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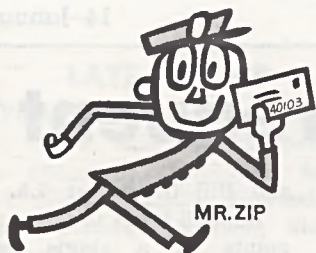
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SGA OBSERVER

Due to the publication of a Student Government Newsletter for the remainder of this year, the format of this column will be somewhat altered. Instead of reiterating the news of SGA plans and actions, I shall attempt to give a deeper review of the doings of our Senate, Commission, and Courts. It is my ambition to reveal to the student body the behind-the-scenes projects and feelings of our leaders on campus. There shall be criticism when it is called for and praise likewise, especially to those who seldom gain credit for their many hours of service to us through SGA.

The individual classes experienced some rejuvenation during a chapel meeting on 4 Jan. Each of the classes met separately and discussed recent SGA actions. Each class president said he was very pleased with the turnout of class members and felt this type of chapel period should be used more often to help build better class enthusiasm.

Jim Smith, president of the junior class commented, "The meeting accomplished one of its primary purposes—to convey to the students the action which the junior class and SGA have taken. Also, it gave the juniors an opportunity to communicate their ideas and gripes. I was pleased to see more people at the meeting than the usual 'loyal fourteen'."

It seems the popularity of the recently opened study room in Administration 31 has not caught on as yet. This room is set up for student study every evening from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. A noisy dormitory should no longer be an excuse for poor study habits.

—Sheila D. Stephenson

Around Campus

By Ronda Stanton and Nancy Matheson

The Christmas holidays brought a number of things besides the usual visits from Santa. Many young ladies on our campus received gifts of diamonds while still others made plans for summer marriages. Some of these are: Nadine Reese, Candy Coles, Linda Davidson, and Judy Hill. Kay Whitmire and Sandra Henson plan to be married next month. These are by no means all the girls on our campus who received diamonds. They are the only ones that have been brought to our attention.

Congratulations to Jane Slate and Danny Cooper, who were married during the holidays. Jane is a senior and Danny a '65 graduate of Mars Hill.

On Thursday evening, 26 Jan., The Samford University A Cappella Choir will be presented at the First Baptist Church in Asheville at 7:30 p.m. Samford University was formerly Howard College in Alabama. This choir is considered one of the best.

Fernando Downs saw his first snow blizzard during his holiday stay in New York. Others visiting New York City during the two-week vacation were: Thetis Henry, Ken Philbrick, and Jack Rigger.

Tomorrow, 15 Jan., everyone is invited to the senior tuba recital of James Henry Fisher. Mr. Fisher, one of the fine musicians on campus, will begin his recital at 3:00 p.m. in Moore Auditorium.

During semester break, we will be entertained by several interesting movies. On Friday, 20 Jan., "The Pumpkin Eater" will be shown; on Saturday evening, "Lord Jim"; on Monday, "Life at the Top"; and on Tuesday, "The Collector".

Dick Ward proved that Volkswagens don't stand a chance with Pontiacs around. He drove his mother's Pontiac into a nearby Volkswagen. Both cars are doing fine now, and Dick seems to have survived the incident with his usual serenity.

For those who have Community Concert Series tickets, the New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra with Arthur Fiedler will be at the Asheville City Auditorium on Friday evening, 27 Jan. This fine concert will begin at 8:00 p.m.

"Bridge on the River Kwai" will be the Saturday evening movie, 28 Jan.

Congratulations to the Robert Kramers on the birth of a son last week.

It is of no surprise to anyone that exams began yesterday. By now, many students are rather depressed about the whole mess. Well, never fear. There's something this evening that should cheer you—a movie, "Ride the Wild Surf," is our sequestered fate. It begins at 8 p.m. and should prove interesting since all we have here is turf and very little surf.

We noticed Bill Broyhill came back to school sporting a new Corvette he received for Christmas. Bet it was pretty difficult to get that down the chimney.

Sally Spaulding's boy friend, Bill Dale, a senior at the University of North Carolina, hopes to sing away the speaker ban. He has recorded a ballad protesting the rules that prohibit Communists from speaking at state-supported institutions without approval from school officials. The flip side of the speaker record contains "Till You Look Back Tomorrow," a song also written by Dale. The record is available from Ivey's of Asheville or Sally Spaulding.

Pi Rho Members Initiated

Seventeen Mars Hill men, charter members of Mars Hill's newest fraternal organization, participated in formal initiation ceremonies at Furman University on Saturday, 7 Jan. They now form Pi Rho chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, the nation's largest fraternity. Pi Rho is Mars Hill's first nationally chartered fraternity chapter.

Dale Roberts of the music faculty is advisor for the chapter, which includes seniors Ed Brown, Charles Davis, and Don

Tesh; juniors Charles DuRant, Jay Flippin, Randy Henry, Billy Johnson, Mike Joyner, Joel Reed, Bill Thomas, and Carlton Wilkes; sophomores George Brown, David Buddin, David Funderburke, Wayne Hunt, and Bill Laney; and faculty member Mr. Wayne Pressley.

