

Good Show!

Bouquets to the contestants and the directors of Monday night's "Miss Laurel" pageant.

Conducted with dignity and warmth, the pageant reflected handsomely on the entire student body. It showed how much beauty and real talent there is in the student body, and it proved that we students are highly capable of planning, organizing and producing an entertaining program of professional quality.

Especially deserving of commendation is Mike Swaim, editor of the 1968 Laurel, who coordinated most of the planning behind the program.

Conducting the pageant along the lines of the "Miss America" contest has added considerably to the stature of the local judging. All of the contestants could compete quite well in regional and state "Miss America" pageants, and our five finalists certainly seem capable of holding their own in any such contest.

According to Mike, all three of the judges were impressed with Monday night's array of talent.

"They said it was the best display of talent they had ever judged and that it was better than any state pageant they had ever seen," he reported.

Something is lacking, however, and that was mentioned during the pageant Monday. That something is greater responsibilities for our "Miss Laurel." A young lady with the poise and personality, the beauty and the talent of our winner deserves wider recognition and an opportunity to be seen and heard by many persons off campus. She would reflect great credit on her school as well as herself.

Suggestions for overcoming this lack should be addressed in writing to the Laurel editor.

Worthy Cause Can Rally Help

A charge of apathy has been leveled at the student body of Mars Hill College by a recent letter to the editor and in other references quoted in this paper. There is considerable opinion on campus, pro and con, as to whether such charge is justified and, if so, why.

We do not claim to have the answers in this case, but we do believe that college students—even Mars Hillians—will rally behind a great cause and will produce significant results. Consider the student body of Kentucky Southern College in Louisville, for example.

The seven-year-old college is in deep financial trouble. It appeared that the only solution was to merge with the University of Louisville, but the 800-member student body was concerned about its troubled alma mater. The students did not want to see their school destroyed, and they began a massive effort to try to save it.

In less than five weeks they raised \$1.3 million, which was enough to meet the school's most pressing obligations and give officials time to try to solve the entire financial problem. As a result, the trustees voted 18 to 1 to cancel plans to merge with the University of Louisville.

The chairman of the trustees, who gave \$800,000 of the total raised, gave credit to the students.

"It was their fund drive," he said, "their enthusiasm and their dedication to the school which made us aware that our education at Kentucky Southern is truly unique."

The victory was costly for the students since their tuition will go up from \$400 to \$600 per trimester beginning Jan. 1.

Founded by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the college became independent last March in order to be free to obtain federal aid. Valued at \$8 million, the school has debts totaling \$4.5 million. Included in this figure are \$623,000 in short-term notes, \$250,000 in accounts payable and \$60,000 in withholding taxes.

Several months ago the Kentucky Baptist Convention borrowed \$450,000 in order to give the school \$500,000. It also pledged \$77,010 each year for the next five years. Both of these actions by the convention's Executive Board came under sharp criticism at the recent state convention.

A convention committee is studying the convention's moral and legal obligations in light of the college's current dilemma.

No more graphic illustration of student acceptance of responsibility can be found anywhere, but we're optimistic enough to believe that Mars Hill students could match that example if they were presented with an equal challenge.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Letters to the editor...

Dear Editor:

The US military intervention in Viet Nam is wrong because:

1. It violates the 1st Commandment: Thou shalt not kill; or, are we forgetting the Ten Commandments?
2. It violates the Golden Rule: Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you; or, are we forgetting the Sermon on the Mount?
3. It violates International Law: Viet Nam, North and South, is one sovereign nation and we have no right to interfere in its internal affairs; or, are we forgetting our own Civil War?
4. It violates the UN Charter: Member nations are to refrain from the use of force in international relations; or, are we forgetting our commitment to that organization?
5. It violates article I of the U. S. Constitution: Wars are declared by Congress, representing all the people; or, are we forgetting that our nation is a republic?
6. It violates our Declaration of Independence: It is the right of peoples everywhere to establish whatever form of government is best conducive to their safety and happiness; or, are we forgetting our political heritage?
7. It violates the clear admonition of Geo. Washington: No foreign entanglements; or, are we forgetting the teachings of our wisest, most selfless American?
8. It violates the homely truth of Abe Lincoln: We cannot do

for others what they should do for themselves; or, are we forgetting the down-to-earth, common sense by which this nation rose to greatness?

