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Townhouses Top Mars Hill

by John McNutt

Student Body Unearthed

The Greening of MHC

Week activities were held 17-23 here on campus. After a mix-up about calling off the whole process got under way Monday with a speaker from the Air Pollution Control Agency. Week's events were coordinated by a committee who called themselves the Committee for Earth Week. The group was composed of interested students. They had been working for over a month trying to bring things together. The project was with Laine Calloway, Connie League and Sue Harper. They had to plan something, called a cleanup, and six students showed up. Not discouraged they continued meetings and plan activities. The committee began to grow and the time Earth Week arrived. The week was pretty well together. Highlighting the week was a visit by the regional vice president of Sierra Club. This environment-concerned group is one of the largest and largest eco-groups in the area. They have had considerable success in the area of anti-pollution legislation.

according to Dr. Donald Gehring, Dean of Student Development. The townhouse complex will consist of ten individual units on two floors. Each townhouse will be made up of

Two members of the Spaceship Earth (Humanities section) joined in on the efforts. Because of Gerald Plumley and Taylor Orr and the many phone calls, the speakers were contacted.

Student participation was at a minimum. When it was announced that money would be offered to the group that could pick up the most trash, most everyone was willing to participate. However when the monetary awards were withdrawn by the SGA student interest diminished considerably.

According to Dr. Hoffman 80% of the student body was free on the afternoon designated for the community cleanup. There had been some discussion as to calling off classes for that day. However they were not cancelled. Earth Week activities went on as planned by the Committee, since they had nothing to do with the request that classes be cancelled.

The week ended with environmental movies on Thursday evening, and closed on this thought—"moving toward a new environmental ethic."

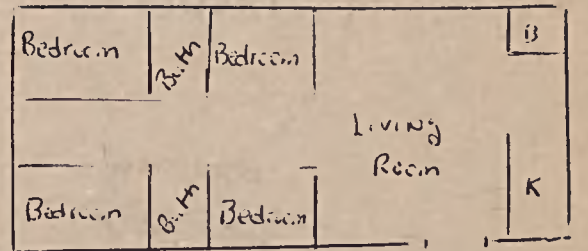
four 10 by 12 foot bedrooms, with connecting bath, a livingroom, and a kitchen unit. A college telephone and additional half-bath will also be provided.

Two utility units, one on each floor, will be built into the complex. One will be provided with washers, dryers, and vending machines; the other will be used as a recreation area.

The townhouse complex will be located in back of Myers Dormitory, by the tennis courts. The complex will provide places for 80 students. Rooms in the townhouses will be rented on a first come basis, by classes. The rooms can be rented on an existing roommate basis. Both men and women students can rent rooms in the complex.

A room in a townhouse will cost \$150 per semester. This is about \$15 more than Gibson or Fox dormitories. The college is financing the complex on a lease-purchase arrangement, in which the building will revert to the college after a period of years.

When asked his opinion of the matter, Dr. Gehring said: "I think this is a totally new concept in college housing, by providing students small individual housing units. Very few colleges have this type of housing. Also, by housing both men and women in these units we will be offering opportunities for more natural relationships between men and women. This will be the first time a single house council will be composed of both men and women."



SGA Gets It Together

The Senate held its first meeting with the newly elected officers and senators. President Terry Kuykendall appointed his cabinet and it was ratified by the Senate. Appointees were Debbie Buchillon, and Lewis Green, Steve Garvin was named Chairman of the Activities Committee, the Speakers of the Men's and Women's Council are also included and they are David Gasperson and Debra Watson.

George Peery was nominated as faculty advisor.

