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HOURS



Randy Gibson stands after rocking for 81 hours.

'Rock Randy Rock'

By Frank Farrell

Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity held their second annual rock - a - thon on March 15-18 for Easter seals. This year's goal of \$2500 was surpassed by approximately \$125.00, since the contributions totaled around \$2,625.00.

Randy Gibson was the rocker for this year's event. He began rocking 8:30 Thursday morning and continued until 5:30 Sunday evening, a total of 81 hours.

The main problem encountered seemed to be the weather. The brothers faced snow, rain, cold, and driving winds. A polyethylene house was built around the rocking platform but this seemed to do very little good. At one point, the winds were so fierce that they almost toppled the entire platform.

Jim Epting, President of Alpha Phi Omega, stated that another problem was keeping Randy warm during the event. He added that Randy held up very well during the entire episode.

The amount collected was boosted by excellent coverage by the news media. The rock - a - thon was covered by both radio and TV with the slogan for advertising being "APO" rocks so others can walk." Epting also stated that considerable help was rendered by Mars Hill students, especially members of Delta Phi Zeta sorority and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Epting ended by saying that on Sunday on Tunnel Road, all one could hear was "Rock Randy Rock."

'Operation' Planned

Seventy Mars Hill students will be spending spring break in Vero Beach, Florida, for a project called "Operation Proclamation." These students will be leading the people of Vero and the surrounding county in a week of Christian sharing and fellowship with the youth of the county, and various other activities.

The idea for such a mission was conceived by Dottie Minear and friends in Vero several months ago. During the weeks of prayer, planning, and organization the project has continually grown. Fifteen churches are participating, with members housing students in their homes for the week. An interdenominational effort in that the group is working with at least seven dif-

ferent denominations. A highlight of the week will be a joint service, the "Celebration of Joy," which will be led by MHC students and musical groups from the Florida area.

The seventy students participating in the week at Vero have been attending weekly training sessions, and spent the weekend of March 9 and 10 in a special "retreat" to prepare for the trip. They are looking forward to a time of growth, fun, and much learning.

Thousands of "Warm Fuzzies" will be distributed to the people of Vero Beach during the week of the Mars Hill invasion. It will be a week to remember for everyone involved in "Operation Proclamation."

SGA Elections Held

By Frank Farrell

Student Government elections were held on Thursday, March 15, to the delight of some candidates and disillusionment of others. The presidential race was one of the more tightly contested campaigns, with three candidates for the position. Of the 687 ballots cast, Larry Pike received 296, Tom Davis collected 203 and David Gasperson gathered 170. Since a majority is needed to

constitute a victory a run-off was held on Monday, March 19 between Pike and Davis. The run-off produced 608 voters with Pike having the winning edge with 393 votes compared to Davis's 213.

Ken Chamlee defeated Jim Manchester for the vice-presidential position. In the only other contested race Lloyd Keller slipped by Sara Traylor for the treasurer's post. Originally, it was felt Traylor had won

the election by six votes. However, Keller called for a recount and 19 votes were found that had not been tallied by those counting ballots. Thus Lloyd was announced the winner by 13 votes.

In other elections Susan ReMine was elected secretary and Frog Howes repeated as Chief Justice. Anita Russell was elected speaker of women's council and Bob Allen won the speaker of men's council by way of a write-in campaign.



Larry Pike



Ken Chamlee



Frog Howes

Sign-Out Changed

By Bonnie Clark

This past weekend marked a new era in the history of women's sign out procedures. After the Student Affairs Council passed the "envelope" procedure, the final decision was left to Dr. Bentley. The procedure was passed and as a result, women residents carried out the envelope method for signing out.

As stated in the past, each girl was given some envelopes that replaced the old sign-out cards. The envelope would contain the girl's destination and on the outside the date and time of her departure and date and time of her return. The envelope would then remain sealed unless an emergency situation arose and the girl needed to be notified or the girl

failed to come in or notify the college within one hour after curfew of the day designated as her return.

Violations of the new sign-out include: opening of an envelope by an authorized person without cause, opening of an envelope by an unauthorized person, failure to give proper desti-

nation information, failure to give complete information on the front of the envelope, sign-out to an unauthorized destination as established under the rules of conduct of Mars Hill College and failure to sign-out altogether.

Money Allotted

The Communications Board held a meeting on Tuesday morning, March 20, to divide money allotted to the student publications media. The lump sum of \$550.00 was given by SGA to the board to be divided between the various student medias. The Cadenza, Radio Station and Hilltop had made previous appeals to SGA for certain amounts of money. The board decided unanimously to allot the money in the following manner: Hilltop, \$220; Radio Station, \$200; and the Cadenza, \$130. Needless to say all three areas of the media were pleased and satisfied with the board's decision.

History Dept. Hires Lenburg

Dr. LeRoy James Lenburg has been hired to replace Mr. Larry Huls in the history department for next year while Mr. Huls is at Florida State University working on his doctorate degree. Dr. Lenburg comes to Mars Hill from State College of Pennsylvania and specializes in Asian studies. He received his B.A. from Butler University in 1965, his M.A. from Bowling Green University in 1968 and expects to receive his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in June.