

### The Price of Free Speech

A recent student U. S. government confrontation concerning the draft, expounded upon in the following article released by the College Press Service, has less than therapeutic implications for the growing dissatisfaction among young people for the Selective Service System. It deserves the attention and concern of all students, whatever their personal convictions about the Selective Service System may be, for in the words of Jack Cashlin, Publisher of Dare Magazine, "You can't destroy someone else's freedom without damaging your own."

"The student body president of the University of Oregon and a fellow student have been sentenced to two years each in prison for 30 minutes of nonviolent protest against the draft. Kip Morgan, the president, and David Gwyther, a veteran activist, face incarceration in a Lompoc, Calif. federal prison as a result of their conviction in U. S. District Court last June on three counts of 'disrupting Selective Service Proceedings.' Both are currently free on bail to appeal the conviction and sentence.

"Morgan acted as judge, Gwyther as prosecuting attorney, and 12 other students as jurors in mock trials conducted at Eugene and Roseburg, Oregon local draft boards last winter. In each of the two mock trials, the students entered official board meetings en masse, staged a kangaroo court in which board members were pronounced guilty of 'crimes against humanity', and left after a short time.

"The mock jurors were never indicted, but Morgan and Gwyther, both of whom had been active in movements against military recruiting and police on campus, were brought to trial and charged with using force to disrupt the meetings. There were no injuries and only two witnesses testified that there had been physical contact between the students and the board members, but the prosecutor, a U. S. attorney, contended and the jury apparently agreed that the students' entry into the meeting was in itself an act of force. Morgan and Gwyther claimed throughout the trial that they had engaged in no forceful disruption, but rather had made peaceful verbal presentation to dramatize their opposition to military conscription.

"The U. S. judge who sentenced them alluded to his experience under fire as a Red Cross worker in World War II and said, "The war in which my generation fought was no more pleasant than this one (Viet Nam). I fail to see a great difference. It was a duty you had to perform." Gwyther's attorney, citing a recent case in which the same judge sentenced a man found guilty on 13 counts of federal tax evasion to 30 days in jail, questioned the judicial priorities involved since, he said, the tax evader is motivated by selfish ends, the draft law violator by high ideals. But the judge, directing his comments at Morgan and Gwyther, said, "I don't know about your idealism. There is a question in my mind whether you were sincere or whether you were trying to avoid the draft."

"Student government officers at the University of Oregon say Morgan will keep the title of student body president even if he goes to prison; the vice president will be in charge in his absence."

In the preceding article there are several argumentative pivot points from which rousing debates could easily evolve.

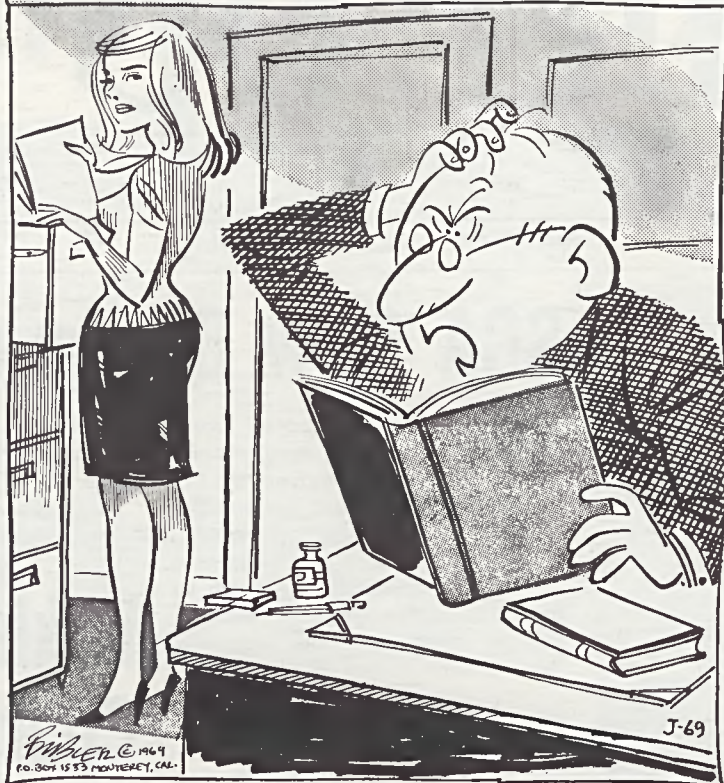
Did Morgan and Gwyther, by entering a Selective Service meeting and holding a nonviolent protest, display force in disrupting Selective Service proceedings? In this particular case who decided upon the connotation of force . . . and why? Why were Morgan and Gwyther indicted, tried, found guilty and sentenced when the students who acted as mock jurors were never approached for their activities? Did the judge set up fair judicial priorities in his legal practice?

What difference does it make? Robert Kennedy said, "It is easier to fall in step with the slogans of others than to march to the beat of an internal drummer—to make and stand on judgments of your own. And it is far easier to accept and stand on the past, than to fight for the answers of the future."

It makes a lot of difference.  
—Linda Baldwin

Organization pictures for the 1970 Laurel are in the process of being scheduled. All club presidents (frats, sororities, honor clubs, etc.) please contact Hayes Goodrum within the next two weeks about time and place for these shots. All club pictures will be group shots. It is important that this is done immediately so that the organization section of the 1970 Laurel can go in on the first deadline, which November 15.

### LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



### Letters to the editor . . .

Dear Linda,  
Due to lack of interest, tomorrow has been cancelled!

Now—this is the honest truth. Will the girl who left her stockings please come and claim them from Richard Sparkman in the Alley Door?

Love,  
Richard

Dear Linda,  
When WMHC begins broadcasting, we will want to bring Mars Hill the best information possible and we will need students' help concerning campus news and announcements. All announcements and news should be posted on the bulletin board just outside our studio, in the back part of the Fine Arts Building; they must be on that bulletin board twenty-four hours before they are to be broadcast. A news item must answer the following: Who? What? Why? When? and Where?. News must also be new.  
Thank you.  
WMHC Staff

Dear Linda,  
During the past three years I have seen many changes at Mars Hill. Most of these changes have taken place over the last six months. It is now time to take a positive approach to a progressive Mars Hill College.  
The basic student organization

is the Student Government Association. Of all organizations on campus SGA has probably been one of the busiest trying to revamp its direction and making innovations necessary to cope with new situations. The Student Court System is in the process of being analyzed as to possible improvements. Suggested ideas are additional number of court members, a larger jury, a different manner in the selection of justices and several more. This is not to say that we do not have a good judicial system, but we are simply opening ourselves to improvements. The Senate likewise has improved its effectiveness with the addition of a President Pro Tem of the Senate. This new officer is in charge of all recommendations. SGA is providing more entertainment this year with Maurice Williams, The Tempests, Major Lance, and Jay and the Americans.

The new "administrative team" is a great asset to our college as a whole and to our students in particular. Our student affairs area offers to our student body a diversification of personnel prepared to help students individually or collectively. Dr. Sears has an open door policy to any students asking questions. Perry White is prepared to assist any organization in sponsoring acti-

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### Around Campus

Much to the joy of MHC coeds, Dean Sears has announced that women's housing now is the top priority budget item. He and Perry White have been meeting with the girls in their dorms and have been discussing long range and immediate changes which will improve lighting, extend closet space, provide more drawer and bookshelf space, provide more washer-dryer facilities and add vending machines, stoves, and refrigerators to the dorms.

Mattresses and shades have been ordered for Moore Stroup and Huffman; a refrigerator has been installed in Jarvis House. Plans have been made to fumigate Fox, Moore and Stroup over the Christmas holidays and Huffman will be painted at that time.

Bob Correll, that guy you've seen running around with the long hair, needs a place to stay off campus. He's willing to pay rent if threatened with bodily harm or physical contact with detrimental weather conditions. If anybody has knowledge of possible quarters for our resident hippie, please leave word of such in Spilman Annex or on the cateria bulletin board.

Bill Dans reports that a taped replay of the Mars Hill-Western Carolina University game will be carried from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30 over Burnsville radio station WKYK, 1540.

Veterans in college under the G.I. Bill were offered a check list by the Veterans Administration to be sure their G.I. checks arrive on time, at the right place and in the right amount.

Turn in your Certificate of Eligibility to the college registrar as soon as you register.

See to it the school official returns it promptly to you.

If your checks do not start within a few weeks after the VA gets your enrollment certificate, contact your nearest VA office.

If you change your college or course of study, apply immediately to VA for a new Certificate of Eligibility.

If you change the address to which your checks are coming, notify both the VA and the Post Office.

Inform VA immediately of any dependency change due to marriage, divorce, births or deaths.

Return promptly the Certificate of Attendance card you will receive from VA near the end of your enrollment period.

If you drop out of school—or even reduce your course load—tell the VA right away.

The Red Cross has asked for help from Mars Hill students—in the form of blood donations. Any student interested in giving blood may do so Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. in the lobby of Chambers Gymnasium. It is hoped that at least 150 pints will be donated.

Under the auspices of the Music Department and English Department the campus literary magazine, Cadenza, is sponsoring a drive for a new fight song for MHC. The Cadenza is offering a \$25 prize for the winning entry. The music has already been written and copies will be available in the Laurel-Hilltop Cadenza office on the Cadenza desk for any student interested. The deadline is set for October 8 in order to have the song for Homecoming. Someone who can win the \$25.00 and each student is encouraged to give it a whirl for no one knows what the judges will consider to be a "good" fight song. All entries may be given or sent to Gary Singleton (Box 599-C) placed in the Cadenza copy box in the Montague Building.

Has school or life in general upset you, brought you a "monment of bliss," or caused you to notice something you'd never noticed before? Make a protest—tell the world! The Cadenza, the campus literary magazine, gives each student a chance to openly express his conflicts, moments of inspiration and innermost thoughts. The editor of the Cadenza, Gary Singleton, remarked, "As most students know, previous issues have failed to give a broad representation of the student body as a whole. This year we are planning to change this situation by placing a greater emphasis on overall student body representation. But in order to attain this goal, the Cadenza needs the definite response of the students in the form of poems, short stories, essays, and art and photography." The publication of a student's work in the Cadenza has many advantages: it is impressive to his professors, a source of satisfaction, an impressive addition to his portfolio when applying for a job or to graduate school, and even something to show his grandchildren! To see is inspiration, to comprehend is thought, but to create is hard work. All literary work may be given to Gary Singleton (Box 599-C) or placed in the Cadenza's copy box in Montague. Art work may be given to Tom Martin, art editor, or placed in the copy box. For further information contact the editors or Greg Caldwell, Business Manager (Bx 315-C).

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