9. It violates the wisdom of Ben Franklin: Don't pay too much for the whistle. Every American personal income tax dollar now goes down the Viet Nam sewer and 100,000 of our finest youth have already been killed, wounded or maimed; or, are we forgetting our most important commitment, that to future generations of Americans?

10. It violates the dictum of Jesus: Cast out the mote in thine own eye, then thou shalt see clearly how to help thy neighbor. We have plenty to do at home; or, are we forgetting Jesus?

Think America; or, are we forgetting how to think for ourselves?
—Kenneth D. Tomkinson
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Dear Editor,

What do you do when you have the flu and can't get into the infirmary, when your friend is told she has to come to the infirmary so her class absences will be excused but to bring some blankets because there isn't any heat, when the nurse leaves a boy at the clinic who's gone to have his injured leg X-rayed and he has to walk back—one and a half miles?

—Linda Baldwin

Around Campus

The Administrative Council has approved a request that the French, Spanish and German honor clubs be permitted to operate as interest clubs rather than honor organizations.

Several Mars Hillians who attended the recent Baptist State Convention sessions in Asheville were impressed by the definition of a "hippie" as stated by Dr. Clarence Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C.

"A hippie is a person who acts like Tarzan, looks like Jane and smells like Cheetah."

Six new English courses will be offered for the first time next semester, Joseph Schubert, head of the department, has announced. The new courses include Modern American and British Drama, a study of significant playwrights and movements from 1875 to the present, to be taught by Jim Thomas; Pre-Modern Continental Drama, a study of significant playwrights and movements up to the time of Ibsen, to be taught by Dr. Charles Cox.

Modern Fiction is a study of prose of the 20th century using primarily American and British works and Semantics is a study of means as related to words and word origins, of the role of language in human life and of the different uses of language—both courses to be taught by Mr. Schubert.

Literary Genre, a study of the novel and short story as literary forms through an analysis of techniques of representative writers and the application of various methods of literary criticism, will be taught by Mrs. Lucille Godwin. This course is one of two genre courses to be offered by the department, one of which will be required of all English majors.

Individual programs of reading and research studies will be supervised by Dr. Edwin Cheek. It will be open to seniors only and permission of the instructor is required before registration.

BSU leaders who have worked with him were disappointed to learn recently that Dr. William C. Smith, Jr., who has been director of BSU work throughout the state since 1961, has resigned. Effective Jan. 20 he will become assistant professor of religion and director of religious activities for men at the University of Richmond. Dr. Smith is the brother-in-law of Miss Sue Fitzgerald, director of Christian education at the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

A letter of appreciation written by the Student Government Association to the Baptists of North Carolina concerning federal aid to the college has been published in the Baptist weekly news magazine, The Biblical Recorder. Signed by Carroll Reed and Diane Eubanks, the letter expresses gratitude for the recent approval by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for Mars Hill to apply for funds under Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Nancy Kendall, 1965 graduate in music, whose father is head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and whose sister is a faculty member in the Home Economics Department, is getting married tomorrow in the local Baptist Church.

Also humming the wedding march these days is Diane Cowan, junior from Macon, Ga., who will wed '66 grad Pat Sams next weekend.

Newly elected officers of the Methodist Student Movement were installed during the morning worship service at the Mars Hill Methodist Church last Sunday. They are Jack Ruth, president; Teddy Cassels, program chairman; Vickie Stewart, secretary; treasurer; and Nora D'Amico, enlistment chairman.

The MSM, which presently has about 20 active members, has been busy this semester with a weekend retreat at Burnsville in October and a self-evaluation study. Plans for the spring term include a witness team excursion to Lenoir-Rhyne College and a retreat at Lake Junaluska in February. The group held its Christmas party at the church Tuesday night.

Light of Love

Single candle, burning low
Light of man, child of woe,
Single candle tiny light,
Love of God shining bright,
Single candle little flame,
Word of God Jesus name,
Single candle dark to ban,
Son of God, son of man,
Single candle mite of sun,
Love enthroned, nations won,
Come to earth, light of love.
—Bee Mayo

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