

Editorial

by Eric Garner

In the past several weeks there have been several instances which have tested the integrity of the men in our government. There is also the testing of a gap in the law, which gives the President of the United States, the right to remain quiet in matters concerning court cases. The testing of the President, his aides, and the system has largely been stirred by the press. For most Americans, the choice has come, whether to believe the men of office or believe the press.

The role of the communications media is to bring out the truth and give facts of occurring circumstances which need to be presented to the public. The function of the media is to research for the facts. Often these facts are facts that someone does not want to be released. This gets to the point of my statement. The press is most important in keeping the Big Men honest.

Reporters constantly work to dig for inside information, to uncover events that will prove a point that they want to make. Reporters can often slant facts in their favor. The power of the press is unlimited as far as convincing the people of the point taken by the press. The recent incidents involving the exposure of Watergate is a prime example.

The press has exposed quite a lot in the stimulation for beginning the Watergate hearings. The pressure by the press on the President has finally forced him to release the tapes of his conversations. The investigations by

the press, have lead to the resignation and prosecution of Spiro Agnew. Up until recently, the truth about the

death of John F. Kennedy has been kept secret. Even with the prejudice report on the death of J.F.K. by Robert Katz, we at least can see that many things have been "covered up." The efficiency of the Dallas Police force is still unexplainable.

Though there are many prejudice releases by the press, the Big Men in office must live, knowing that if they make a mistake, the press will expose them to the public. This fear of having a bad image exposed is enough to keep most of these men honest. It must be obvious that the press is a very important factor in the system of checks and balances. This is more the check for integrity and a balance of what is being acted upon, is in favor of the majority of people.

Lastly, we must consider that the press does distort news. Speeches of important people are often taken out of context. Newspaper men who have a grudge against a politician and can distort news to a point that it becomes the opposite of what the politician has stated or has taken a stand for. As concerned citizens, it is our responsibility to check several different sources before making a judgment about a circumstance which is being presented by the media. Probably the hardest thing for us to do is to hold up making decisions until all the reliable facts are in. The power of the press is in our favor. We must be the judge of what is right.

Convocation: 118 Years

by Cole Harris

The Good Ole' Days when the College was founded, and the ideals upon which it was founded, was the basis for Dr. Bentley's Founders' Day Convocation speech last Tuesday. A brief look at what the founders were aiming for and the expectations from each student were, for the spiritual warmth honor, and for living by right, not by rules.

The President continued as he outlined five points of right living, which have remained basically unchanged since 1856. These goals were: 1-dedication to high academics; 2- dedication to high principles of Christian living; 3-dedication to the college; 4-dedication to high

standards of the individual; and 5-striving in everything with a goal pointing to right living.

Dr. Bentley closed by relating to the future of education. "Our emphasis must be on flexibility in future education," Bentley said. "There is definite need for the rise of individualism in education," Bentley stated as he gave outlook for the future needs of education. He then closed by conveying what Mars Hill College must be if it is to continue to grow and that "it is to be a model for other colleges to look upon as a prototype in modern Christian education."

6 Students play at MTA

by Belinda Scalzo

The North Carolina Music Teachers Association met at Chapel Hill for the annual convention on Oct. 19. The Mars Hill student chapter sent six students to compete for cash. Those students who competed on organ were Jefferson McConnaughey, Susan Chapman, Beth Hunicutt, Frances Coates, Frances Pendley and on the piano was James Blanton. This competition was held for outstanding high school, under graduate, and graduate music students.

Faculty attending the convention were Mrs. Donna Robertson and Mrs. May Jo Ford. Mrs. Ford is the Student Activities Chairman for North Carolina and a member of the executive board.

POEM: Sharing Love

Richard Haley
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Your love with someone share
To let them know you really care
Giving part of yourself to someone
Having that inner feeling when done

The sharing of love in many ways
Enjoying the roles in life it plays
And when your love is returned
How to share love you have learned

What in the world is better
Than people sharing love with each other
If you believe in what I say
Then share love with someone today.

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The Alumni return for fun and games this weekend.

Sga REPORT

by Valerie McNabb

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate was held in Belk Auditorium on Monday night at 6:30.

The agenda of this week's meeting covered a variety of subjects concerning the student body. Miss Sinka, the senate's faculty advisor, suggested that the senate look into curriculum revision, keeping in mind that the Kellogg Foundation has granted \$100,000 for investigation of competency-based curriculum. She also stated that there were some college committees that had no student representation.

The recent restrictions placed on curfew were questioned and the senate resolved that a statement should be made by Dr. Bentley on the reasons they were imposed and the possibility of having them lifted by Oct. 25.

Senator Dan Christian proposed that a statement be made by Dr. Bentley to disclose information on the recent death in order to eliminate the many circulating rumors on campus. As a result of this discussion, an open forum with Dr. Bentley as speaker, was held at 7:00 in Belk Auditorium on Oct. 24. Also discussed was the possibility of tighter campus security.

November 1, 1973 was chosen as the election date for Freshman class officers and senators: Chief Justice, Treasurer, and Commuter President. The Student Government Association encourages you to become involved by supporting the candidate(s) of your choice.

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