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## BSU Takes Over Administration Building



Mr. and Mrs. Gorge Peery (he's supposedly of the political science department) were prepared to defend their home last week in the midst of the confusion that erupted in the mountain hamlet when 700 Baptist Student Union members took over the Administration Building of Mars Hill College.

In an unprecedented exhibition of brutal force, the Baptist Student Union, approximately 700 strong, overtook the Administration Building of Mars Hill College on April 1 after three nights of rock hurling, marches and burning of local Veterans Club meeting rooms.

Led by BSU President Don McCaskill and President-elect Richard Sparkerman, a delegation of 32 militant ministerial students organized the attack after a list of 95 demands, which had been nailed to the door of the building, had been torn down by Registrar Robert Chipman as he left his office on the afternoon of March 26.

The attack, which was completely unexpected by the administration and staff, has left the town in a state of shock and the campus in a state of disaster.

Students had been expected to leave campus on the afternoon of March 27 for a 10-day spring break. However, following the incident of March 26, BSU leaders decided to call a required meeting of their membership during spring break and set up temporary headquarters in the office of the Hilltop, which has long been suspected of harboring subversive elements.

The SDS chapter of the Asheville High School, learning of the BSU's efforts to organize an attack against the administration due to their "latent ignorance of the needs of students in a modern, responsible society," provided homemade bombs, noisemakers and extra long rubber bands to the BSU officials and promised to solicit boxes of cereal and other high protein food supplies from Buncombe County SDS members for local use in this push for academic liberty.

On March 29, at approximately 11 p.m., after two days of highly technical strategizing, President McCaskill led a small group of men up Girls' Hill where three mammoth sling shots were positioned in trees and loaded with hard rolls which had been meticulously stolen from the college cafeteria.

Meanwhile, President-elect Sparkerman, armed with his trusty guitar, led a small parade of women

through the main thoroughfares of Mars Hill. The group, singing a medley of songs including Give A Damn, Bridge Over Troubled Water, We Shall Overcome, and Sweet Hour of Prayer, drew a crowd of approximately 16 sleepy citizens and 34 howling dogs.

After an exhausting journey the length of Main Street (both blocks), the group returned to the Hilltop office for rest and recuperation.

The next morning, Dr. Freed Berkeley, frustrated president of the college, called an emergency meeting of the Bored Trustees to discuss the parade of the previous evening. It was hurriedly decided that the event had been fostered by a particularly enthusiastic series of local revivals and the meeting was dismissed. Later in the day President Berkeley flew to Nairobi, Kenya, to discuss the feasibility of a foreign exchange program for college presidents.

In an exclusive Landslide interview, which took place on the morning of March 30, President McCaskill said, "The requests which were made by this organization were quite within the scope of feasibility for this college at this time. For example, we requested that an ABM research center be established in the Wall Science Building within 30 days of our notice, which was posted on March 26. Such a proposal could not have been reasonably rejected; the college has the funds and the staff to provide for such a center.

"We are tired of this college perceiving itself as a pastoral refuge for anti-social citizens. In order for the American society to physically survive, to protect its intellectual personality and to further develop its moral potential, anti-social tendencies can no longer be tolerated. This is supported by Obadiah 42:8.

"We also requested that the College assume responsibility for replacing the slum housing which it condescendingly provides for its rather feudal community. I can only say that I am greatly grieved that this situation has necessitated physical force, but I am ready to defend my position at whatever cost."

At this point in the interview Mc-

Castkill broke off his conversation and returned to be with his brooding, weary troops.

For the next two days Mars Hill was repeatedly besieged by a barrage of flying paper munitions, pebbles and rubber bands. Just after morning coffee break on April 1, some 700 students, looking half-starved after a three-day-long diet of cereal, stormed the Administration Building. All persons who had been in the building escaped with the exception of Business Manager Violent Hinderstone, who was held as hostage. She was released six hours later when personnel from the Physical Plant delivered 3500 McDonald's hamburgers to the front steps of the building in answer to a demand made by an unknown faction of the BSU.

One of the most surprising actions which followed in near succession to the actual taking of the building was that Robert Helvin, Chaplain of the College, resigned from his job and aligned himself with BSU forces. It is understood that he "felt an undying loyalty to the BSU and had to go with them."

