



BSU Plans Busy Year

This year's BSU has embarked upon an ambitious program for the remainder of the year. This 10-point program has been designed to aid Mars Hill students as they aid others.

BSU will first of all have regular monthly meetings. These meetings will be open to any interested persons. Food, fun, and information will be provided.

BSU will actively participate in a Listen (Love impels sacrifice toward every need) Fund Project. The project is a worthy one. Eight N. C. Baptist students will be sent to Brazil to work with people there during the summer (1967) provided the various N. C. BSU's raise enough money. Since this work is a much needed one and also since a Mars Hill student will have the opportunity of applying for appointment to this service, there will be a year-long drive on campus to raise enough money to send these eight students.

The N. C. BSU fall convention will be attended 5-7 Nov. at Winston Salem, N. C., on the Wake Forest College campus. The theme will be "Faith and Learning."

Fourth, the N. C. BSU International Student Retreat (especially for foreign students) will be held during Thanksgiving holidays at Montreat-Anderson College in Montreat.

Fifth, BSU will conduct seminars, debates, and discussions concerning current issues and social concerns. Campus-wide studies will be made. Opportunities such as the Christian Citizenship Seminar at New York City and the seminar at the Koinonia Farm will be publicized.

An active mission program in surrounding areas will be a sixth point of the program. The Black Mountain Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Oteen hospital, and Mt. Olive and Cain River churches, will be visited. There is also a possibility of a touring drama team.

Seventh, BSU will assist in chapel services (BSU choir), vespers, dorm devotions, bull sessions, and retreats to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Eighth, BSU plans exchange programs with BSU's at nearby colleges.

Ninth, social events are planned to stimulate relationships and to have a good time. Also, ways of creating more personal relationships will be tried.

Tenth and last is the biggest responsibility of the BSU. It is that of sponsoring Christian Focus Week. Concerning this issue comes the announcement of recently appointed leaders for this year's focus week. Art Earp and Beverly Cansler have accepted the positions of co-chairmen. Team members named thus far are Bill Lancaster, Howard Rees, and Vernon Wall. Dr. Elmer West of the Mars Hill Baptist Church may serve as co-ordinator.



What's this, the first victim of Rat Week? Looks like a campus low-budget funeral, but for some reason the mourners don't look too mournful. (See story, Page 2.)

Projected Development Emphasizes Excellence

A ten-year improvement program will be launched 1 October by Dr. Bentley. A total concept of this program is the full realization of a professional faculty and a mature student body. The program will seek educational excellence with a professional faculty and a mature student body.

The first point of the program is faculty development. By 1972, 50 per cent of our faculty should have their doctoral degrees. Several measures have been planned to give the teachers fringe benefits and to attract new doctorates.

A retirement system was inaugurated under Dr. Blackwell's administration. A faculty or staff member invests 5 percent of his salary and the college matches this amount. The money is invested through a national organization, the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association.

Dr. Bentley proposed a plan, approved by the trustees, in which the children of faculty and staff members may attend the college tuition free.

Curricular development is the second point in the program. Departments of psychology, philosophy, and sociology will be created. The departments of the sciences and of other fields will be expanded.

The third part of the program concerns buildings. In the near

future ground will be broken for the Blackwell Building. The five-story, \$2 million structure will be located on the present site of the Montague Building and the Office Building. The building will house a language laboratory, a data processing center, a 500-seat lecture hall, classrooms, administrative offices, and a printing area with the college's own printing equipment. In two years, construction of a new men's dormitory should begin.

The old gym is to be renovated to make a student center. For the first time this year, the faculty has a faculty lounge, which is located in the Memorial Library basement. This was made possible by the efforts of B. H. Tilson, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

There has also been a reorganization in the administration. Prior to this year, 14 administrators have been responsible to the president. Now only five are responsible to him for the major aspects of college life. These people are (1) Dean Lee, in charge of academics, (2) Dean Lynch, in charge of students, (3) Walter Smith, in charge of public information, (4) Robert Chapman, in charge of educational services. No one has yet been named to fulfill the position of business manager.

Greek Groups Galloping

Activity is the note as the year begins for Mars Hill's social service clubs which serve the Mars Hill College and surrounding community.

Sigma Alpha Chi

Already Sigma Alpha Chi has completed several projects. The girls of this organization have helped freshmen girls move into the dorms, assisted in the Miss America pageant and faculty tea, held an overnight retreat, and entertained a German visitor of the Gorskis.

