

# What Price Progress?

Mars Hill has Mars Hill and not much else.  
**Fact**—Mars Hill presently operates on approximately a two-and-one-half million dollar budget, of which \$2,080,000 is paid for by the students, based on an average of \$1600 paid by 1300 students. Approximately \$250,000 is paid for by the state Baptist convention.

**Fact**—Mars Hill offers no outstanding financial aid. The only real assistance now available is through athletic grants-in-aids.

**Fact**—Academic calibre of the student body has been decreasing due to:

- 1.) top-flight students are able to get scholarships to other colleges.
- 2.) activities are at a minimum and offer no real interest except those sponsored by the students themselves.
- 3.) costs of attending a private institution are rising far beyond a comprehensible level.

**Fact**—Curriculum expansion is at an ever-increasing pace but its needs are pressing in order to provide a worthwhile survival.

Students are bearing a disproportionate share of the cost. Last semester the college mailed out 15,000 brochures to alumni, requesting \$10 from each alumnus to be used toward capital improvements; the college received enough donations to cover the cost of postage. If the college had received the donations from its alumni, improvements could have been made in the faculty, curriculum and could have helped alleviate the ever-pressing need for classroom space in the form of the Blackwell Building.

In the future Mars Hill will be launching a \$3 million campaign for capital funds. Some money is earmarked for buildings but, most importantly, toward the upgrading of faculty and curriculum and for providing many academic scholarships at Mars Hill. This college is blessed with young administrators with guts, brains and elbow grease.

In recent years, in order to keep dormitories full of students, the college has been forced to drop its minimum SAT admission scores.

Last year the students voted upon themselves a \$10 activities fee to help cover the cost of returning to football and help upgrade other athletic teams. They also voted upon themselves a \$5 entertainment fee to be administered by the students for their own enjoyment.

It has been proposed in several state legislatures, including North Carolina's, that the state offer financial aid to private institutions such as Mars Hill to help alleviate rising tuition costs.

Curriculum has been expanded to interest students in the fields of Humanities, Political Science and Sociology and Community Development but there remains a crying need for future development in every department on campus.

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Mike Swaim  
Linda Baldwin

**Editor's Note:** The following two letters were received in answer to the special issue of the Hilltop concerning the mobilization of the Community Development Institute.

Dear Dean Hoffman:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the special edition of the "Hilltop" featuring accounts of community service projects in which Mars Hill students have become involved.

I find this a heartening contrast to the student activities on some other campuses which have been so much in the news in recent times, and I commend the college and the students who are participating for undertaking this kind of educational development.

With best regards and best wishes for continued success of such enterprises.

Sincerely,  
B. Everett Jordan,  
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

You were kind to send me a copy of the Mars Hill College newspaper which describes the very fine programs President Bentley and his associates have recently introduced. I understand the vital leadership role you are playing in these efforts and hope you will call on me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Please express my compliments to the students who produce such a fine publication and especially to its editor, Miss Baldwin, who I understand is a cousin of my Administrative Assistant Tom Lambeth.

Cordially,  
Richardson Preyer  
United States Representative

# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"SO PROF SNARF SAID 'NO TERM PAPER - NO DIPLOMA.'"

# Letters to the editor...

Dear Linda,

Presently sponsored by the B.S.U., the Alley Door has failed in its attempts to assume the role of a campus coffee house.

It is a place designed to give students light refreshments, entertainment, talk, and some philosophy swapping; we can not honestly say it has succeeded in any of these.

Because of Mars Hill's geographic isolation it is almost a necessity that such a place be provided, at least to some degree — by the school or a student group.

The Alley Door now has the embryonic characteristics of what a coffee house should be, although its potential has been dreadfully slighted.

These questions have arisen in my own mind concerning the possible renovation of the Alley Door to be a true coffee house:

- 1) Why can't it be open every night for a specific length of time?
- 2) Why can't a group or committee be chosen to operate it faithfully, on shifts if necessary, in order that the Alley Door should never have to close because of lack of workers?

Not meaning to criticize the B.S.U., but if they don't have the time to give that the Alley Door deserves, then why not turn it over to an individual or group

that does?

The Alley Door has great possibilities if given a chance for here in a place of unique atmosphere could be found a conglomerate sparkle of students' personalities.

