

THE BOOKCASE

by Harry Quiett

How well read are you? Do you have more than a nodding acquaintance with the "in" authors of today? Well, if you are the average Mars Hill student, faculty or staff member, you don't. Spurred on by an article in a recent issue of **The New Republic**, concerning what America's college students are reading, I sent out a questionnaire via several willing profs. The survey was designed to determine how well read we are at MHC. The final results were at once encouraging and disheartening.

The questionnaire was designed very simply (to be compatible with my mentality) to determine merely how well read or how well acquainted people here are with works which, according to **The New Republic** article, are at the top of reading lists of college students across the country. Just for good measure I also threw in the titles and authors of the best seller list for that week.

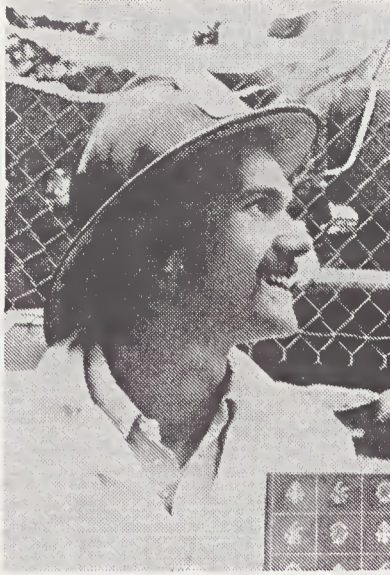
The results were interesting though not at all unexpected. Of the list of books and authors from **The New Republic** article—which included such as: Hesse, Kafka, Vonnegut, Heller, Brautigan, Southern, Farina, Kesey, and Wolfe, and works such as: **God Bless You Mr. Rosewater**, **Cats Cradle**, **Catch-22**, **Lord of the Flies**, **Electric Kool Aid Acid Test**, and **One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest**. The only works MHC people were really familiar

with were those of Hesse and Heiler, both of whom are discussed in the Humanities course. Those books and authors from the best seller list fared somewhat better, with an almost 25% recognition or acquaintance response. Thus, the first general conclusion to be drawn is that MHC has just somehow miraculously missed being caught up in the mainstream of current American literary effort.

The second conclusion that can be drawn is much more encouraging? It is at least more interesting when the subject matter of the works from **The New Republic** article is considered. All these works are disestablishmentarian in nature. This immediately says two things about MHC. First, we are not inclined to the current onslaught of revolutionary adventures to the degree of most students in American educational institutions. Second, we are largely unaware of the current ideologies sweeping the country.

Take heart! Don't hide in shame! There is hope for us yet. The Community Development Institute has established a miniature library of books for the socially and culturally aware Mars Hill person (the use of the word "person" may be awkward, but "Mars Hillian" makes my skin crawl).

The CDI library is designed to alleviate the situation and acquaint anyone interested with some of the more current concepts. The collection consists of works on politics, religion, philosophy, sociology, and ecology. The following is a list of some of the more prominent titles: **Do It**—Jerry Rubin, **America vs. American**—James Michener, **City Talk**—Hopkins and Arenella, **On Revolution**—Hanna Arendt, **Agenda for The Nation**—Kermik Gordon (editor), **Pax Americana**—Ronald Steel, **Open Classroom**—Herbert Kohl, **Love and Will**—Rollo May, **The Arrogance of Power**—Sen. William J. Fulbright, **The Population Bomb**—Dr. Paul Ehrlich, and **The Social Contract**—Robert Ardrey.



Rick Garrison, a senior political science-sociology major, is one of four MHC students who are members of the town volunteer fire department. Rick and his wife Connie live in Mars Hill.

Court Record

On Oct. 13, W. O. Myrick and Ellen Pugh appeared before the Housing Court of Mars Hill College Student Government Association charged respectively with having a girl in a boy's residence and being in a man's dormitory at an undesignated time. Under the Court's verdict of guilty they were placed on Conduct Probation. Student Government Association appealed Myrick and Pugh's case to Student Court on Oct. 14, and to Appeals Court on Oct. 20. The Court of Appeals pronounced a verdict of guilty and both were suspended.