Other appointments were as follows:

- Open House Committee**
Sue Harper—Chairwoman
Larry Pike
Jennifer Stevens
Sandy Durham
Paul Ipoeh
- Legislative Review**
Darlene Stutts—Chairwoman
Marlin Reid
Thad Strom
Sheila Nelson
- Finance Committee**
Froggy Tuttle—Chairman
Jan Sparks
Pat White
- Publications Committee**
Debbie Buchillon—Chairwoman
Kathy Davenport
David Cole
- Election and Open Forum**
Chris Navey—Chairwoman
Steve Hegenbart
Marty Sanders
- Academic Committee**
David Caldwell
Sandra Varner
Robert Kirk

Senate Representative to Judicial Council
Ken Chamlee

Dean Gehring's decision on a recent court case was over-ruled in an Appeals board before spring break. Joe Gallagher, Don Sky, Maurice Brown, Al Tomanke had been suspended effective until the coming fall semester. They appealed the decision. The appeals changed the suspension in terms of length. They were suspended from date of the Appeals Board decision through spring break, after which they were to be placed on conduct probation for the remainder of this year and first semester (next fall). Concerned students waited outside, sitting on the curb, sometimes talking about the legalization of marijuana. The hearing was closed.

The Presidential Review Commission has recently been established to study Mars Hill College, especially its academic respects. It is an ad hoc committee to review campus life and make recommendations to the faculty. Headed by Dr. Dick Hoffman, the commission will tie together feedback information from the standing committees, such as Student Development, S.G.A. Its main emphasis will be on communication. Student representatives on this committee are Lewis Deal, Marilyn Reid, and Duane Cook. For anyone with comment, good and bad, on the 4-1-4 system; here is the place to voice your opinion.

Get it on Children...

by Su Harper

the weekend of March 24 & 25 had an unusual learning experience for some 50 attendants to the Annual Conference of the faculty, administration, and students of Mars Hill College. The theme was Awareness Through Communication and as an observer, I found a revival of awareness, for the part by the students, through and frank communication. I became aware of problems that had begun to understand something of what makes Mars Hill College tick. I guess the thing that impressed me was the faculty through the close atmosphere of coffee and doughnuts sitting on the floor, sharing, giving, taking, discussing, and an enlightening phenomenal snow brought understanding of each person and Mars Hill.

discussion ran from open dorms, extended hours for women, coed the modular system, the townhouses, drinking on campus, possible realignment with the Baptist convention, the \$20 athletic fee and in general, and the Montague leading to a host of other things. I was to be perfectly honest no immediately earth shaking decisions about — but the underlying

discoveries seem to me just as, if not more, important. I mentioned the fact that I was impressed by the faculty and administration. I was a little taken back when I finally realized just how willing they are to cooperate with us. The fact that almost 20 faculty/administration members were there, I believe shows quite a bit. It became evident to me that the better part of the "adults" were ready for change; they were open to new ideas. In short, they had their stuff together. The students of Mars Hill, I saw, were the ones lagging behind. Yes, we are the ones that aren't together. Maybe we are the ones not really wanting change, the ones without real interest or initiative. Maybe we are the ones unable to accept that something can be done to stop the "tyranny" of the administration which because of our apathy we are actually responsible for.

An important subject brought up during the many deep discussions was COMMUNICATION. How do we communicate to the rest of Mars Hill College the happenings of the Conference? Here, I find one of the keys to a better Mars Hill. Through communication the student body can be brought together. Together we

can become aware, alive and active. Somethings, I'm sure most people agree Mars Hill needs. But to do this we need interest, concern and a spirit of willingness to work. The "adults" are not going to give us anything. We as students must work for it and perhaps fight. One thing is for sure, a divided and uninformed student body creates Nothingness, to me, is a waste of valuable time.

If questions come to your mind about the talks at Christmount or if by chance you are roused to interest, don't let it die inside of you. Talk, check into your own questions, take the initiative, go to your Senators, or class officers; question, doubt, rebel against apathy and excuses.

A final word, this Conference was organized and funded by S.G.A., who did a fine job in all the arrangements. I would like a special word to go to John Bucy in that neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor hail stopped him from delivering three wonderful meals to us. Any comment, criticism, cuts of congratulations are welcome. I would greatly appreciate responses from you, the students or faculty, concerning Christmount. Please, LET'S GET IT TOGETHER!