



HOWDY, FOLKS!  
WELCOME BACK!



## Homecoming Festivities Today

Around 500 alumni, visiting parents and friends will be welcomed back to the Mars Hill College campus today for the school's annual Homecoming Day.

Each year these crowds return to renew old friendships, see the old sights and the new and take familiar walks around the grounds. Highlight of this year's homecoming is the anxiously awaited return of football, when the MHC Lions take on Bluefield State College of West Virginia at Meares Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

According to Walter Smith, Director of Public Information, visitors went out to Mars Hill's 16,000 alumni. A large number of alumni responded. Smith expects the visiting crowd to greatly exceed that of last year's event due partially to the return of football.

Other events on today's schedule include open house at several buildings and dormitories, campus tours, special exhibits, an academic forum, a drama production and the homecoming concert. Also, the

Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies at the football game.

Smith said that registration of alumni and guests will last from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the lobby of Chambers Gymnasium. Open house will be held at the new Gibson Dormitory which was open for occupancy in August of this year.

The Homecoming Parade will return in true Mars Hill form and spirit. Tentative plans call for formation around the president's home and moving down Main Street turning left just before the First Baptist Church. From there the procession will move down Bailey Street and enter the athletic field. Jim Wikle, heading the SGA Commission's Homecoming Work, appointed Pat Horton and Butch Roe to plan the parade festivities. Prior to press time plans were being made to include cars carrying the six candidates for Homecoming Queen. Each fraternity, sorority, dormitory and cottage was requested to sponsor a parade float this year.

Queen of the 1969 Homecoming Day will not be known until President Fred Bentley places the crown on the head of one of the members of this year's Homecoming Court. Elected to the court are Maria Hunt, senior; Debbie Daniels, junior; Beth Bennett, sophomore; Debbie Hutchinson, freshman; and Janet Lester, representing the football team. The girls will be driven in cars onto the field and will get out one at a time to meet their escorts in front of the stands. From there they will be escorted to the center of the field where President Bentley will crown the Homecoming Queen. Lance Shealy, youngest son of football Coach Dal Shealy, will be crown bearer.

Alumni and visitors are invited to attend the special academic forum being held at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. This is being presented to acquaint persons, unfamiliar with the campus, with the recent additions to the school's academic curriculum and plans now being formulated for its future improvement.

Winding up the day's events will be a Homecoming concert featuring "The Funky Train" and "The One Way Street" who will perform in Moore Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

Founder's Day has for many years been celebrated along with the annual Homecoming Day at Mars Hill College since both fall into about the same time of year. Founder's Day is normally celebrated on Oct. 12, which is the birthday of Edward Carter, who gave the first parcel of land for the initial building of French Broad Baptist Institute (later Mars Hill College) to be erected.

Also on this Homecoming Saturday, the Business Club Alumni Association will hold its 31st reunion. The usual schedule calls for association alumni members to attend a business session, banquet and a reception. This year the meeting date has been changed to the current fall to coincide with Homecoming Day and not to interfere with commencement activities in mid-May, 1970.

## Tutoring Underway

A new addition to the curriculum and life at Mars Hill College is the tutoring program which is under the leadership and guidance of Mrs. Ellen Price. The program, part of the Community Development Institute, is structured to allow MHC students to tutor in Madison and Buncombe Counties under the coordination of eight students who are familiar with the needs of the area.

In addition to academic tutoring, students will provide aid in practical areas of life. This will include such areas as recreation, sewing and cooking.

Tutors recently completed several

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## Funky Train, One Way Street Replace Jay & The Americans

(pictured above)

The Funky Train and The One Way Street will perform tonight in Moore Auditorium beginning at 8:00 p.m. in place of Jay & The Americans who cancelled Wednesday night.

Student Government Association President Bill Pons and Vice President Jim Wikle notified the Hilltop on Wednesday, Oct. 8, that Jay & The Americans had cancelled their concert date for Mars Hill's 1969 Homecoming. All through the night and part of the next morning, Pons, Wikle and Student Activities Director Perry White tried, but without success, to contact Jay Black. In order to help make Homecoming a big success despite this last minute let-down the SGA procured the services of The Funky Train, a soul group, and The One Way Street.

At 8:00 p.m. The One Way Street will start grooving with their sounds to an estimated capacity crowd. Their show, the lighter part of the evening's entertainment, will be packed into one hour, followed by a brief intermission.

Beginning at 9:15 p.m. The Funky Train will seek to have their music invade and capture the minds of the audience.

The Student Government Association regrets this last minute cancellation and did everything possible to prevent it. Perry White said that he and the SGA appreciated the efforts made by Frank Joyner, an

agent of NEA, Inc. who worked with the SGA in trying to find a group or groups who would perform here on such short notice.

Pons and Wikle, who lined up contracts for Jay & The Americans, has cancelled all future contracts with group and has sent out letters to all colleges with whom they do business, notifying them of the fiasco that confronted Mars Hill College this week.

Jay & The Americans, who have recorded such hits as "She Cried," "Come A Little Closer," "Only In America," "Let's Lock The Door (And Throw Away The Key)," and "Cryin'," pooled their efforts and formed their own company—JATA Enterprises. This arrangement allowed them to write songs, produce records, handle the music business and the management and the booking. There were several times this week when Pons and Wikle would have probably liked to "lock the door and throw away the key" so no one would find them "cryin'."

It is hoped that the student body will understand that the SGA did everything within their power to prevent this unfortunate incident.

There will be no admission charge to the concert. However, the doors will be open first to Mars Hill College students and their dates, followed by faculty, administration, and alumni. The public may fill any remaining seats.

## Senate Supports "Day of Concern"

To fight or not to fight? To stay in Vietnam or get out? These questions will be presented to the Mars Hill College student body Oct. 15 when the National Moratorium on the current Vietnamese War will be held on campus.

At its regular meeting, Oct. 2, the SGA Senate voted a recommendation to hold this "Day of Concern"; this will include speakers, both pro and con, being invited to the campus to declare their views and answer questions plus the showing of films which relate either side of the question. In addition there will be debates exploring both sides of the national issue.

Jim Elens suggested that the Senate draft a formal statement requesting the college faculty to recognize Oct. 15 as a day of concern.

Senator Cathy Bowen noted that this move should not in any way be a protest movement. She felt it should be emphasized that it was a time for students to concern themselves strongly with this crucial issue.

## Senate Addresses Faculty

On October 15, 1969, the students of Mars Hill College will conduct a Vietnam Moratorium. The Senate of the Student Government Association of Mars Hill College encourages the faculty to actively participate in this "day of concern." Both the positive and negative aspects of the War will be shown through the use of speakers, films, debates and seminars. We ask that the faculty permit students to attend these programs in lieu of regular class attendance because of the valuable learning experience this day will offer. Realizing that the development of the "whole student" is the recognized goal of the faculty, we are certain that you will actively contribute to this "day of concern."

The Senate  
Student Government Association  
Mars Hill College