

# Oh, Those Silk Purses and Sow's Ears

## Money Talks

Tuesday night lots of people in the dorms were hassled about procedure for choosing cheerleaders. Long into the night there were murmurs of concern, even ethics. There was even enough commitment to righting wrongs for some people to write to the editor. But none of the "concerned students" had the courage of their convictions to sign their names.

Almost commitment to petty things is getting old around here. Has anybody heard of Washington lately?

—Linda and Laine

## Stand Up and Holler

Emphasis "100,000" is emphasis on us. It's the chance to fund student-oriented, student-operated programs—everything from the Madison County Youth Camp project to the Juvenile Development Program at Swannanoa to ye olde stu-

dent publications.

It's been hard on many student programs to live within the strict confines of not-so-certain budgets from semester to semester. This campaign, if successful, would guarantee funds to deserving stu-

# To Sir, With Love

We, the Nights of the Rock Castle, wish to publicly recognize the technical assistance and friendship of a man long familiar with the agonies and ecstasies of journalism. Walter Smith, patient advisor to the Hilltop staff, is certainly responsible for teaching us to understand that eternal vigilance is the price of journalism. (We might add that we haven't had a decent night's sleep since.)

It's strange that some of the most important stories never find their way into print, that some of the most important lessons are acknowledged

dent projects—lots of them.

Students with enough gumption certainly have the guts to raise the money to sponsor them.

Package deals always were better.

—Linda Baldwin

with a smile and in silence—even by those of us who are advocates of all the news that's fit to print and then some.

Who could help but admire the guy who's willing to stand in the shadows and point out the sunlight?

We dedicate this issue of the Hilltop to its mentor, Walter Smith.

love,  
linda  
laine  
john  
frank

# Communications Board Set For Fall

New quarters, new guidance, and new alignment for MHC student communications media appear certain in the light of preliminary plans announced this week by the administration.

President Bentley stated that a long-discussed Board of Communications will be officially formed this summer and empowered to begin operation at the opening of the fall semester. The board will establish policy, formulate guidelines, and enunciate operational procedures for the Hilltop, Laurel, Cadenza, and other student communications media.

The composition of such a board, its purpose, and its responsibilities are yet to be spelled out precisely; but the board will be composed of both students and faculty, according to Hilltop advisor Walter Smith, who has been given the task of compiling the comprehensive recommendation regarding the formation of such a board.

He has already received suggestions and recommendations on the subject from personnel of the Hilltop, Laurel, Cadenza, and WMHC staffs and from the faculty advisors of the latter two.

Applications for the editorships of the Hilltop and the Laurel are currently being received by Mr. Smith. Copies of a special form for this purpose are available in the Hilltop-Laurel-Cadenza office as well as in his office. Deadline for filing such applications has been extended until noon Tuesday (May 11). Selection of the editor for each publication will be made within a week thereafter in order that each might use the summer in planning for the 1971-72 academic year.

In the light of recommendations by the inspection team of the Southern Association, which visited the campus last week, student communications media seem headed toward a closer affiliation with the student development program of the college and diminishing connection with the public relations branch of the college.

Such a shift had already been indicated in the last issue of the Hilltop, when it was revealed that adequate facilities will be included for student publications in the proposed new Student Center, on which construction will begin this summer.

Now the administration has announced that plans are being formu-

lated to begin the shift sooner by moving the student publications office adjacent to the student development (student affairs) area in Spelman this summer.

"Operating under a communications board and being physically closer to the formal student develop-

ment program should encourage the various student communications media toward greater usefulness on this campus," Mr. Smith said. "It certainly will give them a new sense of responsibility in which to develop and to exercise freedom of expression."

## Sounds of the Times

### Foreign Exchange

Dear Linda:

When the French Language House opens for the January term, 1972, it will have a most appropriate occupant, a real live French girl, Miss Regine Robin, 23, of Suresnes, France.

Through the cooperation of the MHC administration and the Institute of International Education, a French teaching assistantship has been awarded the young doctoral candidate, who is specializing in English and American literature and language with emphasis on the works of Faulkner. She will devote about 10 hours a week to assisting the French department and will pursue her own studies during the remainder of her time. Although scheduling for Miss Robin has not yet been made, it is hoped that contact between her and every student of French will be possible and that she will gain as much knowledge, benefit and pleasure from her acquaintance with all on our campus as we expect to receive from her.

