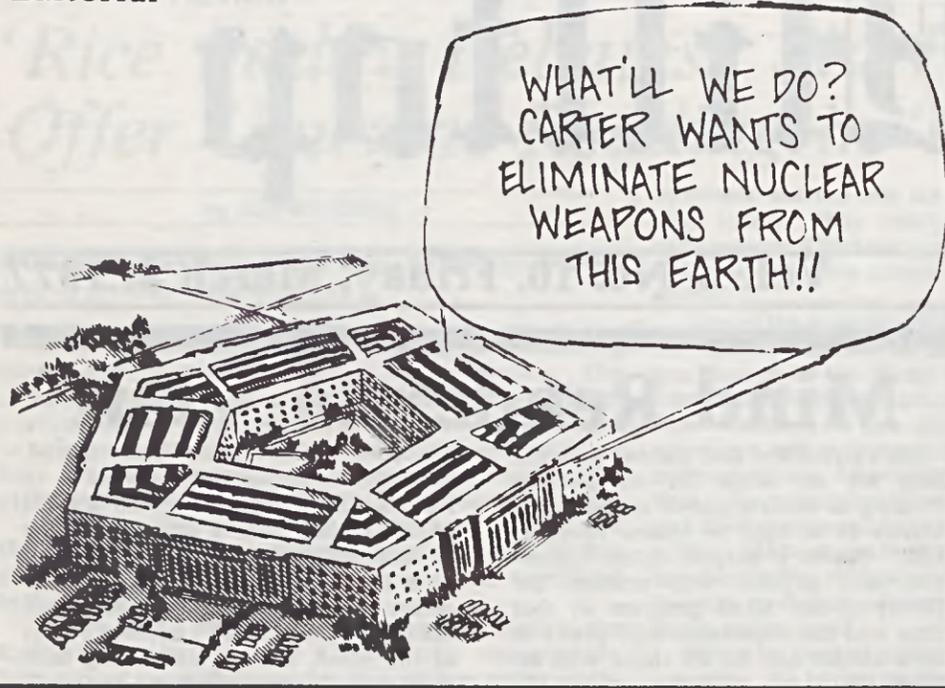


Editorial



## Jimmy Carter: Restoring The Moral Dimension

In this most turbulent of times where change seems to beget change and alienation is a common malady, the existence of any lasting values is logically questioned. This is true particularly for those of us who have lived through assassinations, a war without purpose, and the resignation, in disgrace, of a U. S. president. The corruption at all levels of society leads us to the rather cynical conclusion that everybody is out to exploit his brother. But there is someone in this country — namely President Jimmy Carter — who seems to have as one of his main aims the dispelling of that pall of skepticism which blankets this country. Activities like the new version of Franklin Roosevelt's "Fireside Chats", the wearing of cardigan sweaters and blue jeans to White House functions, of course, seem to many as just another set of gimmicks to trick the American people into thinking Jimmy Carter is really "down to earth." After all, are not such deviations from "normal" behavior simply staged for media events? This may be the case in some situations, but President Carter has exemplified in other more pertinent actions that he is different from the norm, that he will not be constricted by the delicacies of protocol. He showed such an attitude by writing a personal letter to Soviet dissident Sakharov, notifying him of support for his goals relating to human rights. This move was seen in many diplomatic circles as the reckless move of a dangerously inexperienced leader. Frankly, there is such a thing as too much experience where a grasp of "reality" precludes any notion of possibilities for achieving the ideal. This maverick image of the Presidency is, to us, quite refreshing. It has been far too long since a president of the United States was daring enough to exhibit such unabashedly idealistic notions. In fact, Carter's statements, especially on foreign policy matters, ring of Woodrow Wilson. The theme now, however, is not making the world safe for democracy but making the world conducive to human rights. In his article in the February 26 issue of the *New Republic*, "Bring Back Hell Fire", Alan Tonelson speaks about the dilemma of American liberalism: "Our prosperity has produced an inertia which is probably fatal to pragmatic reform. Liberalism will have difficulty surviving, much less flourishing, if it fails to encourage a moral revival of sorts and foster at the grass roots a greater sense of social obligation." It is our hope that Jimmy Carter can do just that, convincing the rest of us that values are still important in this turbulent world.

