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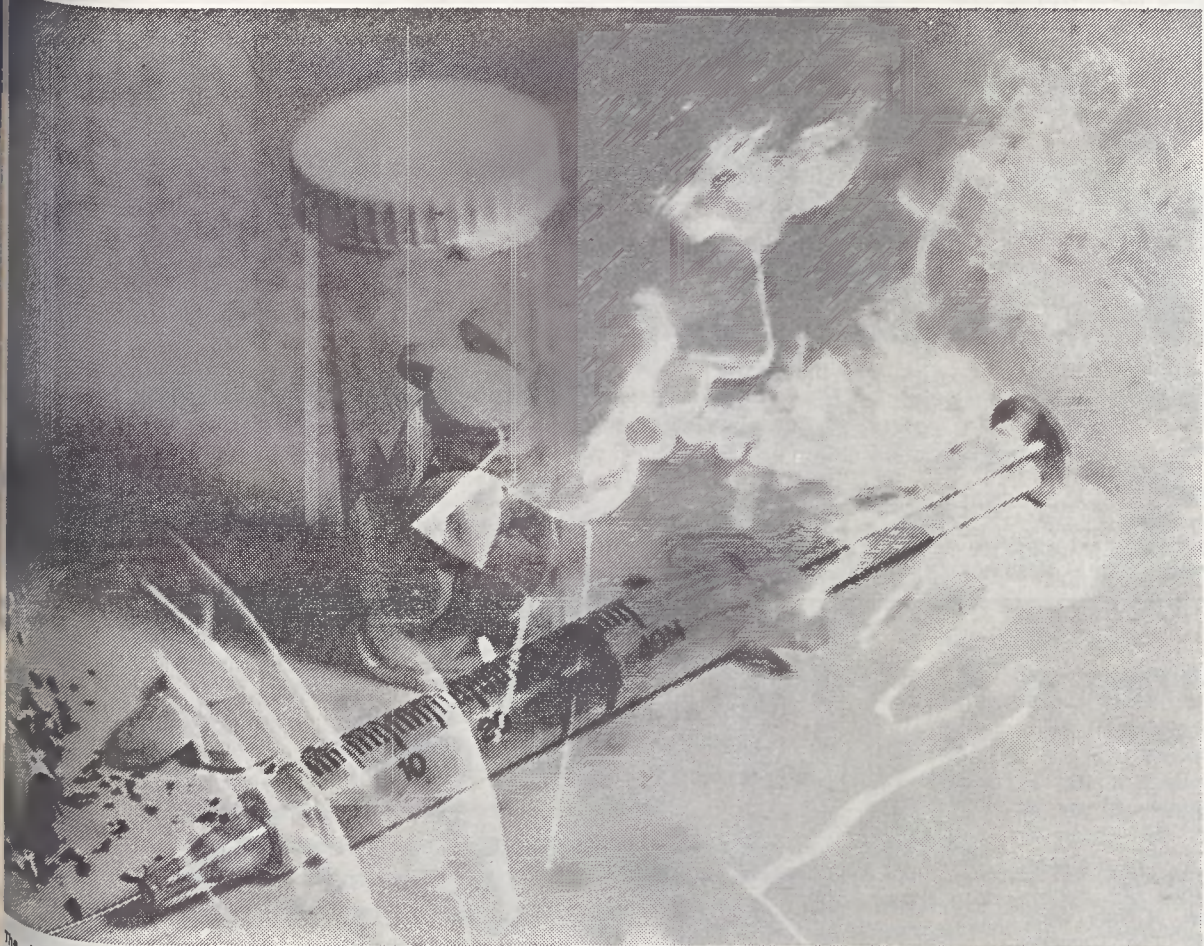
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OPEN SENATE MEETING
to Discuss Direction of
Student Government
Association
Sunday, 8:00 p.m.
Library Auditorium



The above photograph focuses on a serious problem facing many Mars Hill students. The college administration, Student Government Association, and the Hilltop are presently working together towards the establishment of an autonomous, volunteer drug corps which would serve in an information resource and counseling capacity for the student body.

College Seeks New Way To Answer Drug Problem

by Linda Baldwin

The college administration, Student Government Association, and the Hilltop will jointly sponsor an exploratory session next Thursday evening to discuss the various alternatives open to our college community in combatting the abuse of drug usage. Medical doctors, college security men, student leadership, and certain faculty and administrators will attend the session which will be lead by Mr. Frank Parker, Jr., a member of the Asheville YMCA staff. Mr. Parker has extensive experience with the drug "hotline" and a successful crash pad in Asheville.

The goal of Thursday's session will be to try to establish a drug corps or similar information disseminating group to explore the implications of the crash pad concept as well as any other alternatives open to this community. The drug corps would be comprised of volunteer faculty and students who, after undergoing training in the academics of

drugs, would serve in an information resource and counseling capacity. All work done by the corps would be strictly confidential.

A number of colleges and universities in the United States have employed the use of some kind of volunteer drug corps. The purpose of such a corps is three-fold; to make factual data on drugs available to any individual or organization interested, to offer counseling to the potential user or one who has experimented or even one who is a regular user, and to have assistance available for any drug user who might need medical aid. A large percentage of the established corps report favorable response from students.

