

# Escaping Escapism

There's a new movement in the higher circles of Mars Hill that could really be the start of something big. Both in the church and the college, the new leaders are striving for a more personal atmosphere.

Mars Hill because of its small size has always been a personal school, but in the past few years that atmosphere had lessened.

Those people who live in large cities may repudiate this renewed emphasis because to them it could understandably constitute a very unnatural environment. Many people actually like the impersonality of a large school or city.

I don't say that these people are immoral because I disagree with them. Neither am I going to try converting them to my opinion. To each his own.

Personally I like to be recognized by people who consider me worth knowing and I like to know people with whom I can relate myself. In the college situation, I find that I can study much better for a professor who knows me than I can for one who does not.

In the same context I can cooperate with an administration that I know and understand much better than I can with one I am not related to.

All this is to affirm the emphasis on personality and to relate students to it.

If Mars Hill fails to become personal, blame cannot be laid on the present faculty or administration. Indeed, it will fall on the students.

At this point I become pessimistic for there is a disease that is rampant on this campus. It was through Henrik Ibsen that I learned about xenophobia. Technically this is a fear of strangers or outsiders, but application of it can be extended further.

On this campus, just like out there in the world, the population often divides into groups. The math majors, the science majors, the swingers, the jet set, the playboys, the fairies, the super-pious, etc., pit themselves against each other.

To a degree this is only natural since it is so very hard for people of such varying interests to really have any grounds on which to communicate.

The point here is not that one should seek to become intimate with everyone he meets. This would be idiotic to presuppose, anyway. Rather, persons should realize that everyone has an individual worth. Because someone may be a sissy or dress unusually or appear unattractive doesn't give anyone the right to hate. Often eccentric people are waiting for someone to pull them out of the trap they are in.

Some call our generation the "beat generation." I would call it the negative generation. It is becoming a generation that can only criticize and reject. It seems incapable of doing something outside self. It will accept alien persons only as outcasts. It's high time we became human on a higher level than on primitive cave-man philosophy. We need not be a generation that is constantly seeking escape. Let's be something we don't have to escape.

If you know anything about human nature, you'll quickly recognize how I know about this problem.

—Ed.

## College Coveralls

By John L. Stancil

Several polls of interest have recently appeared in various collegiate newspapers. The University of Denver CLARION reports 50.4 per cent of its students are opposed to lowering voting age to 18 in all states, while 49.6 per cent are reported in favor of such a change.

In a poll on drug use, SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE reported that 5.5 per cent of all girls interviewed had used non-prescribed drugs at least once. One girl in every 61 claimed to be repeat users.

A mistake in bookings caused the Bitter End Singers to be late for a concert at East Carolina College. The group's manager booked a flight to Greenville, S. C., instead of Greenville, N. C., for the singers.

University of South Carolina football coach, Paul Dietzel, recently received threatening phone calls and even a bomb scare. These incidents are believed to be in reaction to Dietzel's return to LSU for a ball game there, which LSU won, 28-13.

Overheard in various registration lines: A professor: "You're here before nine, you must have come in through the latrine." Also, "All's fair in love, war, and registration."

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



WHAPPA-YA-MEAN YOU HAVE TO STUDY? DID YOU COME HERE TO STUDY OR PLAY FOOTBALL?

## Letters to the editor . . .

The following letter was received earlier this year. I refuse to be responsible for any of the consequences it may incur. —Editor.

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School: Mars Hill

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## Pardon My Minipants

I remember one Sunday morning during the spring semester when I got up early, put on some shorts, and went to the cafeteria for breakfast. It was on one of the prettiest days I've ever seen. Well, the inevitable happened. The hostess (and I do not criticize her) went into a song and dance routine "Never on a Sunday" or for that matter a Monday, a Tuesday, etc.

Well, it was trivial and minor, but it irked me. It still does. I don't like to dress for church until a few minutes before. Sunday breakfast is the most informal meal of the week all across the United States.

Walk into any middle-class restaurant across the country during the warmer months and you'll see people of all ages wearing shorts.

I just can't believe that my legs are so erotic that I cannot wear shorts. If they cause any undue amount of confusion in the cafeteria, I would promise not to wear them any more out of a regard for my own safety, if nothing else.

The "do not wear shorts" rule was made when people went to heaven by not doing anything. Today we believe that the "do nots" are not all that important. It's more of what you do do.

If we must restrict dress in the cafeteria, it would seem much more in the dictates of good taste to ban those dirty, smelly, sweat shirts and khakis that some students insist on wearing than to ban shorts if worn in sensible good taste.

—Ed.

## Around Campus

The Selective Service College Qualification Test will be administered here at Mars Hill 18 and 19 Nov. 1966. The score on the test can be used by the student in lieu of his class standing. Students who intend to take the test should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service board.

YWA is expecting a distinguished speaker for its next meeting. Margaret Vivian Wilson, a graduate of Wesleyan College, who is presently working with the Good Will Center in Granite City, Ill., will present a talk concerning her vocation and avocations.

The Air Force Officers Training School Selection Team will be at the Student Center on 19 October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist prospective applicants for Air Force Officers Training School in preparing their applications, and to answer any questions concerning OTS. The school is open to both men and women college graduates or seniors who expect to graduate within 210 days. While an appointment is not necessary, anyone wishing to make a specific appointment may contact Sgt. Taylor at the Air Force Recruiting Office in Asheville.

Dr. Bentley and Dean Lee will attend the Baptist General Board meeting of the State Baptist Convention at Raleigh 10-11 October. Both will be serving on the Baptist Educational Board.

According to Academic Dean R. M. Lee, there are 1331 students enrolled at Mars Hill this year.

The Society for the Advancement of Management held its first meeting of the year on 27 Sept. Dr. Bentley was guest speaker. Officers for this year are as follows: Ed Brown, president; Michael Jackson, vice-president; and Mary Collis, secretary-treasurer.

The WRA is making plans for the bloodmobile to come to the college sometime next month. The girls in WRA are also making plans to attend a RSWF convention 18 Oct.

The Asheville Community Theatre, which is planning a winter season of plays, is offering season tickets to students for only \$5.00. The Theatre is under the direction of Dr. Alfreds Straumanis, who holds a Ph.D. degree in drama from Carnegie Tech. ACT is composed of local amateur talent but has always returned excellent performances. If interested, send \$5 right away to Asheville Community Theatre, 120 College Street, P. O. Box 19, Asheville. To be done this year are: "Ah, Wilderness," "Present Laughter," "Three Penny Opera," "Look Homeward, Angel," and an unannounced Broadway comedy hit.

Last Sunday the Mars Hill Methodist Church held its first service in its new sanctuary. The modern structure is impressive both inside and out.

Robert Rich of the music department will give a voice recital 11 Oct.

Alpha Phi Omega presented the college with a flag to be flown at all athletic events last Saturday night. The club plans to maintain the flag as a part of its service to the school.