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Mars Hill people who participated in the Washington Moratorium a.e. from from left to right, Rick Garrison, Charles Lang, Ben Cochran, Jane Peery, George Peery, Elaine Hearn, Tillie Taylor, Bob Parker, Jack Richards and Hayes Goodrum. The group braved icy roads and snow to reach Washington and express their views concerning the war in Viet Nam.

Slowed By Recent Defeat, SGA Plows Into New Business

by Jim Ewart

The Standing Faculty Committee question loomed into an issue briefly at the Nov. 13 Student Government Association Senate meeting after Sen. Ed Griffin proposed that Senate conduct studies on the faculty committees on plans and policies, curriculum, athletics and traffic.

The issue, which has nagged students, SGA officials and school administration officials for the past several weeks was snuffed out when the senate body voted down the measure.

Essentially the proposal called for the senate body to be divided into four separate groups for the purpose of conducting studies on each of the standing faculty committees. The studies proposed would have included looking for reasons for students to serve on these faculty groups plus ways in which students might help aid in the betterment of their respective functions and operations.

Griffin felt the areas of traffic, plans and policies, athletics and curriculum are the ones which more directly affect daily student life than any of the other standing faculty committees. His proposal also stated that each senate group chairman be furnished with copies of the Constitutional bylaws that pertain to this respective committee his group was appointed to study.

Sen. Jim Wikle made a proposal calling for revising the board of directors of the campus radio station. This move was made in light of staff resignations and requests for changes in station personnel. The proposal called for appointment of board members from such campus organizations as Phi Mu Alpha, SGA

officials and from radio staff personnel.

After some brief debate Senate members decided to table the measure for further study.

A proposal to enlarge the present SGA cabinet to include members of the SGA Commission plus a commuting student was sent to the Senate legislative review committee as passage of the measure would require a change in the Student Constitution. Those making the proposal claimed that this would give the commission and the commuters greater representation. The stated purpose was to allow both these groups to help plan the agendas of future SGA Senate meetings.

A recommendation was made to convert the present Student Government Association into a unicameral system. The recommendation called for studies to be made on the benefits of such a conversion, which if approved, would require a complete overhauling of the present Constitution.

Several alternatives to this question were made by the senators. One way would be for both commission and senate to be permanently disbanded and a new election to be held to select member representatives to one single body. The second would be for both commission and senate members to meet at the same time at the same place to vote on various issues of the greatest importance.

Griffin tendered his resignation as SGA defense attorney from the student court contending that holding this office created a conflict with his point load. He said he would remain available to assist in the handling of cases by the office of the defense attorney. David Douglas was appointed to succeed him in that post.

Peace Rally Activates MHC Doves

by Sammy Wallace

On Nov. 14 eight Mars Hill College students and Political Science Professor George Peery and his wife journeyed to Washington to participate in the Moratorium. The MHC group were among an estimated quarter of a million protestors who came to Washington to voice their opinion of the Viet Nam war. The basic problem in question was "How do we get out of Viet Nam?"

The following are comments from a discussion held by the Mars Hill College participants:

Hayes Goodrum: "I would like to emphasize that the people at the moratorium were a cross section of American society. They ranged from businessmen to hippies."

George Peery: "I believe that the press has distorted what was actually going on at the Moratorium. The protestors were very peaceable. We are a people in unity with only one purpose in mind."

Ben Cochran: "I have been asked why I went to the Moratorium. I am not unpatriotic or a radical. I went because I was concerned. I want to know how my peers—a part of the future generation—feel about the war. Radicals such as a pro-Viet Cong speaker were rejected. But speakers who promoted nonviolent solution were applauded. Veterans from World War Korea and Viet Nam were present and advocated withdrawal."

When asked what they hoped to accomplish by going to the Moratorium, the participants gave the following responses:

Jack Richards: "We know Nixon has formed his own policy and oversight we are not going to change at policy. But we were concerned strongly that we wanted to express our feelings as strongly as possible in a peaceful manner."

George Peery: "I will have to go back to what Dick Gregory said. The majority of the protestors are not a bunch of radicals but dedi-

cated people who believe in a cause. When a quarter of a million people assemble to discuss the war, Nixon has to listen.

Hayes Goodrum: "Only a small group of people run this country. Sometimes they only get a limited view of the opinions of the run of the American people. I feel this Moratorium helped voice the opinions of many classes of people. All different types of people were represented at the Moratorium."

Charles Lang: "I feel we have a valid reason for protesting the war. What have we to accomplish over there if we win the war? In order to win a guerilla war we must have the hearts and minds of the people. The Vietnamese think of us as only

an extension of the French; only as intruders."

When asked how we could get out of the war, the participants gave the following responses:

George Peery: "Set up a timetable to get out. Nixon during his campaign said he had a specific plan to get us out of Viet Nam. He has not voiced this plan and no one knows it. He is sounding like Johnson in 1964."

Bob Parker: "Nixon is calling on the silent majority for support but the silent majority is a challenge to democracy. The majority should not be silent in a war as critical as the Viet-Nam War."

Rick Garrison: "So many veterans

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Texas Gale Blows Into Town

by Gary Singleton

This year's charming and vivacious addition to the English department, Miss Gale Gooch, finds in Mars Hill College an educational institution with a personal touch. "I've never before been in a classroom situation that I've enjoyed more than what I've found here at Mars Hill College. Here, I'm perfectly at ease." Miss Gooch likes the mountains and the small college atmosphere where there is more opportunity to relate to the students other than in the classroom. She favors personalized education and consequently MHC appeals to her because it has none of the computerized education one finds at large universities. She also enjoys the rustic environment which Mars Hill abundantly provides.

Miss Gooch spent her childhood in Garland, Texas. There she attended Garland High School which she describes as a "football crazy" school which won the state championship two years while she was there. In high school she was on the debating team; in fact, she and

her debating partner won the Texas State Debating Championship two years running and represented Texas at two national debate tournaments. Miss Gooch received her BA and MA from North Texas State University where she majored in English and Speech. While at Texas State she continued her debating, worked in the student government and sang in the college choir. With a ukelele-playing friend, she sang at parties, banquets, and other functions. While doing her graduate work she taught a class of all boys at North Texas. During this time she was also the only woman sponsor of a group of 96 college students who spent a week in Mexico. She also taught drama and coached the debating team at Waco High School before receiving her MA in August.

She enjoys music and loves to sing. She is attracted by the outdoors and all activities associated with it. New places and new things appeal to her; in fact, she and Miss Williams of the Foreign Language Department are planning a trip to

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