But let's face it! This campus gem needs polishing!

Love anyway,  
Britt Brittle

Dear Linda,

In the quiet of the library, I have noticed much that should not be permitted in this area—smoking, talking and senseless rattling of magazine pages. I was under the impression that the area on the opposite side of the doors was for this purpose. I do not blame the noise of the library on its workers, but on the thoughtless users of it.

What do you as students think the library should be, a quiet area in which one can study without distraction or one where there is smoking and excessively loud talking?

Sincerely,  
Dianne Lee Starner

Dear Editor,

When do we get the real annual?  
Ken Goble

# Around Campus

The Mars Hill Chapter of the American Home Economics Association met Monday April 21, 1969. Officers were installed at the meeting. The Fall semester officers are: Chairman, Kitty Cansler; 1st vice-chairman, Rachael Long; 2nd vice-chairman, Jean Garvey; Secretary, Rosemary Goodwin; Treasurer, Patricia Worsham; Publicity, Donna Arrowwood; Historian, Marilyn Fullam; Devotional chairman, Martha Kolb; Refreshment chairman, Emily Sanders; Refreshment committee, Kathy Hodges, Becky MacGeorge, Betty Jones, Doris Franklin.

The weekend of April 18-19 was the Home Economics Spring Workshop at Western Carolina University. Four members attended: Kitty Cansler, Helen Kugley, Mary Underwood and Emily Sanders. Mrs. J. V. Howell, Miss Carol Kendell and Miss Wionna Bierbaum were the advisors that also attended.

Kitty Cansler, rising senior, has been elected Miss Home Economics of Mars Hill for the academic year of 1969-70.

Mrs. Ruby Alexander, housemother at Brown, would like to sell her car, a 1965, 4-door, beige Valiant 100. It is clean, in excellent condition, has 5 tires and a new battery. Mrs. Alexander will sell it for \$800; any interested person should contact her.

Patti O'Briant, freshman PE major from Greensboro, represented MHC in an invitational golf tournament sponsored by UNC-G this last weekend (April 26) and finished 4th among approximately 60 coeds.

Nancy Sorrells, a Mars Hill senior, was recently employed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for two years of service under the Journeyman Program, by which she will work alongside career missionaries. After eight weeks of training, Nancy will leave for her assigned post in Recife, Brazil.

The Mars Hill College Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management was the recipient of the University Division Membership Watch Award, presented annually to an outstanding senior college or university chapter, for the member of the Chapter who contributed the most to this outstanding membership record during the academic year 1968-1969.

Several members of the Chapter were candidates for this award, and a decision was reached only after a great deal of deliberation. The Executive Council decided that the Hamilton watch should go to Stan Sellstrom, last year's president of the Chapter.

Stan, a charter member of SAM on the Mars Hill College campus, is a senior business major, graduating with a B.S. in Accounting. His devotion and leadership enabled the Mars Hill Chapter to become the largest Chapter in North Carolina. Stan was also instrumental in coordinating the Native Son Project, which is the cooperative effort of Western North Carolina industries to employ college graduates of this area. Through his efforts, the Mars Hill Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management is certainly one of the strongest chapters in the South.

Dr. Harley Jolley has been named a member of the elite North Carolina Historical Society; membership is limited to 75 members and only those persons who have made in the form of publications substantial contributions to history or who have shown long and continuing interest in the study of history are eligible. Membership is on a lifetime basis.

How about a replacement for the American flag flying in front of the Office Building? It's looking pretty tattered and dirty these days.


Boys in Myers have been answering the phone: "Rejoice! Through the grace of God and Alexander Graham Bell you have now reached Myers Dorm. For whom does the bell toll?"

The spring edition of the 1969 Cadenza was placed on sale Wednesday following delivery by Grove Printing Company. The 16-page issue features art and literary work by students of Mars Hill College.

The 1969-70 Cadenza has been awarded a \$600 grant by the N. C. Arts Council for the publication of a second edition of the publication next spring. The 1968-69 Cadenza had been awarded a \$750 grant earlier this academic year.


According to editor Mike Rice, this year's Cadenza has been most successful in operating through the N. C. Arts Council Grant and through appropriated college funds.

Literary and art editors for the 1969-70 Cadenza have not yet been appointed. Interested persons should contact Joseph P. Schubert in the Office Building.



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