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"I am a man: I consider nothing human indifferent to me."
—Terence

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Senior Drama majors Katie Swofford and Brick Tilley in scene from "The Glass Menagerie," which was produced by the Mars Hill Drama Department last summer.

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Swofford, Tilley Going to LSU

Two Mars Hill College senior Drama majors have been awarded full assistantships in Dramatic Arts to study at Louisiana State University. Katie Swofford, native of Matthews, N. C., and Brick Tilley of Ocala, Florida, will receive full technical and teaching assistantships working toward a Master of Fine Arts Degree. They will attend graduate school for two years at L.S.U., receiving M.A. Degrees; their work for one year in association with La Petite Theatre, a professional theatre located in the French Quarter and associated with L.S.U. At the end of their third year they will be awarded an M.F.A., the professional drama degree. Katie will teach speech and Brick will teach make-up courses at L.S.U. Katie's most memorable roles at Mars Hill include "Nettie Cleaver" in *The Subject Was Roses*; "Olivia" in *Twelfth Night*; "Laura" in *The Glass Menagerie*; and "Laura" in *Tea and Sympathy*. Brick will be remembered for his portrayal of Prince Suk in *Death Takes a Holiday*; "Henri" in *The Fantasticks*; "Charlie Cowell" in *The Music Man*; "The Wicked Witch" of the West in *The Wizard of Oz*; "Oswald" in *Ghosts* and "Pseudolus" in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Their recent honors include "distinguished Acting Award" to Miss Swofford (for their work in *The Starr-Crossed Lover* by Timothy Ellemore) at the State Drama Festival at Chapel Hill, N. C. The couple plan to work in the summer theatre of Indiana State

University this summer and will receive Graduate School credit for their work there.

Partition Added

An aluminum and glass partition separating the Reserve Study Area from the Newspaper and Periodical Areas of the library was erected during Spring Break as the 1969 Senior Class Gift. The partition effectively separates the upper floor of the library into two areas: one to be used exclusively for quiet study and the other to serve as a light conversation, newspaper and periodical reading, lounge and smoking area.

This facility has been needed for several years to eliminate the high level of stair noise from the study areas on the upper floor and to provide an appropriate place for indoor smoking and quiet talking and lounging. However, we must ask students to remember that this is a light conversation area and is still adjacent to a study area. Also, the smoking is experimental and must be confined to the lounge area where ash trays are available. Please use the ash trays rather than the floor but, like the floor, leave them in the library when you go. They may not be checked out.

The library staff and the administration appreciate the interest of the Class of 1969 in providing better facilities for future MHC students and express publicly the thanks of the entire college for this gift from the senior class.

Development Model Is Formed

Mars Hill College has been selected to establish a Model College and Community Development Institute for Southern Regional Education Board Internships. The Institute will correlate with other community-academic-oriented efforts now in progress.

The S.R.E.B., which previously operated out of Atlanta, Georgia, is a foundation to provide student manpower for local, state, and federal agencies. The agencies utilize student interns to alleviate their lack of manpower and to solve other problems pertinent to the success of the operation.

Through matching funds from the concerned agency and S.R.E.B. the students have twelve weeks in the summer to research and report their findings and recommendations. Although faculty, agency, and technical advice are made available to the intern, he is essentially autonomous, free to establish his own guidelines and criteria for solving the problem. It is here that the real academic value lies for the student: he is free to exercise his intellectual initiative and to test the disciplinary practices he has learned in college. The success of such pro-

grams has prompted the establishment of a college institute program.

The Mars Hill College and Community Development Institute will provide immediate access to students for agencies in western North Carolina. The college will become a third funding source to enable as many students as possible to participate. At least twenty-five interns will be involved in the programs being developed. Their goals for the summer include researching the needs for day activity centers for the mentally retarded, making housing surveys for Model Madison, developing better recreational programs for the area, and laying the ground work for a community-oriented Christian Ethics Institute.

The Institute will seek to provide the resources necessary for carrying out these projects. The faculty will assist the interns by donating advisory time. The college is lending its facilities to enable as many students as possible to have access to and opportunity for participation in the internship program.

