

To Be Reckoned With

Pogo, generally an astute critic of the human situation, has come up with what may be a very valid evaluation of some of the tragedy which besets us as a nation, a college community and as individuals: "We have met the enemy and he is us."

Almost every day sees the ending of some things and the beginning of others, which is all probably very beneficial for the evolutionary process of the world and for humanity. At least, endings and beginnings offer the potential for creative and constructive change. Because most of us tend to consider ourselves somewhat directed, if not bound by, the limits of time, we often ponder the significance of change only when change has been planned for us—such as the end of one semester and the beginning of another. So, for this moment and this page, let's consider Mars Hill; we need to be aware before we can be in any way wise and we need to be wise for the sake of progress and change for the good.

President Bentley has been away from campus for a large portion of time during this semester; he has been working all over the South in an effort to raise money for the college. Undoubtedly, those of us who have spent the semester here are aware of the fact that his absence has been costly to the school. This semester 750 persons, over half the number enrolled, are freshmen or transfer students and it has been impossible for them to get to know Dr. Bentley or for him to know them. There definitely seems to be a break down or, at least, a slacking off of communications between the student body and the administration, especially in the case of President Bentley. It does not seem that this situation is irreparable nor indicative of any significant clash lurking somewhere in the immediate future. It does seem, however, that both the administration and the students need to be aware of the break down and also aware of the continued effort that will be required of both sides in the coming semester to insure understanding and cooperation between the two groups.

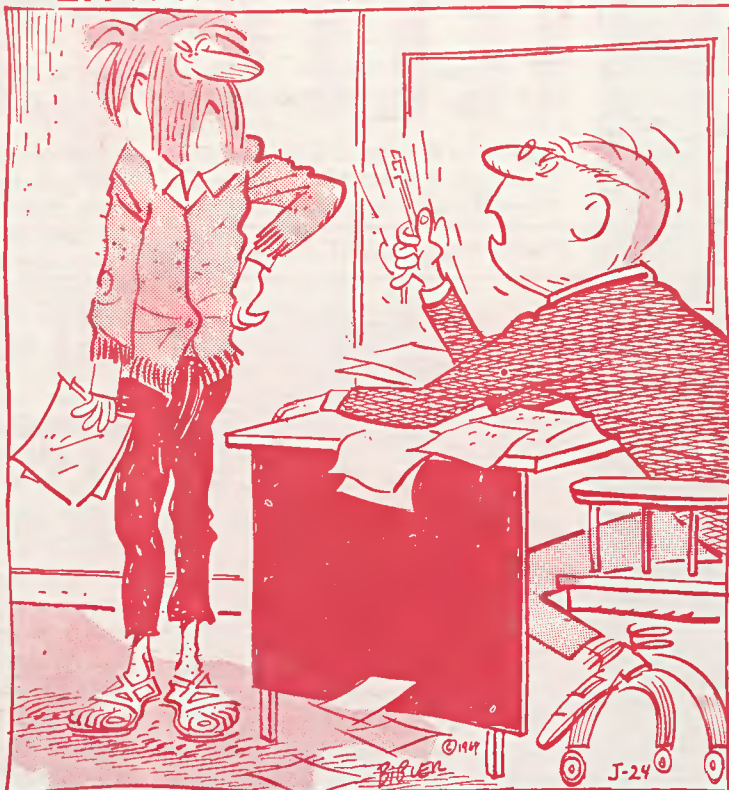
Young, enthusiastic and inexperienced, the Community Development Institute, in an effort to make a place of service for itself in the college and in the community at large, has at times this semester worked against itself and brought its participants into stages of near-crisis. This was due to several factors which upset the not-too-ironed-out operational procedure which was established last year. Just as the Institute launched its first summer program in early June by placing 32 students working as Interns in agencies all over Western North Carolina, it lost its founder and "Big Daddy" when Dr. Hoffman left to assume the role of Vice-President in Charge of Academic Affairs.

The summer internship program did not work out too smoothly. There were several fairly significant misunderstandings between the Interns and the Institute concerning such topics as the printing of summer research papers, the lack of communications between the interns and the Institute, pay, semester hours' credit and quality points, the role of the interns in their respective agencies and the projected role of the Institute. The misunderstandings led to rumors and more misunderstandings and tension grew among students and between students and the Institute. Late in the semester a meeting was called for all participants in any phase of CDI work. At this time grievances were aired, ideas were offered and attitudes were openly expressed. Perhaps the most redemptive idea that evolved from the meeting was that the students and the CDI were one entity with a diversified personality and potential rather than two entities which sometimes felt the need to work together and sometimes felt the need to be antagonistic toward each other.

Pogo's statement serves to remind us that we must constantly be in a state of self-evaluation; we must know where we stand; we must know if we are working for or against that which we really desire. We must be open to self-criticism. Above all, we must be willing to change in order that we might be better.

— Linda Baldwin

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"IN SPITE OF YOUR TEST SCORES THERE IS ONE FACTOR IN MY SCORING YOUR FINAL GRADE THAT YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVEN'T TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION—I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU."

