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The Happenings: At Homecoming — See Them

THE HAPPENINGS

What's white-walled, yellow pressed in back, and studded on top? The Student Affairs office.

Despite these significant handicaps, Intrepid servants of the public Perry White and Ben Cochran, director and assistant director of student activities, have lined up such notable entertainments as the movie *Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here* and musical groups such as Huckleberry Mudflap, Georgia Prophets, and Classics IV.

Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here, which follows in the "back at the ranch" tradition, started this year by *Two Mules For Sister Sara*, stars Robert Redford and Catherine Ross and was presented in Moore Auditorium, September 12.

To start the music beat will be the Huckleberry Mudflap which will be minstrelling their way back to Mars Hill for the dance after the Randolph-Macon football game, September 25.

Another thing that was probably enjoyed recently was the outdoor concert held in the amphitheater. Sometimes, back in the endless files of mediocre musicians, a performer is conceived. Jeffry Commanore, an almost gaunt, delicately whiney-voice troubador was just that and more than stole the show with his distracted impromptu, right-into-the-mind wit. He almost took the punch out of punch—almost. Punch, a four vocaled musicianed traveling ear-tickler, retaliated with some of the better sounds heard here as yet.

It takes a special kind of talent to turn an old song like "See you In September" into a hit and the Happenings have that kind of talent. Remember "I Got Rhythm", well this group, The Happenings, will belt it out at the Homecoming concert Oct. 30. The concert will be free, so make your plans now. Come see them. They must be pretty good, they have three gold records and that means something.

How Many Mini-Mesters Can Mars Hill Muster For January?

New ideas and programs are being introduced to the Mars Hill campus this year. The mini-mester, a part of the new core curriculum, heads the list of these projects which are under a two year evaluation study.

The mini-mester is organized to let students pursue one particular interest in their field of study or out. Each student is allowed to take only one course and will be given one course credit. The professor grades on the satisfactory scale.

A catalog describing each mini-mester course offered was distributed to all students last year. A new updated catalog is being prepared for distribution in October. Registration begins late in November.

Students may pursue their interests in different areas. For instance not only are classroom studies offered, but also foreign travel and independent study. The independent study projects must be in to the short term committee by October 15 and must be signed by the course professor of the student. The short term committee members are Mr. Jack Grose, Dr. H. Page Lee, Dr. Richard Hoffman, Mr. Robert Knott, Mr. Joseph Godwin, Dr. Robert R. Chapman, and Dr. Bill Walker. The courses are approved by this committee and are designed for individual interests.

Several courses are organized to help students prepare in certain areas outside the student's major and to be more beneficial to their personal life. Personal Income Tax, a course being offered, discusses laws pertaining to income taxes and preparing federal and state income tax returns. Another course, Growth & Development, involves the theories

of the school child with observation in the public school area. Readings in Negro Poetry concerns the exposure to the reading, discussion, and study of Negro poetry, especially contemporary poetry. Students interested in writing may choose the Creative Writing Workshop. Course instructors will try to have a professional or published writer in this workshop at least one day for a talk. "And what's so great about Mathematics?", a point well taken, explores the purpose, value, and uses of mathematics.

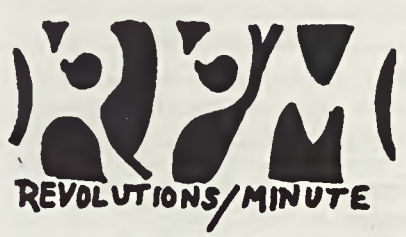
French students may be interested in the French language course. All students will live together in the house giving each person a chance to acquaint themselves with French culture. Miss Regina Rabin, a native of Paris, will live in the house with the students.

Several chances for foreign study and travel will be offered for the mini-mester. One trip leads to Cuernavaca, Mexico where the students will attend the International center of Documentation. Language classes will be held five hours a day and students will be attending lectures of the Institute for Contemporary Latin American Studies, directed by Ivan Illich. Father Illich is one of the foremost authorities in the western hemisphere on land and poverty problems. Lectures in January deal with aspects of the economic and social conditions of the Latin American peasantry and the Ideology and the cultural expression of the campesino. Field trips on weekends cover Acapulco, Mexico and the Aztec Indian ruins. Students will live with a Mexican family. The approximate cost of the entire trip is \$600.

Another trip heads for the Holy Lands led by M. H. Kendall. The ten day trip covers excursions to Jerusalem, Samaria, Galilee, Capernaum, and Nazareth. The tour begins and ends in time for the students to start classes in the mini-mester. A study of the origin of Judaism, its development doctrines, festival, and why the religion is racial makes up the entire course including the trip.

Other tours head for Europe and London in studies concerning music and political science. Details and cost of these tours will be printed in the catalog in October.

Students should study carefully the catalog and should decide upon a course of study that he wants to pursue keeping in mind one mini-mester course must be taken in his major. The mini-mester is particularly good for those students wishing experiences outside the classroom.



by Ed Lynch

The new Rolling Stones album, "Sticky Fingers," misses, just barely, the consistent vitality and quality which made "Let It Bleed" their best venture to date.

"Brown Sugar" surges steadily on and up with joyful, wanton promise and a driving rhythm that celebrates the highly palatable charms of a black girl.

"Sway" just escapes mediocrity. It's about, I suppose, the source of

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SGA Elects Vice Chief

Terry Kuykendall was elected to the S.G.A. vice-president post after a Senatorial election in the Gold Room at the cafeteria, Tuesday, August 31. Kuykendall, a junior fills the vacancy left by Bill Early when Early assumed the presidentship

Kuykendall is the assistant dorm counselor at Treat House, has as his past credits: managing editor and editor-in-chief of the Hilltop, S.G.A. treasurer, and Junior class vice-president. Though Kuykendall will resign his position as vice-president, he has been asked to remain on the Student Appeals Court, the first time in the history of the Appeals Court when one of the student members will not be a vice-president of either the Junior or Senior class.

Other candidates nominated were Senior senator Ruth Gillerstadt, Sophomore senator David Gasperson, and Junior class president Denise Myers (Myers declined the nomination). The election was closed to Senate members as is specified in S.G.A. constitution, "the

Senate will fill vacancies in the Student Government Association."

New business presented on the Senate floor was a bill to select a S.G.A. chaplain by Joe Lear which was defeated and a motion made by Student Court Chief Justice Frank Farrell for the appointment of an assistant Chief Justice which was passed and sent on to the Legislative Review Council. President Early made the motion to keep students appointed for 1970-71 college committees while new students would be elected to fill the positions of members who have graduated. The representatives selected are: Plans and Policies, Karen Cummings and Larry Pfaff; Traffic, Allan Yarborough and Steve Francis; Curriculum, Gretchen Mayo and George Hurt; Activities, Dobby Charlton, Phyllis Dorm, Rich Harris, Ron Richardson, and David Caldwell; Visiting Lecture, Jennifer Blythe and Pat White; Religious Life, Irene White and Ken Gregory; Library, Betty Moss and Marilyn Turner; and Athletic, Jerry Hayes and Rodney Johnson.

Inquiry Stresses Innovation

Mars Hill College is trying new ideas in education in hopes of making the student more aware of his own needs and interests. Perhaps the single most impressive and exciting catalyst into this self-exploration is the Freshman Inquiry Course, which is in its first year as part of the curriculum.

The Inquiry course is designed to break up the normal approach to

teaching which takes on the survey attitude and places the emphasis on the "process" of learning. Dr. Richard Hoffman, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, explains, "The purpose of the Inquiry Course is to facilitate the student to learn and build that learning on where he is." He also said that this should encourage the student to continue to

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