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If God be for us,
Who can be against us?
(Romans 8:31)
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Retreating Up Bailey

MHC'ers Romp on Continents Learning Spanish, French, German and 'Other Things'

"The Americans have arrived . . . raise the prices!" In its own special way that's a whopper of a social comment. Funny thing, it came from an Indian market in South America.

Twenty students from the college tramped across the land from Bogotá, Colombia to Arequipa, on somewhat of a mission impossible. This was no ordinary tour. Five days before the tour was to end in Cuzco, Peru, one student had an attack of appendicitis and Doctor McCoy had to remain behind with her. Was the tour to go on? Of course. Karen Caldwell Wayman had

to lead the rest of the tour. Off on their merry way, they arrived in Puno where they found out that the tourist agency that was handling this part of their tour had been shut down for dealings in the black market. Whoopee!!

What about the normal part of their tour? They visited a floating island and rode in reed boats on Lake Titicaca (look it up). From jungles below sea level to elevation of 15,000 feet, they traveled through Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

Let me remind you that Peru is under a military dictatorship. This meant that everywhere they went they were checked and double checked. A complete rundown on who, what, and where you were was necessary.

However, they all survived the experience and came back with a new awareness of America.

Students who participated in this adventure were: Nancy Buchanan, Joe Carter, Barbara Fox, Sherry Frye, Dee Gadshal, Edward Marelius, Bill Martin, Margaret Mashburn, Randall Metcalf, Carroll Mullins, Judy Orr, Kathi Peiham, Jim Potts, William Seagle, Jane Simmons, Sandy Ward, Bill Williamson, Roy Wood, David Major, Paul Rood, Bobby Franklin, Henry Chandler, Scotty Gorrell, Marvin Parrott, and Karen Caldwell Wayman.

Across the ocean, to the continent of Europe, more MHC students were wandering around. Trips were made to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France.

The German tour featured visits to everything from a brewery to the Olympic complex, from East Berlin to Dachau.

Students who went on the German tour were Linda Yeaman, Donna Arrowood, David Gillespie,

John Mauney, Don Stowe, Sandra Merrill, Don Seay, Jeannie Nye, George Henson, John Wilkins, Roger Smith, David Johnson, Rick Guard, Evirina Gillespie, Pat Ward, Owen Aycock, and Mike Stephens.

The French tour began with six full days in Paris. Those students participating in this tour were: Edward Martin, Lee Wilkinson, Britt Brittle, Teddy Cody, Wayne Seay, Carolyn Riddle, Tony Surace, Beth Swann, Charles Lang, Christine Gregory, Danny Farrell, Edward Lynch, Elsberry Wyatt, Taylor Orr, George Richardson, Gretchen Mayo, Richard Hutchinson, and Charles Norburn.

The Movement

by Mark Hutcherson

There is a new feeling breeding here at Mars Hill and those who attended the C.S.M., pre-school retreat, not only witnessed but lent a hand in its spiritual ebullition which nearly ran away from itself in enthusiasm and participation. This feeling was a shaking to the feet of the Christianity that has in the past "hid its light under a bushel," a dwarfed enclave of small number and voice, further dwarfed in an apathetic campus setting, vapid in structure. It did not appear to bear the statement—which the C.S.M. should constantly extend that, "Mars Hill is, in fact, a Christian college. After all." Instead one heard only an insipid echo that reverberated in a few Chapel-ugh!-Programs, of ever increasingly sparse attendance.

Not so this year. Grady Nutt, the living, operative definition of Christian charisma, easy yet mirthful, Andy Griffin-type humor, tiple troubador, magnetic to the eyes and laughter of the assembled, spoke at the first "Student Encounter" (that will replace the old mandatory chapel quandary), which was a rather promising first. He observed in his closing of the "Gospel-and-fun-field-day", that Mars Hill, . . . struggles to keep up," and struggles to, "Keep in there." This suggests again that we are finally getting the spirit of Christianity.

