



CONSIDER...

Last week marked the regular room sign up for reservation of dorm rooms for the Fall of 1974. The procedure for this years sign-up was changed and students registered in the dorm of their choice instead of signing at the Housing Office.

This Spring sign-up has become a question as to whether this college is becoming a college for the administration or a college for the students. Students have less decision in choosing their own rooms this year because the Housing Office set aside rooms in all dorms (except Townhouses and Jarvis) for next Fall's incoming Freshmen. Dorms that have been traditionally Upper - classmen dorms are now to be the victims of deseg-

regation of the classes.

Many complaints have been raised such as "I cannot get the dorm I want because Freshmen will get first choice, not us rising Seniors." Another student was turned away from rooms in Gibson due to reserved Freshmen rooms and when he went back to sign up in his present dorm, he found out that the room he is in this semester has been reserved for Freshmen also and he had to find another room.

Students rights! Do we still have the right to choose where we want to live? Do we let the Housing Office make our room selection and dorm classification for us? Is this a college for the administration or a college for the student?



Dear Editor:

I wish to apologize for an incorrect statistic which I gave you during an interview for the Hilltop. In that interview, I stated that the athletic budget had increased only 4.5% since 1968. The actual figure is 44.5%, a rather glaring mistake.

I think, in order to gain a true picture of the increase in athletics funding, one should understand the history of how football was at first dropped by recommendation of the President and then reinstated after a great deal of demonstrating and protestation by students, faculty, and alumni.

In the spring, 1967 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board, acting on a recommendation of the President, voted to discontinue football. In the fall of 1967-68, there were many protests from students, faculty, and alumni to the effect that we should reconsider the decision. A student referendum was held in February of 1968, and 946 voted for reinstating football, and 15 voted against. As a part of this referendum, the students also voted a \$10 per semester athletic fee fully realizing that to reinstate football would also carry with it a price tag. Of the faculty, 51 voted for and 6 against.



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The faculty, in their vote, understood that they would have to pay to be admitted to athletic events.

In terms of actual dollars, we find that the athletic budget as a result of the student fees, faculty passes, gate receipts and the formation of the Golden "M" Club,

has increased from \$116,500 in 1968-69 to \$168,349 in 1973-74. As you can see, student fees in 1973-74 generated \$42,300 income, gate receipts, \$12,000, and Golden "M" Club, \$30,000. These new sources of income have more than offset the former commitment to athletics, and certainly has been no burden to the instructional budget, which has increased from \$1,045,738 in 1968-69 to \$1,764,323 in 1973-74. Of course, included in these figures, you would not have the overall support budgets for our total academic such as new facilities, i.e., Cornwell Hall and the Physical Education Building, and other such increases to support our overall academic program.

Mars Hill College will continue to try to distinguish itself within the academic world, but at the same time, it will maintain a total program of student involvement of which athletics will be a very vital part.

Sincerely,
Fred B. Bentley
President

Wren College Union
Coffee House
Dear Editor,

Thus far this year the WCUC has not functioned as such. At the beginning of spring semester 1974 an attempt was made, and is being made, to function this facility more towards its purpose.

Weeknight spot entertainment, along with planned entertainment, has been provided up to this date, however participation has not yet parred that which is needed to carry out or continue our functions.

For the upcoming academic year of 74-75, occasional weeknight entertainment is being provided along with outside entertainment every weekend. Without the participation and help of you, the students of MHC for the remainder of the semester, we cannot car-

ry out these plans for next year. They are solely being provided for your enjoyment and leisure. So for that reason, we strongly urge you to give us a hand.

For the remainder of this semester (hopefully!) the coffeehouse is open 5 nights weekly, being Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, from 7:30 till 11:00 p.m. Again we ask for your help in fulfilling our plans. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Parker
Chairman C.H. Com



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