

The Price of Size

In a March 11 editorial, "Wake Forest: Whipping Boy," the *Old Gold and Black* lamented the fact that everybody (read: Baptist State Convention) picks on little ole Wake Forest. The school is cited as "the one institution in North Carolina that Baptists watch, hoping for mistakes or 'un-Christian' conduct."

The paper continued to say that my Feb. 24 marijuana editorial created a situation as potentially controversial as the Wake Forest paper's beer advertisements in 1963-64.

To Wake Forest I would say three things:

1) Sorry, but that's just the price of being big. It's a fact of human nature that people are going to look to the big institution first. Wake Forest constantly gets more publicity, not just on controversial matters, but in sports and in other fields than Mars Hill. More people are interested in what major schools such as WF do than in what a small school such as Mars Hill does.

2) Granted, I realize that Wake Forest, as a result of its recently acquired university status, is growing, but Mars Hill is growing in a different way. We were for many years a peaceful, tradition-minded, Baptist junior college. We are just now coming out of the dark ages in many respects, and do not have a history of controversy.

3) There is a considerable time difference of some four years in the WF beer incident and my marijuana editorial, and times change. I feel confident that four years ago I would not have been permitted to run the editorial. If I had run it, I could have probably packed my bags the next day.

True, Wake may be the whipping boy, but it's the price that must be paid.

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Basketball
and Bob Peter

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| 0 | 229 | 15.2 |
| 1 | 300 | 12.5 |
| 2 | 280 | 11.7 |
| 3 | 270 | 11.3 |
| 4 | 234 | 9.8 |
| 5 | 130 | 5.4 |
| 6 | 28 | 3.2 |
| 7 | 54 | 2.2 |
| 8 | 51 | 2.1 |
| 9 | 37 | 1.5 |
| 0 | 23 | 1.1 |
| 1 | 8 | 1.1 |
| 2 | 4 | 1.1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1.1 |
| 4 | 1824 | 76.6 |
| 5 | 2114 | 88.2 |

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Class Officers Are Chosen

A light turnout affirmed the selection of class officers for the 1968-69 school year. There was little competition in the races, with none at all in the junior and senior classes.

Running for senior class president for the coming year was Ida Hearn. Following her were Judy Phillips, vice president; Judy Burgess, secretary; Joan Leich, treasurer; and Diane Eubanks, Allen Lane, Dannie Lunsford, Terry Parker, and Patrick Webb, senators.

For the junior class, Judy Hirschberg will serve as president; Mary Underwood, vice president; Melba Smith, secretary; Helen Kugley, treasurer; and Joyce Garland, Betty Smith, and Garland Williams, senators. There is still a vacant junior senate seat.

The sophomore class offered some competition. Bob Peterson was unopposed for president. In the race for the vice presidency, Lake Ellis defeated Deborah Jones, 130-51. Myra Smith was unopposed for secretary, as was Ann Friedell for treasurer. In the senate race winners were Janet Lester with 134 votes; Morris

White, 97; and Steve Graham, 94. Johnnie Lamb got 84 votes and Danny Ray polled 83.

Mars Hill Ranks Two in Transfers

(From the *Raleigh News & Observer*, March 18, 1968.)

by Gene Marlowe

Approximately 5,300 college students transferred to North Carolina senior colleges and universities last fall.

In the 16 public senior institutions gains through transfers were up one per cent while the total undergraduate enrollment increased by 7.5 per cent.

Statistics compiled by the State Board of Higher Education show more than one-third of the transfers came from out-of-state institutions. The remainder came from North Carolina colleges — about half from two-year institutions and the other half from four-year colleges.

The big gainer through transfers was the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill which gained 449 students as compared to a loss of 109 for a net gain of 340.

Campbell College at Buies Creek was the second high gainer of transfer students with a net gain of 97.

On the other hand, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro had the largest net loss of 158—reflecting part of the large number of women transfers from UNC-G and other women's colleges to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mars Hill College ranked second among the institutions losing students through transfer with a net loss of 56.

Many institutions swapped students in transfers, such as the North Carolina State University at Raleigh which lost 35 transfer students to Chapel Hill in exchange for 20 former Chapel Hill students.

Private senior institutions as a whole lost nearly 200 students to public senior institutions through student transfers among all senior institutions in North Carolina in fall 1967.



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Survey On Transfers Taken

by Ed Griffin

After hearing that a large number of my (sophomore) class had applied for transfer, I decided to conduct a survey of students to determine why they proposed to leave Mars Hill. Also, constructive cures for lowering the number of transfers in the future have been offered.

Since the college has achieved its primary goal of accreditation,

Obey Laws or Conscience?

(ACP)—Aiding young men to avoid the draft is against the law. The Rev. Robert Branconnier, a Catholic chaplain at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, says he will disobey the law in order to obey his conscience.

His action, the *Dakota Student* commented in an editorial, is in the American tradition.

—two hundred years ago, 20 drunken colonists boarded a British frigate and dumped her cargo into the Boston harbor;

—one hundred and ten years ago, white yankees operated an "underground railroad" and, in direct defiance of the Federal Fugitive Slave Act, helped Negro slaves to escape to the North, sometimes to Canada;

—seventy-five years ago, European males were leaving their homelands to escape military conscription (today, some of us call them our ancestors);

—five years ago, northern whites, acting in defiance of the South's segregation laws, rode into Mississippi.

