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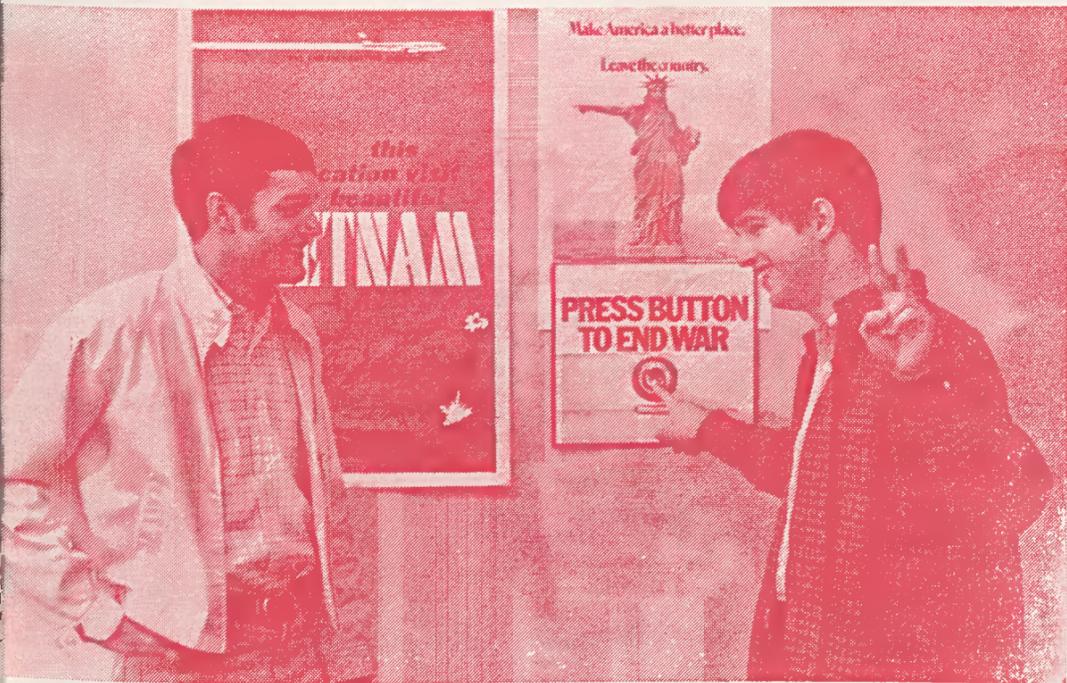
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Robert Chappell, senior Business Administration major from Winston-Salem and 2 in the Lottery, symbolically expresses his sincere and now immediate desire for peace in Viet Nam.

## CD Interns Now Back From Field Experience

Ten Mars Hill College students returned to routine classroom experience for Community Development 341 after serving for ten weeks as interns in rural and urban agencies involved in the problem-solving processes of the community. The course is a participant-observer program designed to relate classroom theory to field experience according to its teacher, Dr. Richard Hoffman.

Dr. Hoffman feels that the political science course is similar in intent to the student teaching experience required of education majors. But unlike student teaching, he said, the internships are more "self-directed. The students are free to structure themselves and find their own way in the agencies."

Jim Johnstone and George Bullard enjoyed perhaps the most dramatic internship experiences. Jim, a junior drama major, worked with George Gragg, human relations coordinator for Buncombe County, and sat in on meetings held during the Asheville High School Crisis. George Bullard, a junior history major, kept tabs on the one-cent sales tax campaign from the office of Gordon Greenwood, chairman of the Buncombe County Commissioners.

Diane Brown, senior art major, worked with the Opportunity Corporation of Madison County towards setting up a crafts shop for craftsmen in the area. She worked with Smith Goodrum, a 1968 MHC Graduate, who is now assistant director of the Rural Project for the Opportunity Corporation in this County. Emma Jean Pegg, senior home economics major, and David Cunningham, senior history major, also did work with the Rural Project.

Larry Moody, a junior majoring in Business, worked with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department and was able to accompany law officers on routine calls as well as carry out a study of the department from within the office. Hayes Martin, junior history major, worked with the juvenile division of the Asheville Police Department.

Cathy Bowen, senior religion major, had her internship with the juvenile court of Asheville. As a result of the knowledge and experience she gained during this course, she will work next semester toward establishing a MHC-sponsored tutorial program for juvenile students under the jurisdiction of the Asheville court.

Sandy Altizer, a junior home economics major, worked with Volunteer Services at the Opportunity Corporation in Asheville. She became actively involved in an effort designed to persuade the Corporation from deleting Volunteer Services from future funding.

Linda Baldwin, a junior majoring in English and Political Science-Sociology, worked with the Asheville Citizen Times in an effort to study first hand the nature of journalism in a democratic society. Part of her responsibility was to begin a revamping program of the Hilltop of which she is editor-in-chief.

Serving as area coordinators for

the tutorial program sponsored by the Community Development Institute, Marsha Walker, Andy Crenshaw, Rick Henderson, Glenn Graves and Wilbur Parrott are also members of this Community Development class. They did a considerable amount of work and traveling to set up better and continued tutorial schedules.