Officers for the chapter are Joel Reed, president; Charles DuRant, vice-president; Jay Flippin, secretary; Ed Brown, treasurer; Carlton Wilkes, historian; and Wayne Hunt, warden. Miss Janet Snead has been elected chapter sweetheart.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is a professional music fraternity. Founded in 1898, it now includes more than 300 chapters in 50 states. Its purposes are "to advance the cause of music in America, to foster the mutual welfare and brotherhood of students of music, to develop the truest fraternal spirit among its members, and to encourage loyalty to the alma mater." Although its membership includes virtually every well-know concert artist and music educator, Phi Mu Alpha is open not only to students seeking music as a profession, but to any man interested in music and participating in organized musical activity on the college campus.

Phi Mu Alpha is already well represented at Mars Hill. Pi Rho has received encouragement and support from faculty Sinfonians John Adams (Beta Omega, LSU); Robert Rich (Beta Omega, LSU); Dale Roberts (Gamma Eta, Furman); and Douglas Therrell (Epsilon Iota, FSU); and from President Fred Bentley (Gamma Iota, Baylor).

In keeping with the aims of Phi Mu Alpha, Pi Rho will seek to stimulate musical life on campus by sponsoring concerts and festivals, encouraging student participation in musical activities, and assisting campus musical organizations whenever possible. The chapter has been asked to assist with the annual Choral Clinic on 10 Feb. and with the presentation of Haydn's CREATION on 14 Feb. Other projects for next semester include the usual Rush Week and pledge initiation early next month, an American music festival in the spring, receptions for great artists, and a possible jazz-folk festival, in addition to money-making projects and social events.

Student Arts Progressing

The student arts have been gaining momentum recently as evidenced by a student art exhibition, student ceramic display, and upcoming student-directed plays.

Joe Robertson of the art department reports that the paintings of Larry Groce, a graduating student, will be shown on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building throughout the month of January. The collection includes works in oil, pen and ink, ink wash, pencil, and collage.

Also on exhibition is a display of ceramic pottery in the alcove of the Fine Arts Building made by the students in the ceramic classes.

As for the drama department, it has been announced that try-outs for the production of ARMS AND THE MAN by George Bernard Shaw will be held 30-31 Jan. at 7:00 p.m. in Moore Auditorium. The play will be under the direction of Dr. Charles Cox. The date of production has been set for 9-11 Mar.

Court System Reviewed

An investigation of the student court system has been made and a report has been submitted by David Hopstetter for publication. As a service to HILLTOP readers it is published in full.

—Ed.

"The entire court system of the Student Government Association of Mars Hill College has three main branches: the House Council, which deals with student life in each dormitory and dwelling; the Commission Court, which serves as the appellate court for lower judicial bodies and as a court of original jurisdiction for minor violations; and the Student Court which is the highest student appellate court having authority to receive and try all major infractions of college regulations, and of the constitution and by-laws.

"A question of the authority of this court system in connection with the power of the Administrative Council, especially concerning the drinking rules and their enforcement, has been raised by some members of the student body.

"The right of a student body to make its own rules, govern itself, and operate its own court system is most definitely a privilege as well as a responsibility. This privilege is a new one as far as Mars Hill College is concerned. Even in schools and universities which have carried out effective student governments and court systems for many years, it is essential that some administrative body have power over the student organs to assure the best possible results.

"In the four years of the existence of the Student Government Association of Mars Hill College, of which the Student Court is a part, there have been very few instances in which the Administrative Council has found it necessary to intervene. The fact that this body does have the right to overrule the action of any student organ does by no means mean that this student organ does not need to exist.

"As far as the question in point is concerned, page 35 of the STUDENT HANDBOOK clearly states: 'Drinking. Possession or use of alcoholic beverage on campus or at college-sponsored events is forbidden. Any violations will lead to immediate suspension from school.'

"When an administrative head and a student government repre-

sentative find someone in possession of an alcoholic beverage on campus, there is no doubt of his guilt. He is given the choice of leaving school or of having the Student Court go through the procedures of a trial to hand down the stated and only possible penalty—suspension. This in no way undermines the power of the court.

"Since the penalty is stated in the handbook, any offender should know that neither the student government nor the administration can get him out of this situation if he chooses to get himself into it."

New Projects For Greeks

New projects and new members highlight the social service clubs' plans for the upcoming weeks.

President Bill Thompson of Sigma Kappa Lambda announced that the first week of the next semester will be "Hell Week," a week of initiation for pledges. New members will be inducted at a club dinner meeting the following week.

Delta Phi Zeta and Sigma Alpha Chi will send applications to freshmen and transfer students the second week in February. Induction plans are incomplete.

New semester projects scheduled by Sigma Kappa Lambda include a spring formal, an Asheville dinner meeting with a guest speaker, a car wash, paying rent for the library in Mars Hill, and cleaning up the Mars Hill Community Center. Sigma Alpha Chi will continue to sponsor a 12-year-old Formosan girl whose father was killed in Vietnam.

In a recent Christmas project Delta Phi Zeta provided gifts for three children of a family living about 10 miles from Mars Hill.

Sigma Alpha Chi gave a Christmas party in the elementary school for underprivileged children, and club members furnished gifts. Brick Tilley entertained with magic tricks, and Santa Claus attended.

Sigma Kappa Lambda helped the SGA raise money for the Vietnam Christmas fund, which was taken to Vietnam by evangelist Billy Graham.