Racial Conference Schedule

White Southerners justifiably call themselves rebels. The long struggle of Southern rebels against the system of big business and Northern capitalism will be the theme of a Conference on Radical Southern History being held at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. on Apr. 18 - 20.

The conference has been planned by the Southern Student Organizing Committee. It will feature speakers, discussions and panels, all emphasizing the radical role which Southern working people have played in the history of this country. Papers on Southern history written by Southern students will be printed and distributed.

Black people have begun to realize the necessity of learning their own history. They have had to learn that the black rebellion did not begin in 1960 or in 1954, but that it is as old as the presence of a black working class in America.

The Conference of Radical Southern History will examine these and other historic events and why they failed, why the South is still the poorest region in the nation, and why unionization is still denied to many Southern working people.

On hand will be H. L. Mitchell who organized Arkansas tenant farmers into the Southern Tenant Farmers Union in 1934, Don West who edits the magazine *Appalachian South* that deals with the history and culture of Appalachia, and Donald Roy, a Duke University professor who specializes in the sociology and history of labor. Peter Brandon, Joe Mulloy, Al Ulmer, Harry Boyte and Harry Shaw — all young people engaged in labor and community organizing in Southern communities today — will be present to talk on how Southern history is relevant to the task of building political awareness in Southern communities.

Pol. Sc.-Socio. Major Begun

Beginning this fall, Mars Hill College will offer a combined major in political science and sociology which is designed to provide for the student involvement in both the urban and rural development process as well as study. The new course will attempt to blend in classroom theory and theory application through a variety of service-learning internships, independent study, and interdisciplinary seminars.

Requirements for this major are as follows: completion of the basic requirements for a BA degree; Political Science 450-451 (6 hours); a minimum of 18 additional hours of political science; 6 hours of Sociology; a program of supportive studies including Economics 221, 222, Religion 226, Philosophy 337, and 15 hours from history, literature, psychology, economics (Public Finance 441, Comparative Economic Systems 442, Statistics 443) religion, philosophy, and Education 402 or 441, a grade of C or better on all courses counting toward the major; and a minimum of 6 credit hours involving field experience is required of all majors.

A student planning to teach in the secondary schools must take a minimum of 21 hours in history.

Dr. Hoffman has announced that 3 new staff members will be added to the division of political science and sociology this fall. A doctorate in political science from Chapel Hill, and a masters from Wake Forest will be the new additions. Another professor of political science will hopefully be signed this summer.

Laurel Distribution Plan Changed

A new, more efficient method of certifying persons eligible to receive a copy of the yearbook is being initiated by the Business Office.

(The 1969 Laurel is scheduled for distribution beginning immediately after chapel Tuesday.)

According to Business Manager L. W. Moelchert, Jr., the Business Office has issued cards to all currently enrolled students whose accounts have been satisfactorily settled. A student must present his card to the Laurel distribution personnel in order to receive a copy of the book.

Students who have not received a card should check with the Business Office; their failure to receive a card probably means their account is not settled, Mr. Moelchert said.

Traffic fines, room damage charges, library fines, drug charges at the infirmary and other miscellaneous charges by various departments of the college have been reported to the Business Office and have been considered in the issuance of the yearbook eligibility cards, he added.

The cards for dormitory students were distributed through the student post office boxes. Those for commuters were sent via U.S. mail.

According to Laurel Editor Carol Chandler, the new system will speed the distribution of the yearbook. It will eliminate the necessity of distribution alphabetically, and it will save many students frustration and embarrassment. Heretofore, some students have stood in line for a long time only to be told — once they got to the distribution window — that they were ineligible for a copy of the yearbook because they owed a library fine or had forgotten to pay a traffic ticket.

According to Walter Smith, advisor to the yearbook staff, copies of the Laurel will be sold by the College Bookstore. Office file copies, chargeable to a particular budget, will be distributed by the Department of Public Information upon request, he said.

The copies of eligible students who are not currently enrolled will be sent to them by mail, he added.

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