What does this suggest, this new enthusiasm? Have the Christians decided contritely that they have simply not been making it before? Is it merely a confrontation, a distraction of the otherwise ultimate ennui of a Mars Hill "entertainment drought"?

I think that this conflagration will certainly meet a tough challenge this year. But, with the coddling efforts of the C.S.M. and the participation of interested students and faculty, maybe—and we must certainly have faith—that they might blend just the right ammonia to place under the nostrils of a faint humanity.

Pie in the sky? God-Squad hyperbole? Baptist college mania? Well, the feeling is there and the Christians are seeming to find a joy to living that is well worth looking into. Maybe, and at long last, a real incipient revolution is emerging. Go tell your brother.

Scrimmage Scribble

Prospects for the 1971 football season appear bright for Coach Harold Taylor and the MHC Lions. The Lions lost 11 by graduation and have signed 21 outstanding athletes to replace those lost.

There are six men vying for the position of quarterback. Kip Smith, a sophomore, is presently in the lead, followed closely by junior Dennis Stokes. Stokes, a former high school quarterback, has been switched from his running back position.

During the three-a-day practices last week, the Lions worked on conditioning during the early part of the week. The coaching staff was able to get a close look at all the new freshman prospects. Coach Taylor was pleased with the speed and quickness exhibited by his team.

Wednesday afternoon the Lions put on the pads and began serious work toward their opening date Sept. 18 against the Catawaba Indians in Salisbury. The first home game is Sept. 25 against Randolph-Macon.

Fall Faculty Line ups

For the first time in many years practically all departments will have new or returning professors. Also there have been several resignations in the various departments.

Among those not returning are Mrs. Gale Alexander, English professor, who will be going to Ohio with her husband who has taken a church position there; Miss Jean Haynes, physical education instructor has resigned; Miss Joan Williams, French professor, has returned to her alma mater, Wake Forest University as Assistant Dean of Women; Mr. Bob Abbott, modern foreign language instructor is traveling; and Mr. Dave Halferty, sociology professor has gone to Finland "grooving."

Returnees to the scene are Mr. Joe Schubert, who has been working for his Ph.D. at Peabody University. He will be chairman of the English department.

Mr. Charles Phillips, who is working on his Ph.D. at Florida State University will direct the Upward Bound program and will teach in the physical education department.

Mr. Dale Roberts will rejoin the music faculty after one year of study at the University of Kentucky.

Mr. James Thomas is returning after Ph.D. work at the University of Georgia and will head the drama division.

Miss Lou Therrell, who is working on her doctorate, will rejoin the education department.

Dr. William Sears will rejoin the education department where he will supervise the student teaching program.

New faces on campus will be Dr. David DeVries, who will be head of

the mathematics department. He received his Ph.D. from Penn State University.

Dr. Frank Quick li will replace Dr. Outten as chairman of the biology department. Dr. Outten has ben appointed to the New chair of ecological research.

The English department will welcome Dr. Margaret Verhulst. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

Dr. Edward Angus will join the political science department. Dr. Angus received his Ph.D. from Penn State. He will be the director of CDI.

Dr. Larry Stern will join the political department. This last five years was an instructor at Florida State University.

Dr. Donald Anderson, who received his doctorate from the University of Chicago, will join the sociology department. He has been chairman of the Social Services Division at Eureka College, Illinois, since 1965.

Dr. Larry Foster, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois this summer, will become a member of the physical education department. In addition to his teaching duties, he will be responsible for developing a Physical Education Laboratory which will serve all phases of the physical education program.

Miss Brenda Cummings, who received her MA degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will join the home economics department. She is a graduate of MHC.

Miss Theresa Metcalf, University of Georgia, will join the department of education. She has been working toward her doctorate for the last two years.



The MHC Lions push and shove on Meyers field in a practice scrimmage. Notice the zest and vigor on the faces of these young athletes as they strive to prove their worth on the field of battle. These young men are all vying for a spot on the famous football team, the Lions (not Detroit but MHC).