

New Bachelor of Social Work Degree Offered

by Connie Montague

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The Mars Hill faculty has approved an additional degree that will be offered this year. From the Behavioral Science Department comes the BSW or the Bachelor of Social Work.

The curriculum for the BSW is designed to prepare students to be professionally competent in the field of social welfare. Any student enrolled in this program will fulfill the basic core requirement of seven to nine courses (foreign language is not required for completion of this degree). In the major area the student will follow a course outline including five basic social science courses. Each student will also choose nine to eleven electives in one of four concentrations: 1) Child Welfare; 2) Individual; 3) Commun-

ity; 4) Juvenile Corrections. Also, each student will take 3 January short term courses. Included in this degree is a junior year internship experience in either of the concentrated areas. Dr. Don Anderson (Chairman, Department of Behavioral Sciences), states that "there is a national and regional need for social welfare workers, particularly those with undergraduate training." Also, "a significant number of students expect to work in the field of human services immediately after graduation" for which a professional undergraduate degree would better prepare them.

This degree is quite demanding in departmental expectations; but through the intensive training and opportunities for experiential learning, a student will work toward competency in a selective professional field.

GREASE BALL Set With T.A.V.I.C.

by Jonathan Riddle

The "Golden Age of Rock-n-Roll" returns to Mars Hill College January 30 at 8:00 p.m. as the College Union sponsors a "Grease Ball." However, old McConnell will replace the corner malt shop as the local hangout for all those keen chicks and groovy guys at Mars Hill.

This dance and concert will feature T.A.V.I.C. (The Absolute Value in Concert), a group considered "the rebirth of 'Sha-na-na'." The seven-member group from the Asheville area has been together eight months, playing popular music from the fifties and early sixties at such sites as Western Carolina University, UNC-A, the Mars Hill Greek Ball, and numerous night clubs. The group is headed by Ron Hipps and Tucker Smith (a student at Mars Hill) who are also the lead singer and percussionist. T.A.V.I.C. also includes lead guitarist Paul Gayheart, drummer Eddy Miller, both of which also sing, bass guitarist Buddy Hines, organist Eddie Jones, and Gary Presnell, player of the saxophone and percussion.

The band will be dressed in costumes of the period and they encourage all others to dress for the occasion. In fact, \$5.00 prizes will be offered for the most authentically dressed couple and individual. Also, a \$5.00 prize will be offered in a dance contest. So, girls, don your pleated skirts, bobby socks, and saddle oxfords and, guys, be sure to wear your best leather jackets, T-shirts, and penny-loafers, rev up your motorcycles, and swing by McConnell January 30. There is a \$1.00 charge for couples, 75¢ for individuals with their I.D.

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TUBING RACE SET at WCU

by Cole Harris

How does a tubing race down a two-mile stretch of the Tuckaseegee River in the dead cold of January sound for excitement? It won't be another "Deliverance" but it should prove to be exciting. The place is Western Carolina University in Cullowhee; date and time is January 26, 1974 at 1:00 p.m. The event is the first annual Inter-collegiate Tubing race, and gals, this is not just open for the men.

A \$10.00 registra-

tion fee will be required and this fee will cover cost of a wet suit and a board for paddling. If a team of 3 wishes to enter, a \$30.00 entry fee will be charged. A copy of the rules has been given to Mickey McLaughlin and he will be the man to see to organize your team from MHC (see Mickey in the College Union Director's Office or P.O. Box 791-C). Get your team together today. All team and individual entries must be registered with Mickey by Wednesday, January 16.

Is Student Evaluation of Teachers Effective?

Buffalo, N.Y.-(I.P.)-Student evaluation of instructors is a valid means of measuring teaching effectiveness. This is one of the findings of a study conducted by Dr. Peter K. Gessner, associate professor of pharmacology at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The study found that the higher the student ratings of the instruction they received in a particular area, the higher the class score relative to a nationwide norm in that area. According to Dr. Gessner, "This suggests that both student ratings and class performance on national normative examinations are valid measures of teaching effectiveness."

"We don't really know what good teaching is," Dr. Gessner said, "but if the students say it is good, it means they like it, and if class performances on examinations is high it means they learned something. If both of these results are in some way related to how well the teaching is done, then they should parallel each other, which was the case with this study."

Student ratings of teaching effectiveness were obtained by means of a questionnaire completed anonymously by the students at the last lecture session of the course. Students were asked to use a three-point scale of "good," "satisfactory," or "unsatisfactory" to rate each of the subject areas covered during the course with regard to content, organization, and presentation. The results of this rating were then converted to a numerical scale.

Dr. Gessner undertook this study, in part, in response to another study published last year which was based on the ratings of teaching assistants and concluded that students rate most highly those instructors from whom they learn the least.

Dr. Gessner criticized the methodology of that study, and he felt, moreover, that acceptance of its conclusions would have "rather momentous effects on education, since they logically lead to the suggestion that promotions should be reserved for those receiving the lowest ratings."

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

In the last issue of the Hilltop, I was surprised at the low caliber of one particular article, Lions Receive Bowl Bid. It appeared to be a poor substitute for another pollution ad! Had this article been written with better taste and at least some sufficient research, there would not have been as much anger and hostility circulating since the day the Hilltop was released.

Our football players may not be the New York Jets, but they represent our college and we, as fellow students, should give the respect and dedication they deserve for their effort, time, and hard work.

The argument presented in this article means not to criticize the writer

responsible for Lions Receive Bowl Bid on the mock level it was written, because that would place my letter on the same low caliber level as that article. I hope only to point out a few facts in rebuttal. To support a football team does utilize certain funds but is unfair to say that it is a "drain on the Golden 'M' Club, and parents of students have not received recognition they deserve for all their donations to not only the athletic department but to every other department on campus.

In summation, I can only hope that relations between athletes and all other students will improve as the next football season rolls around. The Lions are on that field for everyone affiliated with Mars Hill College as well as for themselves.

Marcia Cope