File 34

by Sammy Wallace

File 34 returns after its premier issue. Compliments have come from such sources as the Silver Fox's character alias the office of Registrar Robert Chapman and the office of VP Richard Hoffman. File 34 continues to tell it like it is even though it may mean its ward it will have to go incognito after each issue and Lurch. Baldwin may have to turn over the editorship of File 34 to the Green Phantom, Terry Kuykendall.

Recently I talked to a lady who graduated from Mars Hill almost 50 years ago. If some students think the old policies of MHC are primeval now, they should have been around 50 years ago. According to the lady, she never had a date while going to classes or to date the same boy more than once a month. She said that this policy tended to cut down on the marriages of MHC coeds. She continued to relate that the usual date in those days consisted of going on a mountain hike with a group of about 10 other couples. Usually a faculty member was in the group to see that no one got too passionate. The date usually consisted of talking to a boy and on the occasion, holding his hand. Boy, things have really changed around MHC. Incidentally, this lady says MHC of their day had her something: she's still single. So gang, don't be too rough on Dean Logan. Things could be worse.

The first news item in the Christmas edition of File 34 concerns money; that which everyone wishes had more of at this season. President Bentley has announced that Mr. Clyde Herman Bost, 80, of New York, who died Sept. 20, the grandfather of senior Kitty Cramer, has bequeathed MHC 2400 shares of Holiday Inn, Inc. stock. In the will, MHC was given \$92,500 worth of stock which has since increased in market value to approximately \$105,000. Mr. Bost's will specified that the gift be used in the Department of Religion to support faculty salaries. Dr. Bentley stated that the money will be used to establish and endow a permanent chair in the Department of Religion and Philosophy. The bequest comes at a timely point in the college's emphasis on Excellence campaign.

And then there was the man who said his day gone so badly that he called Dial-A-Prayer and hung up on him.

On Nov. 24 the Ministerial Conference of MHC had its first meeting of the year. Activities ranged from a discussion concerning the purpose of the Conference to a discussion led by Dr. James Blevins of the Religion Department. Dr. Blevins spoke on the requirements set up by Baptist Seminaries. Dr. Blevins, who taught for five years at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, explained Seminary life to the prospective Seminary students and advised them on the best way to prepare for Seminary while in college.

If you're feeling lonely and depressed, your best just left you and you spent your next to your last buying her a Christmas gift, then relax! And buy Cadenza. It contains heart-warming poetry that mend even the most crushed heart.

Several students have talked to me about the possibility of having music in the cafeteria during the hour. The cafeteria has a music system, but presently does not use it. I suggest that a committee of students be formed which would be in charge of the program. Perhaps having one person responsible for one type of music would be the best possibility. The program would not necessarily have to be of one set type, jazz, big band, country and western, etc. could be included in the programing.

Prospective new members elected to the Kappa Chapter of Tri Beta Biological Honor Society are: member, Martha Taylor; associate members, Don David Gelber, Fay Outlaw, Wayne Price and Steve Williams.

Congratulations go out to the cast and crew of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The play, performed by the Drama Department of MHC, was held over Dec. 8 after three successful engagements on Dec. 7.

File 34 salutes the long-haired members of the Canines Dammit, Ralph, Louie and friends lend a certain personality to the campus. Whether they are being at passing cars or professors, or relaxing a foot of a student in the cafeteria, Dammit's troops where the action is.

The NoDoz Service Award of next week will go to the entire MHC student body who will be burning the night oil and dropping in the Murine in preparation for the Judgment Days; Dec. 15-19.

As the Christmas season approaches, File 34 suggests that clubs and fraternities begin placing mistletoe under all doors of the buildings on campus in keeping with the Christmas tradition. This writer is going to place mistletoe on the inside roof of his car.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's Eve!

Letters to the editor...

Dear Editor,

Comment is here made on an article by Charlie Vandercook, which appeared in the November 1 issue of Hilltop, under the heading "The Church in 1969."


Before we could give much credence to the thoughts which he expressed, it would be necessary to know something of the ATTITUDE and EFFORT of that group of "disaffected" youth that he purports to speak for, i.e. toward those programs already in progress in their own churches. In other words, were they ever in spirit a part of their church or were they just brought up in it?

Indictments in the article come so thick and fast, and are of such a general nature that it would be impossible to allocate enough space in one issue of Hilltop to allow much comment. I am afraid that any attempt at it would only emphasize a wide divergence of opinions as to the true nature and purpose of the Church that Christ founded. There certainly has been a wide scope of activities engaged in during the near onto 2000 years of its existence. According to history, some of them were pretty rough and had little to do with spreading of the Gospel and the saving of souls. All of us would do well to review some of that history. It will also account for some of the hesitancy of the present-day church to expand its program into other fields.

On the other hand, as I see it, God in his own way has brought us down to 1969 with a fairly stabilized idea of what the church is all about. And what some have regarded as divisions and weaknesses in the church are working out to be units of thought and action where an serious minded Christian can find a spot which most nearly fits his concept of what constitutes Christian action. This makes possible self determination and independent effort within each governing unit. (However, I am not saying that I think any church program is a good as another). It is no wonder then that some of youth among Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics and all others find themselves with questioning attitudes. This appears to be normal and inevitable but it does not denote a strong turning away from the Church as a Christian


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