Students receive four semester hours credit for the course.

## VISTA On Campus

by John Berry

Some of the new faces seen around campus lately, especially in the vicinity of the Office Building, belong to VISTA workers.

VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) is a national project sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity which endeavors to assert a positive effort toward eliminating poverty in the United States. VISTA volunteers, who are called "Vista", are generally members of the middle economic class and may or may not have a college education. They have made a total personal commitment to working and living with the poor for a period of one year although they are not service workers as such. They use technical knowledge and skills to coordinate and guide plans for such projects as health facilities, day care centers and other phases of community development. Vistas are on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, but enjoy a maximum seven-day vacation leave and emergency sick leave among other fringe benefits. Their financial receipts are slight and include a small bi-monthly living allowance and a readjustment stipend at the end of their year's service.

Local VISTA volunteers were requested by and are sponsored by the Madison-Buncombe Rural Development Council and Mars Hill College. The local VISTA project is designed for twenty-five volunteers and as new Vistas become available the present number of nine will be increased.

Maintaining an office in the Office Building is two-year VISTA veteran and local VISTA director, Richard Hames. Mr. Hames coordinates the efforts of his Vistas, of which seven are from the national pool and two are local and have lived all their lives in the communities in which they are working.

Volunteers and their respective assigned communities in Madison County are as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Heckscher, Hot Springs; Nancy Morgan, Shelton; Diana Buzard, Laurel; Ron Bedrick, Long Ridge; Jim Adams, Bluff, Meadow Fork and Spring Creek; Pete McDermott, Paint Rock; Mrs. Myrtle Ray, Sodom; and Eddie Williams, Spillcorn. As more Vistas are assigned, communities in Buncombe County will also be served.

## National Moratorium Committee Urges Collegians to Take Peace Efforts Home

The Viet Nam Moratorium Committee, Washington, D. C.

The Viet Nam Moratorium Committee has announced that one of its major efforts in December will be to focus on the month is on small scale, basically grass-roots activity which will be modest in scope. On the 12th and 13th, canvassing and leafletting will take place in many cities and towns across the nation. In addition, town meetings are being held in some localities to discuss the effect of defense and military spending upon local need. Others are planning to visit the district office with their congressmen to discuss his position on the war and to make clear that support in the 1970 election will be assured only if the congressman opposes the war.

On the 24th, activities centering on the Christmas theme of "Peace on Earth" are planned. A group of prominent clergymen is being organized to relate the Moratorium to normal Christmas religious activities. Among the events which will take place are vigils, processions preceding church services, caroling which will emphasize "Peace on Earth," and special church services.

It would indeed be a tragedy to miss the opportunity to carry the anti-war movement from our universities to our home towns. Work necessary to end the war in Viet Nam cannot be restricted to areas where we have already been active. We must "Take the Moratorium Home for Christmas." The Viet Nam Moratorium Committee recently sent a special memo to more than 3,000 campus organizers urging them to devote their attention to this effort. Students are encouraged to contact other students from their home towns now on other campuses. In addition they should contact existing peace groups or sympathetic persons in their towns to bring them into the anti-war effort. Spokesmen for the Moratorium pointed out that many students will return to their towns in January for between semester break and could expand upon their initial December activity then.

Anti-war sentiment could be diffused and peace groups organized in many areas which have seen little anti-war activity to date. The Viet Nam Moratorium Com-

mittee sponsored the Oct. 15 Moratorium, and the activities around the country on Nov. 13 and 14. The Moratorium Days for December are the 12th, 13th and 24th. The entire focus for the month is on small scale, basically grass-roots activity which will be modest in scope. On the 12th and 13th, canvassing and leafletting will take place in many cities and towns across the nation. In addition, town meetings are being held in some localities to discuss the effect of defense and military spending upon local need. Others are planning to visit the district office with their congressmen to discuss his position on the war and to make clear that support in the 1970 election will be assured only if the congressman opposes the war.

## SGA Makes Proposals; Some Issues Ride Again

by Jim Ewart

The Student Government Association Senate revived a former "dead issue" at its Nov. 25 meeting when it decided to reopen a study on the proposal for placing students on standing faculty committees.

The new proposal calls for the appointment of four senators by the SGA president to a committee which will study the faculty by-laws handbook and attempt to determine which faculty committees students have the right to sit on. It also called for three faculty members to serve as committee advisors. Mentioned to be requested to serve in this capacity were Dean Richard Hoffman, Dean William Sears and Dr. Earl Leininger.

Senator Cathy Bowen, in making the proposal, called for the advisors to meet regularly with the student senate committee for the purposes of informing representatives of how

the faculty committees work, what is going on and how students might

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The Student Government Association is sponsoring a program which may prove to be a boon to campus communications. Every two weeks for the remainder of the school year, the top four officers of SGA, the class officers, the station manager of WMHC and the editor-in-chief of the Hilltop will meet to discuss the evolutionary changes of the college and to debate on campus problems. These meetings will be scheduled for times between senate meetings and Hilltop deadlines in an effort to coordinate campus plans.

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