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## WMHC Airs

By Mike Conners

According to manager Roy Gullick the 1972-73 school year is going to be the best yet for radio station WMHC (640). With the help of chief engineer Rodney Hill, the control room is being remodeled and re-wired, and two new turntables are being installed in order to improve the quality of the sound being transmitted. Gullick and Hill also plan to extend the station's broadcast range with the addition of a new transmitter in Treat dormitory. Further plans for expansion had to be curtailed, however, because of the limited budget granted by the college.

Program Director Lanny Bailey is in the process of revising the station's format, which he says, "will be suited to all tastes." New features to be added to the schedule include a half hour show each week, during which administrators and students will discuss campus activities and problems, and the senate report, which will be presented by Duane Cook after each student government meeting. Sports shows and a musical review are also planned.

At the present time, station personnel tentatively plan for broadcasting to begin on Sept. 11 at one o'clock in the afternoon and continue until one A.M. (which will be the station's regular hours).

The station, located on the top floor of the fine arts building, currently has a staff of approximately 25 persons, but manager Roy Gullick says that "there are still positions to be filled," and that anyone interested in joining the staff is welcome to contact him at the station's office.



Station manager Roy Gullick at controls with program director Lanny Bailey (left) and DJ John Mason looking on.

## Profs Review Goals

By Duane Cook

This year's faculty workshop officially opened with an orientation secession for new faculty members on Wednesday, Aug. 23, and closed with the faculty picnic on Saturday, Aug. 26. The most important meetings, however, took place Thursday and Friday when the faculty began to gear up for the review of Mars Hill's 4-1-4 curriculum.

Thursday's session was mainly an educational one for the faculty. Most of the day was spent in presentation and discussion of the Review Commission's working paper (see August 25, 1972 Hilltop "Evaluation Begins"); but the faculty took time for the CBS film "What's New at School?" and a lecture given by Dr. John Bevan, innovative dean of Davidson College and originator of the 4-1-4 calendar.

Organizational meetings of the Review Committees on governance and student development made up Friday's agenda.

There was widespread faculty acceptance of the Review Commission's curricular goals and a wait-for-more data attitude toward competency based educational programs; but, faculty interest focused mainly on the college's relationship to change. Some faculty members felt that caution should be exercised when curricular change is approached; "this college has been changing constantly for the past five years, never once stopping to determine what it is doing right." Others felt that the college lacks the resources to make dramatic changes; "we as a faculty do not have the time, the incentive or the resources to effect any great changes." A great many faculty members felt that, "this college must keep abreast of the current developments in higher education, or within the next few years be forced to close its doors."

No one concluded that every faculty member supports the work of the Review Commission, but, it was felt that this sort of honest discussion of what Mars Hill College is all about is useful and should be continued.

The members of the student government saw a major problem, that of communication with students. There is a need to relate to students, a need for mutual understanding between students. Then, with a unified voice, effective exchange between students, administration, and faculty can take place and things can get done.

## SGA 'Plans' Year

By Sue Harper

Saturday, Aug. 22, the student government association held a pre-school workshop, with 25 members participating. The idea of a pre-school workshop was originated last spring in a Senate meeting, with the purpose of "getting heads together early and planning the year's work," according to Terry Kuykendall, SGA president.

Meeting at the Weaverville Community Center, the group of senators and justices discussed student government and the court system. Duane Cook, SGA vice-president, guided the group of senators while Frank Farrell, chief justice, and the justices considered proposed changes in the court system.

The groups concerned themselves with an evaluative look at SGA, where it has been, what it is now, and where it wants to go. Questions raised went like this:

What is SGA? A representative between students and administration

and a coordinator of student interests.

Is SGA effective? Yes, in respect to what it has tried to do, but the group saw it ineffective in communicating with students and working on their wants and needs. They felt SGA does not effectively represent the student body of MHC.

A very strong general feeling was that SGA needed to take a positive stand on relevant issues. "In the past we've been so wishy-washy, we need to take definite stands."

An interesting discussion came up as to courses of action. The question was raised, "If we the students, go through all the red tape and 'proper channels', yet still fail to get positive results, should we voice our protest in another way? Sides of the debate ranged from "No, the administration will feel student protest is just a demonstration of their immaturity," to "Yes, we need to 'irritate' and voice our needs loudly."

The general atmosphere of the workshop was involving and pleasant with the majority feeling a greater awareness of SGA, its reality, goals, problems and answers to some of its problems.

Sponsored by SGA, the workshop was held at the Weaverville Community Center not only to give it a "less stuffy" non-campus atmosphere, but also as a public service. Rent for the building will go to much needed community funds. John Bucy provided lunch for the group.

The second Senate meeting of this year will be held Friday, Sept. 15.

## In Memorium



John Nash (1970 photo)

An accidental drowning took the life of rising junior John Nash on Sunday, August 20. John, while driving to school, stopped to camp somewhere in Virginia. According to witnesses John tried climbing some falls, fell and was knocked unconscious and drowned in the falls. John, who was very active in the Christian Student Movement was on his way to school for the CSM retreat. On Wednesday, August 30, a memorial service was held by the CSM. People who knew John said he was undoubtedly one of the nicest and friendliest persons they had ever met.

## 'DIXIE' BANNED

EDITOR'S NOTE: The playing of "Dixie" has been a controversial issue for several years. Prior to presstime college President Dr. Fred B. Bentley gave the Hilltop this statement concerning his decision not to have the band play "Dixie" at athletic events on campus:

"This past May several students came to my office and inquired as to whether or not I would be willing to conduct a survey of student and faculty opinion on whether or not "Dixie" should be played at athletic events at Mars Hill College. It would have been difficult for me to have refused to gain information in order to make a decision; and, therefore, I agreed to conduct such a survey. Last week the survey was conducted and I did determine that over half of the faculty were of the opinion that "Dixie" should not be played at athletic events and a significant percentage of our student body were in opposition to the playing of "Dixie." I do not wish

to infer that the majority of our students do not like and/or do not want to have "Dixie" played. However, I can clearly state that a significant percentage do oppose it simply because it could potentially offend a great number of people. I have instructed the band that they are not to play "Dixie" at our athletic events. I have also met with our football team and explained to them the nature of the problem and have asked them for support in this decision. It is my sincere hope that all of the students at Mars Hill College will understand that in a Christian institution if there is the probability that we will offend a significant portion of our peers by doing something so insignificant as playing "Dixie" then we certainly can do without it. I feel that we are off to a great start this semester and should look forward to building closer relationships rather than dealing in issues which can be divisive."