# The Hilltop

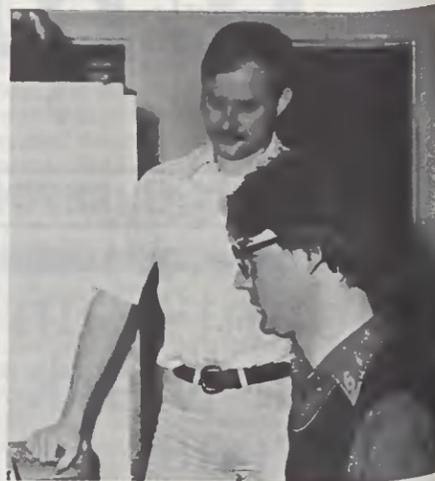
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## Musicians Take Honors

Steve Chicurel, a senior performance major, and Dan Greene, a sophomore music major, won first-place honors in their respective divisions, piano and flute, at the state competition of the National Federation of Music Clubs held in Salisbury, February 5. Although the auditions bulletin stated that pianists perform a Bach prelude and fugue, Chicurel was given special permission to play Bach's Toccata in D Minor, with which he took first place. Greene won the competition playing Handel's Sonata in A Minor.

On February 12 both Greene and Chicurel attended the regional competition of NFMC in Jacksonville, Florida. During the interim period, Chicurel had learned Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D Minor to meet the requirements, however he was not allowed to compete. The officials explained that he could not play the toccata (even though he had won the state competition with it) because it was not the piece required, nor could he play the prelude and fugue since he had not played it in the state contest. Unfortunately, there was confusion with the woodwind competition also, as Greene and the other competitors were informed upon completing their auditions that



Dan Greene and Steve Chicurel distinguished themselves as first-place winners in the National Federation of Music Clubs competition. (Photo by Kirk Hall)

no awards would be given in this area. Mr. Chicurel is from Asheville and studies piano with Mrs. May Jo Gray, associate professor of music, while Mr. Greene, from Atlanta, Georgia, studies flute with Dr. Joyce Bryant, professor of music.

## Collect Calls A No-No

Mary Jo Byrd, Director of Housing, has issued a memorandum concerning what administrators think is a very serious problem among students on the Mars Hill campus. That problem involves accepting collect calls on residence hall telephones. Ms. Byrd quotes the policy regarding the use of telephones that is stated on page 38 of GATEWAY, the student handbook: "For the convenience of the residents, telephones are located in each hall. These phones are restricted to local calls only; collect calls may not be accepted on these phones." According to the housing director, "accepting calls is a violation that we cannot afford." Such actions are apparently costing the college hundreds of dollars each month in terms of actual cost and time spent in tracing violators. Because of the magnitude of this problem, "the college must take a strong stand on the issue." From this date on, students who accept collect telephone calls will be fined \$25.00 for violating the college regulations, charged with the actual cost of the call, and subject to disciplinary action by Student Court. Ms. Byrd concludes by saying that since copies of this memorandum are being posted beside every hall telephone, as well as its appearing in the *Hilltop*, all resident students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the information regarding the new, more specific policy.

## Staff Added

Mars Hill has recently added two new staff members to two of its academic departments. The new faculty members will be joining the history and physical education departments. Ronald D. Eller, a native of Maryland, has been named as assistant professor of history. In addition to his professional duties, Eller will also direct the college's oral history program and coordinate the preservation task

force group of the Southern Appalachian Center.

Eller earned his undergraduate degree in history from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently finishing work on his Ph.D. Dissertation in American history at UNC-Chapel Hill. He was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to complete his doctorate.

Kathy Smith Wikle has been named instructor in the Department of Physical Education. Mrs. Wikle, a native of Elkin, is an alumna of Mars Hill, receiving her B.S. in 1971. She earned her Master of Fine Arts degree from UNC-Greensboro. At Mars Hill, she was a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, a varsity cheerleader, and was Miss Laurel of 1970.

### Feedback

## Fair Sports?

Dear Editors:  
The behavior at the February 14 Basketball game was uncalled for and embarrassing. The blowing of a whistle by a member of the football team was just another disruption in one of our games. In previous games, name calling and paper throwing have been a part of the contest also.  
The question I would like to ask is, where was the Athletic Director when all of this activity was taking place? It was his responsibility to "control the crowd"; while Coach Lytton had to go up into the stands to ask one of the members of the football team to leave (a member who, by the way, the Athletic Director coaches), Mr. Gibson was up in the stands "politicizing."  
Our basketball team, as well as Coach Lytton and Coach Moore deserve better fans than what we have given them this year; of course, they all deserve better quality followers than the football team and its coaches receive.

Thank you,  
Beth Barber