Mrs. Marian Tisdale

### A Word of Thanks

Dear Linda,

I want to say a word of thanks to the student body for the great support it gave last week's events. As everyone knows, this is the first time anything like this has been attempted at Mars Hill and I think on the whole the experiment was most successful. I think it should be emphasized that the entire week was student planned and student operated while loosely coordinated by the activities office. The week shows very well what students can do and I'm looking forward to a lot more of it in the future.

love,  
perry white

### Speechless?

Dear Linda,

As hard as it is for those who know me to believe it, for once in my life—on last Tuesday—I was speechless. Lest you might misunderstand and think that I promise to continue such a policy, I would like to break this unheard of silence and say (at the risk of being "gushy" by Allen Kirk and "sentimental" by Gary Singleton): "HAPPINESS IS being chosen to receive the excellence in teaching award from the students, faculty, and administration of Mars Hill College."

My love and gratitude to all,  
Betty J. Hughes

Rah! Rah!

Dear Editor:

After observing cheerleader try-outs it is our opinion that the method for choosing cheerleaders should definitely be changed. Regardless of how hard they try, faculty and administrative members cannot help but be prejudiced, especially when faculty members have taught some of the girls and when faculty daughters are trying out. Girls should be chosen strictly for their ability, enthusiasm, and performance with no regard to race or status.

We feel that in the future judges should be persons who are not affiliated with the school and who are not associated with the girls in any way.

PLEASE, can't someone do something about this problem???

Sincerely,

A group of concerned students

Dear Editor:

This letter is concerned with the recent "election" of cheerleaders for cont. on p. 3



by Laine Calloway

I am about to slam shut my filing cabinet, thereby ending another glorious year of File 34. Once again we failed to answer that ever popular question "why 34?" Alas, it remains a mystery.

Pity to you seniors who'll never find out the answer. But right now you can keep your mind busy remembering that all you guys (the ones passing) have graduation rehearsal Monday at Wall Science at 5:00 p.m. They want to teach you how to march, sit down, shake hands, and smile—all at the same time. Farewell to you seniors—hope you can find a job. Or has MHC prepared you to face unemployment in an over-populated America?

Remember when we talked about getting more off tuition if you're a resident of this state? Well, House Bill 8126 has been introduced by Rep. Phillips, Bean, Holshouser, Leatherman, and Martin. Write your state representative or Senator asking them to support this bill which will equalize tuition in the state.

How many of you guys went to Washington? "Too long has justice been sacrificed on the altar of order. Isn't it about time to sacrifice order on the altar of justice."—I heard that from a professor in one of my classes.

Derby Day was a success. The events up to May 1 offered something we're not used to—like intervisitation and dancing in the streets. Everything turned out pretty good and from what I hear kids felt pretty good about being treated like adults.

Derby Day had a real tug-of-war ending in a free for all. Congrats to the winner of the carcle contests:

Greased Pole, Tim Howard

Jello Plunge, John Allison and Ted Williams.

Tug of War, Girls—P. E. Girls; Boys—Tony's Gang

Pie Eating, Ted Williams and Ted Dease

Frisbee Throw, Mike Whitworth and Neal Thomas, George Geason

Egg Throw, Roland Hill and Mike Gordon

Piggy Back Race, Terry Dease and Ted Williams, Diane Green

Three Legged Race, Girls—Jennifer Blythe, Debbie Pope; Boys—Neal Thomas, Mike Whitworth

Dance Contest, Larry Brock and Cathy Long

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knott on the birth of their son, Robert Eugene, Jr. on April 28.

Will the amphitheatre be finished by graduation or will the road be goofed up with lumber? It's beginning to look more and more something and less and less like construction. Right now it looks like an early Chinese pagoda.

If you come back next fall we aren't here—try what is now a traffic control office. We are being evicted from the Rock Castle. hope the dragons in the photo eat up whomever occupies this magnificent, reasonable facsimile of Rock Building.

Should I get melancholy because this is the final paper of the year? Should I cry tears of sadness? Tears of joy? Heck no, I leave that to Boss Baldwin—I'll be back next year. Whoopseeee!

The last NoDooz Service Award goes to Smith Goodrum, Field Coordinator for the Community Development Institute. Smith has spent countless hours working with the students at Mars Hill and in the country. He is leaving MHC to do graduate work at the University of Alabama. Smith has gained my respect and that of many other people both on and off campus. Because of his efforts, give Smith the coveted NoDooz Award in complete seriousness.

The Hilltop expresses deepest condolences to Mrs. Nona Moore Roberts, a former faculty member and Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, a member of the faculty in the death of Mr. Oren Ernest Roberts, their husband and father-in-law respectively, on Saturday, April 24.

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Cordially,  
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