Dr. Bentley said in a special statement to the Hilltop concerning this issue, "All of us are aware of the widespread use of drugs throughout the country. We know that the Asheville area is becoming increasingly saturated with pushers and experi-

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Food Consultant Hashes Over Cafeteria Issue

Dr. Fred Bentley announced at an open forum on Monday, Oct. 26, that he had engaged the services of a Food Consultant to survey the cafeteria situation. He introduced Mr. Fredrick "Rick" Johnson to a large gathering in Moore Auditorium. Mr. Johnson graduated from the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management at Florida State University and has spent the past 10 years teaching and directing in the area of food management. He is presently employed as Director of Hotel and Restaurant Management, Asheville-

Buncombe Technical Institute. Mr. Johnson first pointed out that the main problem is in the preparation of the food and not, contrary to some students beliefs in the quality of the "raw materials." He went on to say that the atmosphere of the cafeteria was as much to blame. According to him the long lines and servers' attitudes, along with the unappetizing presentation of food, all take a drastic toll on the student's reaction. Before the meeting adjourned, he told the audience that although his first commit-

ment was to Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute, he would spend as much time as could be spared in the cafeteria advising Mr. Donald Caldwell, cafeteria manager. Dr. Bentley announced at the meeting that a professional dietician from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa will be on campus Nov. 15. According to Dr. Bentley, Mr. Caldwell has been instructed to operate the cafeteria without preference to monetary gains.

Campus Problems Necessitate Search

Recent events in this region, as well as certain international news, have caused Mars Hill College officials to be quite concerned about several potential problems on our campus. These problems are the potential danger of fire hazards caused by open coil appliances such as hot plates, the increased problem of drug use and abuse throughout this country, and the increased tendency of students to overindulge in the use of alcoholic beverages.

Of course, Mars Hill College has always been concerned about the potential fire hazards in large dormitory areas but it also has taken an unequivocal stand against possession or use of alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed drugs on this campus or at college-sponsored events. For the last three years the officials at Mars Hill College have been working with the student body to structure a program of student government in which the student body itself exercises supervision and control over most student regulations.

Over the past few weeks many rumors have broken out to the effect that there are drug pushers and users within our college community and that there is an overt abuse of possession and use of alcoholic beverages within the dormitory rooms. In an effort to clarify the status at Mars Hill College, the administration and student government have reverted to a system of room inspections to determine whether or not there are drugs on our campus and whether or not students are storing alcoholic beverages within their rooms. We deeply regret that this action is necessary but feel that we have an obligation to our students and our constituency to see to it that the standards of Mars Hill College are upheld.

The room searches will be conducted by a team comprised of a representative of the college administration and a representative of the student government. During a room search at least one occupant of the room must be present so as to protect basic student rights. If the students at Mars Hill College can assume a responsible position of self-governance, then the administration will probably discontinue this room inspection policy.

Beyond the immediate action which is being taken by the administration and the student government, plans are now underway to form a drug corps on the campus which will serve as an information disseminating and counseling center for campus young people. The purpose of such a center will be to give hard data on the effects of drug use to the potential users or information seekers. We realize that while it is impossible to legislate mortality, the institution has an obligation to try to educate its college students on the harmful effects of drugs.

—Dr. Fred B. Bentley, President Mars Hill College

Editor's note: Random room searches were conducted Wednesday night. Dean Sears reported to the Hilltop office that no alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed drugs were uncovered. Several violations of the fire code were discovered and the students responsible were asked to remedy the infractions immediately.

Annual Pageant Staged Tonight

Public Affairs Director for WKKE Radio in Asheville, Bob Grayson, will emcee the 1971 "Miss Laurel" pageant tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Moore Auditorium. Fourteen girls will compete for the title in the sixth annual event. Contestants and their sponsors are: Fairley Stevens Varner, junior class; Donna Christina Lamb, Huffman; Mary Janette Fishburne, Stroup; Kathy Louise Pepper, freshman class; Patricia Louise Whitson, Melrose; Patricia Sue Morgan, Splman; Betty Jane Boyd, Fox; Jennifer Johnson, Myers; Debra Ellen Hutchison, Brown; Emily Anne Irwin, sophomore class; Cheryl Lynn Autrey, Jarvis; Kendall Owen Fullenwider, Edna Moore; Gloria Marie Hartis, Treat; Rebecca Lynn Stover, Gibson. "It is a beauty pageant using Miss America pageant standards," said Mr. Walter Smith, advisor to The Laurel. Talent, most important of the three categories in the pageant, will include dramatic readings, singing, piano renditioning, and baton

routine. The other two categories are formal wear and street clothes. Mr. and Mrs. "Tuck" Gudger from Asheville will be judging again this year. Mr. Gudger has judged in 150 beauty pageants. The other judges, Mr. & Mrs. James Hughes, have also been involved in beauty pageants. The future "Miss Laurel" will be crowned by Kathy Smith Wickle, Miss Laurel 1970. Entertainment for the pageant will be provided by the Phi Mu Alpha "Sinfonians" and Carl Wallace. Members of Alpha Phi Omega will be escorts. Jim Harelson is Executive Director of the pageant. The Board of Directors includes John Gideon, Stage Manager; Paul Sholar, Music Director; Jerry Bradmon, Sound Director; Jeff Cunningham, Archie Stevens, Jerry Hunter, Lighting Directors; and Babs Waters, Make Up. Alpha Phi Omega and Delta Phi Zeta members will sponsor a reception for contestants and judges after the pageant.

Justices Appointed

The Senate met Monday night in a called meeting for the specific purpose of approving ten new Student Court Justices. Ten out of 30 applicants were nominated by a Judicial Council consisting of members of the SGA. The 10 new justices, who will serve a one year term, are Elvira Carpenta, Phyllis Dorn, Will Glover, Hayes Goodrum, John Hurst, Janet Lester, Susan Murray, Tom Robbins, Billy Stair, and Ingrid Young. Other members of the court are Linda Baldwin, Laine Calloway, Karen Cummings, Frank Farrell, Jack Greene, Terry Hamrick, Al Purvis, Harry Quiett, Linda Ritchie, and Jim Wickle.

Members of the student court elected Harry Quiett Chief Justice and Janet Lester Assistant Chief Justice. Their duty is to act as spokesmen for the Justices.