Today we revere them.

To these men certain situations were so intolerable, certain actions so monstrous, that public opposition was necessary. Some were fortunate enough to find a new life; some succeeded in changing the conditions or laws they opposed. Others paid with their lives, with jail, or with ridicule.

Father Branconnier is willing to take that chance today. He, with thousands of other Americans, finds the Vietnam war intolerable, the draft laws an abridgement of freedom.

Unlike most Americans, his conscience will not let him stand in silence.

Some demonstrators have broken the law to exercise their conscience. Some of them have gone to jail for a democratic society recognizes the majesty of the law and the rule of the majority.

But a democratic society must also recognize that the concepts which foster laws are more precious than the laws themselves. When a law contradicts the concept which fostered it, a man's first allegiance must be to the concept. That is the principle of civil disobedience.

A man's conscience is more precious than man's laws.

and permission for federal aid has been granted, Mars Hill has the opportunity to embark on a drive to improve the educational facilities. Education is referred to in the conventional sense of the word as well as in the equally important sense of socialization of the students.

In polling the students who plan to transfer, a wide variety of answers was received. They can, however, be broken down into two main categories of academic and social life.

Since actual figures regarding the number of transfers or potential transfers are not obtainable, I can only approximate the actual number. Of 94 sophomore men in the sophomore dorms, 38 have applied for transfer to another institution. Several others indicated a desire to transfer, but were unable to gain acceptance into the desired school. Assuming similar statistics on girls' hill, this represents better than 40 per cent of the sophomore class.

The majority of transfers do come out of the sophomore class for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the student's choice of a major.

Most of the students transferring desired a good education so that they may be able to obtain a good job and serve a useful purpose in society. This group is composed of the most active and involved students in the sophomore class.

This year's sophomore class is not unique in this. A look to the past will reveal that it is an established trend and not a precedent.

Academic reasons played a major factor in the decision for many students to transfer. The lack of courses being offered in a number of fields is a principal complaint.

Some suggestions offered by the students include: the need for a psychology department including courses with labs, more physical sciences such as geology and astronomy, African history courses and more Latin American courses, more sociology, and more philosophy courses. Generally, satisfaction was expressed with the math, religion, music, and English departments, while it was felt that the business, history, and science departments could use some changes.

The quality of instruction given by some members of the faculty was questioned by some.

Several students offered the idea that admission requirements be raised. Quantity should be sacrificed for quality. Mars Hill should decide whether it wants to be an institution for the average student or for the more knowledgeable and enthusiastic student. There is a vital role for both types of schools.

Several students considered the attitudes of fellow students in their decision to transfer. The lack of initiative shown by some is not too desirable for an educational atmosphere. If the college desires progress, it must consider

the type of students which it accepts.

The weekend "exodus" of students is familiar to all of us. There is nothing worthwhile to do here on the weekend, so students seek to go "where the action is." This lack of activity is one reason for some transferees. The ability to associate with people in social situations is a valuable asset. It is felt that such social success can better be obtained at other places.

To relieve this social problem somewhat, it has been proposed that Saturday classes be discontinued. This would enable students to leave more often, but it would help the student become exposed to an active society rather than a stagnant community.

Another solution to this problem is to get better movies, open the student center more, and increase outside entertainment. To finance this increased activity, it has been suggested that admission be charged outsiders and perhaps even college students.

It has been suggested by several transfers that the library be opened more on weekends. If nothing else, it would be nice to read magazines on Sunday afternoons. The weekend is an ideal time for a student to work on a research paper, but with the library closed that weekend time is drastically limited, if he wants to do reference work.

Attitudes developed by conditions rather than particular issues have directed students toward other schools. The average student interviewed listed several reasons for transferring without offering a major reason unless it was that the college does not offer his major. Mars Hill must break away from the patterns of traditionalism and remove the alliance-against-progress attitude attached to the college.

The above article is a much-condensed version of the original article by Mr. Griffin. As it stood originally, these ideas and suggestions were more fully backed, but could not be carried here due to lack of space. —Ed.

Student Honored

Danny Ray, freshman history major from Lake Junaluska, has been named Southern Teenager in Service to America. The award is based on civic activities, government involvement, academics, and church activity.

Ray will travel to Washington, D. C., April 16 to receive his award from President Johnson. While there, he will be interviewed by a group of distinguished governmental leaders, who will then choose a National Boy and Girl Teenager in Service to America from those interviewed. The national winners receive a full scholarship to any college or university in the United States.

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Dr. Cox Selects The Odd Couple

The cast for the final dramatic production of the year, *The Odd Couple*, has been announced by Dr. Charles Cox, director of the play.

In the lead roles of Felix and Oscar will be David Jones and Richard Dillingham, respectively. Others in the cast are Teddy Casals as Speed; Ron Pulliam as Murray; Steve Dillinger, Roy; Harry Huls, Vinnie; Gail Atkinson, Gwendolen and Linda Duck as Cecily.

The Odd Couple is about two divorced men trying to share an apartment, getting on each others' nerves as they did on their former lives'. The comedy opened on Broadway, March 10, 1965, and was an immediate smash hit.

The Mars Hill production of the play will be given on April 27 and May 11.