Several members were inducted during last spring. These girls are Mary Shephard, Mary Marsha Taylor, Kitty Haigh, and Sylvia Gore.

New officers of the club are

Katy Cathey, president; Janis Elam, vice-president; Sharon Proctor and Brenda Smith, secretaries; and Barbara Brown, treasurer.

Delta Phi Zeta

The newest girl's social service club Delta Phi Zeta which was formed last spring is looking forward to a busy year.

Members of the club have worked with this year's BSU retreat and have had a coke party for the freshmen girls. A breakfast and cookout have also been held.

Judy Hill, Judy Burgess, and Sally Spalding are newly elected members of the club.

Officers for the club are (Continued p. 2, col. 8)

Self-Study Leads Toward Accreditation

A 250-page report of a year-long self-study of Mars Hill College was delivered last week to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Atlanta, Ga.

The volume, which was edited by John A. McLeod of the English Department, is the first formal step toward full accreditation for Mars Hill as a liberal arts senior college.

Six faculty committees conducted the nine-part study. Areas studied were the academic program, library facilities, fiscal operation, student activities, physical facilities, college purposes and philosophy, among others.

The college at present does not fulfill all requirements. Two major problems are the lack of books in the library and an insufficient number of faculty members with doctoral degrees.

The college does, however, expect to meet the standards set by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges by the beginning of school next year.

Rule Explained

Dr. Fred Bentley clarified a new college regulation concerning drinking last week.

Dr. Bentley feels that the Student Handbook most clearly spells out college policy concerning this matter. As found on Page 35 it reads: "Drinking. Possession or use of alcoholic beverage on campus or at college-sponsored events is forbidden. Any violation will lead to immediate suspension from school."

Mars Hill College shall enforce this regulation vigorously. Students failing to comply shall absolutely be dismissed, he said.

This differs from regulations in previous years in that it does allow off-campus drinking without penalty. However, Bentley emphasized that this does not mean that Mars Hill College sanctions drinking on-campus, off-campus, or anywhere.

The new regulation was made because the college feels that it has no right to infringe upon the rights of an off-campus student who must of necessity be classified a private citizen.

Dr. Bentley has said that he hopes that Mars Hill students will not abuse this rule. Any student on campus must conduct himself without infringing upon the rights of others. Drunkenness or rowdiness on campus will not be tolerated.

Furthermore, Dr. Bentley cautions any students who are less than 18 years old that a North Carolina state law prohibits minors from drinking anywhere within the state.

With this rule clarified there will be no excuse for any Mars Hill student who disobeys this rule or makes himself a nuisance to others, he added.

A second major step toward accreditation will take place next month when Dr. Fred Bentley and Dean R. M. Lee go to Atlanta, where they will review the report with a screening committee.

Assuming that the Southern Association regards the report favorably, a third step will be in order. A visiting committee will come to the Mars Hill campus this spring and thoroughly examine every aspect of student, faculty, and administrative activities.

An affirmative report from the visiting committee will provide for the last and most important step toward accreditation.

This final step will take place some time during the fall semester in 1967. The Southern Association of Schools and Colleges will formally vote either to accept or reject Mars Hill College for accreditation to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mr. McLeod, when asked about the possibility of the college's acceptance to the Southern Association, replied that the outlook is very good and no problems are anticipated at the moment.

Both faculty and administration are confident that the class of '68 will graduate from a fully accredited senior college.

Summer Theater Seen for Drama

Plans for a summer theater to be initiated here at Mars Hill College have been announced by the Drama Department. The six-week theater will begin with the first session of the 1967 summer school.

The theater, under the direction of Mr. James Thomas, will operate as a stock company presenting three productions during the six-week period. It will be open to advanced high school students, who will receive one high school unit of credit, regular college students, and high school teachers wishing to renew their certificates. The latter two groups will receive six hours credit.

Residence for any high school students participating will be provided in the college dormitories. The company is expected to consist of 20 to 30 players.

Mr. Thomas will be assisted by one other faculty member and two students. The plays will be presented in either the Owen Building or an arena theater in the round constructed in Moore Auditorium.

The purposes of such a theater are to promote the growth of the Drama Department, to provide entertainment for Mars Hill College students and people in the surrounding area, and to promote public relations of Mars Hill College.