

This abbreviated edition of the Hilltop should be counted as a bonus. It was published amid the hectic of the opening days of school to welcome everyone and to let readers know when to expect subsequent issues: 24 Sept., 8 & 22 Oct., 5 & 19 Nov., 10 Dec., 14 Jan., 4 & 18 Feb., 4 & 18 Mar., 8 & 22 Apr., and 6 & 20 May.



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Staff Sports New Faces

A total of 31 persons have been added to the faculty and staff for 1966-67; however, four of them—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich, Miss Anna Hines and Dr. William Sherwood—are not new but have been away on leaves of absence.

The total includes 17 faculty members, four library staff members, a nurse, two dormitory hostesses and seven secretaries.

Among the new faculty personnel 10 are replacements for persons who retired, took leaves of absence or resigned. The other seven constitute additions to the teaching force, a fact which is in keeping with the college's development as a new college.

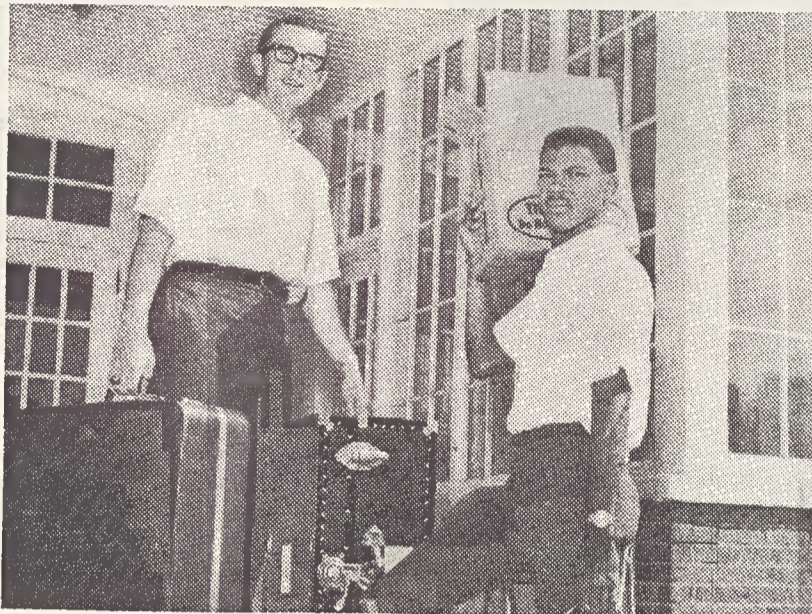
Four of the new teachers are in the Department of English. They are Drs. Charles and Betty Cox, husband and wife; Mrs. Virginia Perry and Noel Kinnamon.

Three of the newcomers are in the Department of Physical Education: Dr. William Walker, new head of the division which has been separated from intercollegiate athletics; Miss Allene Tyler and Charles Phillips.

In addition to Miss Hines, who has been studying at Indiana University, and Mr. and Mrs. Rich, who have been at Eastman School of Music, another of the newcomers is in the Department of Music. She is Mrs. May Jo Ford, who taught part-time in the department during 1961-64.

In addition to Dr. Sherwood, who has been studying at Chapel Hill, Mrs. Ann Serota of Asheville has joined the faculty of the biology division of the Department of Natural Sciences.

The other four new teachers are in other departments: Sam



Fernando Downs, right, a native of Corn Island off the coast of Nicaragua, gets a helping hand from his roommate, Denny Hill, as he moves into Spilman Dormitory. Downs was the center of a campus-wide project last spring in which the BSU raised funds to help him come to Mars Hill to study for the ministry.

Creative Writers Sought

Plans for the second annual edition of *Cadenza*, Mars Hill's new literary magazine, are already well advanced, reports Joseph

Buckner, math; Jack Sutton, modern languages; Miss Winona Bierbaum, home economics; and W. Stephen Wing, art.

The new acting head of the library is James F. Wyatt; and others joining his staff are Mrs. Lizzie Crocco, Miss Addie Mae Cooke and Mrs. Margaret Holleman.

Mrs. Roberta Roper is the new nurse; and Mrs. Marion Arnette, Spilman, and Mrs. Margaret Bryant, Huffman, are the hostesses.

The secretaries include Mrs. Dell Bromley, Mrs. Mary Frances Chapman, Mrs. Martha Clark, Mrs. Sammie Leake, Mrs. Betty Oakley, Mrs. Judy Rogers and Mrs. Judy Bates.

Vander Meer, newly appointed editor-in-chief.

He invites all students to submit poems, essays, short stories or paintings as soon as possible through the Hilltop office in the Montague Building.

"This way," he explains, "*Cadenza* can be printed and in the hands of students by early second semester."

The tentative deadline for copy contributions is 17 Dec., which still permits those students who have not yet begun work on their contributions plenty of time.

Vander Meer, who holds a degree in Dutch literature, has worked in Holland on literary publications similar to *Cadenza*. He also helped last year's editor in developing the first issue.

The only assistant to Vander Meer named thus far is Clarence E. Young, Hilltop editor.

