star seemed to be riding Mizar.

In studying the planets Mr. Narkinsky says one can see about 90 per cent of the surface of Mars, valleys on Venus, rings on Saturn (although they appear flat now), belts and moons on Uranus, Jupiter and Neptune, but some are very dim at this season.

Many people protest that they have never seen a meteor, but according to Mr. Narkinsky several appear every night. He stated that recently he saw a meteor fall from directly overhead to about a quarter of the way to the horizon. It sent pieces flying from it, the brightness which was greater than a full moon. Many Persides or meteor showers are expected during the summer.

Last on the list of observations was the moon, but it seems to be the most outstanding to Mr. Narkinsky and MHC students. He has seen one large crater, mountains, and rills or large cracks similar to the Grand Canyon. He said it wasn't good to look at a full moon because the eyes became dazzled by the brightness. Better observance comes when the moon is either a quarter or half full and there are shadows on it. (Obviously he means it is harmful to look at a full moon through a telescope—not from under a tree or some romantic spot.)

When asked about observing conditions, there was only one major complaint. Cars have headlights and when as many as 200 or 300 come by in two hours, it is rather disturbing. Anyone who takes the Green Valley Road out of Mars Hill rather than driving past Mr. Narkinsky's house on the other route out toward Asheville will be greatly appreciated by Mars Hill's foremost local stargazer.

### Help In Math Still Available

Are you worried, frustrated? Can you not do your math homework? Take math help sessions sponsored by the math majors and learn your problems away!

Three more sessions are slated: May 10 with Jim Blankenship, Cathy Gilman and C. J. Goodman serving as the instructors; May 13 with Barkley Hendrix, Linda Mills and Katanyu Pongstaphone helping; and May 17 with Shirley Sorrells, Jerry Ellege and Anita Walker assisting the students.

The help sessions will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 in Room 36 of the Science Building.

Others who have assisted earlier this spring are Gary Broadwell, Richard Kelley, Jean Potts, Genn Thrush, Jim Wilson, Bill Huson, Terry Foltz, Glenn Ragsdale, Truett West, Stewart Fleetwood, Dalen Chiang, Mary Ann Shearon, David Cox, Troy Parham and Doug Justice.

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