On Nov. 3, Dick Morgan and Mack Byrd, charged with having girls in a boy's residence, appeared before Student Court. Both entered a plea of guilty and were placed under judicial probation. The girls, being non-students of MHC, did not come under the court's jurisdiction.

On Nov. 10, Ernest Robbins, charged with possession and consumption of an alcoholic beverage on campus was brought before Student Court. His plea was innocent and, because of insufficient evidence, the charges were dropped.

Agnew Speaks

The Trouble With Diversity: It Won't Fit Into One Category

—Associated Collegiate Press—
Michael Bates, University College-2, recently conducted an exclusive interview with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. Following is word for word account of the interview.

Bates: What I'd basically like to center around, since we have such a short time, is more or less your thoughts about college and college kids today. In other words, after your many trips throughout the United States, and after speaking to the thousands of people, what is your concept of just the typical American university student?

VP: I don't think there's such a thing as a typical American university student and too frequently we're asked to reach a conclusion that there is. The people who ask for a composite university student raise the question that one is potentially in existence. The same for the people in the communications media who love their generalizations of the young, the black and the poor, but our society is so varied, so infinitely complex that it's unrealistic to expect that a bunch of young people coming from different backgrounds, coming from different areas, and centering in a university, would immediately assume a homogeneous quality that they would all think alike. Now, there is a tendency, in that circumstance, to develop a peer opinion among students. I don't question the fact that principally, because of the impact of the liberal thinkers who, for the most part, dominate the faculties in the universities, that there is very little understanding of the philosophies of the people such as me. There hasn't been enough chance for me to communicate in depth with college students on my belief about the principles of the country, which is one reason why I welcome this interview with you—and there's almost the image that anyone representing the conservative establishment as a crass, contained rather cold, calculating person is hard to overcome.

Bates: If you found yourself as a university student today, what you think, aside from your student activities would center on other words, would you be interested in politics or ecology, or what?

VP: I just don't know how my answer that because my political activities emerged rather late in my life and during my college years. I was much more interested in conventional pursuits of the fraternity activities, athletics, the things that young people were doing in those days. There is this over-powering sense of consciousness that exists at present time.

Bates: Do you think that to use the inaccessibility of government leaders—that the sort of protective world of government leadership is a hindrance to college student understanding governmental problems? In other words, if they had access to the machinery of government more, could talk with you, say, like I'm talking to you—do you think it would be a help?

VP: It would—and yet, there's a lot more of it than we give it credit for. I have intern programs in the White House—White House interns. I had an intern program when I was Governor that I set up to bring students in during the summer to work in the departments of government. We had legislative programs and White House Fellowships and programs of that sort. And we have as much communication as is possible. Now, students must be able to represent a constituency in the student population of this country is probably less than 10 percent. We must be just as available to these other groups as we are to students. They should have access to us, but certainly superior access. And this is a problem of government. We have to do our jobs, too. One of the things I think communication would be proved would be if this fashioning thing on the campus about not inviting people to be heard when they are invited to come and speak would just disappear, because really is the most anti-intellectual facade that's ever been erected in intellectual community.

Bates: Let me ask you one question. I'm sure you're familiar with President Nixon's speech and that there were a few headlines that were, as you said, a very minority. There's been some speculation as to whether these headlines should be prosecuted for that feeling and for calling out. How do you feel about that? Do you think you have an answer to it?

VP: I don't think that's the answer. I think that the answer is discipline that comes out of the college campus itself. After all, they have done more than broadcast kind of law that is generally punished publicly is to betray just a rageous bad manners. And that's part of a community where we're supposed to dominate. And if we are unable to adjust to that community, then it seems to me that the college administrators should impose their own discipline. I don't think outside laws should do this. It's more of a body of law that should develop to take effect— that would be much more effective, I think, than the laws

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