About twilight the town of Mars Hill ordered its police force into action, and the BSU and the Mars Hill Police Department engaged in a heated battle which lasted until the final EverReady battery in the last flashlight went out a few hours later.

President Berkeley, who had been wired of the situation by one of the Bored Trustees, called President Mixum in Washington, D. C., and requested that a detachment of federal troops be ordered onto the scene. President Mixum said that he couldn't remember where North Carolina is but that he would try to do something.

No federal troops have appeared so it seems that Mixum never remembered where North Carolina is or that federal troops somewhere are AWOL. At any rate, Mixum is not "bringing them together."

In a statement made to one helmeted Landslide reporter, Helvin said on the evening of April 1, "I have an Excedrin headache you

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## Campus News Round-Up

Having partially recovered from a severe bout with the dreaded "ivy tower" fever, several departments of Mars Hill College have feebly announced a list of departmental achievements and have also released some of the plays now being made by individual members of their departments.

The art department, in complete amazement, has announced that the college has finally granted enough funds to construct a formal art gallery for the exposition and sales of art work done by students. The gallery, which is expected to draw tourists from as far away as Weaverville, should be completed by December of 1972. Modern appointments of the building will include steps and running water (in the form of a creek flowing through the basement) and will be well-heated during the summer tourist season.

Mr. Ray Babelot of the music department has announced that two-and-a-half miles of the catacombs in the Fine Arts Building will be donated to the Religious Department for use as labs for students who register for the new course in sex education.

The history department proudly announces that two faculty members, Mr. David Nicely and Mr. Larry Cullis, have completed their joint work — A Brief History of the Morality and/or Immorality of Ghengis Kahn.

Mr. Jim Whyatt, Librarian, has said that the library will have copies of the book on the shelves in record time, i.e., within seven years of the second publication.

The business department will be dissolved at the end of this semester due to mismanagement. (Editor's note: The Landslide staff tried fervently to acquire more information on this very serious matter but the faculty members of this department had gone on a daisy-picking trip up Mount Bailey. The last meeting of the business department professors was taped but the mumbling was impossible to decipher.)

The mathematics and physics department, in an effort to update its facilities for students in upper level courses, has ordered 28 stainless steel abacuses from a company based in Hong Kong. The abacuses (or is it abacci?), along with framed copies of explicit directions for their use, will be stored in a special laboratory to be constructed immediately adjacent to the little glass house affectionately known as Wall's Outhouse.

Two weeks ago a truckload of color televisions was delivered to the education department to be installed in various county schools so that students on the Block Program might be able to evaluate the impact of the educational programs on elementary age school children. Since that time no one has seen

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### Book Review

## All The News That's Fit To Print

Setting a phenomenal record of four consecutive months on the best seller list, Mars Hill College Catalogue continues to hold the number one slot on the top ten in the fiction list.

Reporting to be the offerings and requirements of a fictional college in the mythical village of Mars Hill, nestled in the smog-choked Craggy Mountains of North Carolina, Catalogue reveals the stirring passions, agonies and joys inherent in operating a small, church-related institute of higher learning according to the morals and standards of the early 18th century.

Written in a straight forward, no-

nonsense style, which is almost as vague as the situations it relates, Catalogue reflects the same hopeless frustrations which led its author or authors to choose to remain anonymous. Reading like a cast from a Fellini movie, the staff and faculty of this mythical institution defy the human imagination. Perhaps this lack of reality reinforces the general lack of credibility in the whole make up of the incidents which occur.

The overlaying tone of the book is one of total indifference in an atmosphere of benign mistrust and hostility. Perhaps the only bit of feeling is portrayed in the hero of

the novel, the student body.

The real importance of this little book is not in the surface situations but rather in the well-hidden meaning which supports the theme of the small mountain institution — that is, that Victorian ideology is not dead but merely dormant.

A sequel to this magnificent piece of literature is now being prepared in collaboration with scholars from Bob Jones University and, according to the anonymous authors, will be a light unto the path for this dark world. Undoubtedly, it will match if not surpass Catalogue in sales.