SGA Offices Vacated Elections Anticipated

Last week Student Government Association began ironing out the problems of filling the offices of student body president and secretary as well as amending the constitution so as to avoid a recurrence of this year's unfortunate circumstances.

President Bob Hoots, who had anticipated being a senior by the end of summer school, did not qualify because of a course failure and an operation which kept him from attending summer school. Martha Ann Morris, secretary, did not qualify academically.

Pastor Called

Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., well-known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, is the new minister of the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Dr. West came here from the Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale, Va.; however, he is better known for his service from 1953 to 1963 as personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC in Richmond.

A native Kentuckian, Dr. West, 43, attended Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky., and was graduated from the University of Richmond with a BS degree. (The same institution awarded him an honorary degree in 1958.)

His graduate studies in theology were at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, from which he received a BD degree in 1946. He has also studied at the University of Chicago.

The West family, which just moved to Mars Hill last week, includes Mrs. West, the former Betty Jane Watts, whose parents are former missionaries to Palestine and whose father is a professor at New Orleans Seminary; three daughters; and a young son.

According to Art. IV, Sec. 6, of the bylaws a vacancy of a student body office is to be filled by a member of the Student Senate elected by the Cabinet. Consequently there were called meetings of the Cabinet and Senate last week.

The Senate decided to seek revisions of the bylaws to provide for student elections to replace student body officers. It was felt that this would be in keeping with the constitution, which presently provides for student election in cases of vacancy for all offices except those of student body officers.

An election will be necessary to amend the constitution. No election can be held without two weeks notice. Thus, if formal notification is made 12 Sept. as is expected, an election can be held 26 Sept.

If the revision is approved, petitions will begin circulation 27 Sept. with a tentative deadline of 30 Sept. The earliest possible date for election of study body president and secretary will be 12 Oct.

Serving as president until then will be Carroll Reed, a junior who cannot become permanent president because of his classification.

Editor's View of News

This year for the first time in several years Mars Hill students will see an enthusiastic faculty. It is not difficult to ascertain why this is so. The new administrative head, Dr. Fred Bentley, has brought with him modern, progressive ideas. The spirit of optimism is catching students, too, as they learn of the rapid reorganization of the college and of plans for the future. Possibly this is the year when most of our students can proudly say: "I attend Mars Hill College and enjoy it."

THE NEW HILLTOP

One of Dr. Bentley's immediately apparent changes will be a new role of the Hilltop. It is the new role of the Hilltop newspaper. No longer is it to be an organ solely of the administration.

Dr. Bentley believes that the Hilltop should be a responsible voice of student self-expression,

and a proving ground for those people interested in journalism and related fields.

The traditional Hilltop nameplate or flag has been changed to a more modern style. It can well be symbolic of a new newspaper in a new era of the college.

NEW HILLTOP STAFF

So far we have 11 people on the '66-67 Hilltop staff. All of these people are new to the Hilltop.

This is a larger staff than in the past few years, but we still need a good sports editor and an advertising manager. We could easily accommodate more reporters, too. Persons who do not write well but who would like to work on the Hilltop can help in the makeup (assembly) process.

I have a feeling that this year's Hilltop is going to be great—not because of the editor, but because of the great staff backing him up.

The New Mars Hill

-- Editorial

NEW CLASS OF '70

Normally at the beginning of the school year, someone writes a mushy welcome to all freshmen. That seems a little shallow though, doesn't it? After all, it's the friendly smile or the warm handshake that lets one really know that he is an accepted part of the Mars Hill College community.

It seems more beneficial to familiarize you "rats" with our institution so that you can more quickly and easily become assimilated into it.

Every freshman will be faced with limitless choices this year. It is the year when a person sees that not everyone lives as he does or that living with roomie requires as much "give" as it does "take."

This isn't the issue in point, however. The issue is this: What role will you as a freshman take in the college community? There are three roles available to you.

First, you can join a major

student group which will be termed the "fun seekers." They are primarily draft dodgers and playboys who unrealistically desire nothing more than a good time.

They do not care to develop their intellect or improve their cultural level. They can only be moderately well adjusted to Mars Hill since Mars Hill provides only a moderate amount of the "in" things.

Secondly, you can join the "Mars Hill Haters," a minority group. Usually these people are those who are using Mars Hill as a stepping stone to a larger school or those who have flunked out elsewhere and have come to Mars Hill as a last resort.

They are shallow, weak personalities who contribute nothing to the college community, yet expect bounteous returns. They are miserable and unhappy as they deserve to be.

Thirdly, you can join the "participants." These people do what

their name implies. They participate in student government, student clubs, intramurals, etc. They contribute to the Hilltop and *Cadenza*. They are relatively happy at Mars Hill and enjoy the personal atmosphere of a small school. The "participants" number about the same as the "fun seekers."

Which one of these would you rather become? Since you're here, why not make the best of it? Expect out of this school what you put into it. If you cannot adjust (Mars Hill, admittedly, is not for everyone), then by all means seek out another school rather than singing your sour notes.

Think about it, rats. The only rat who has any fun is the rat who participates. Rat Week gives you more time of rats a chance to become a part of us. Don't pass up this golden opportunity.

—Clarence E. Young
Editor-in-Chief