

Editorial

# Contributing to the Energy Solution

In this present day and age we are always experiencing a shortage of one thing or another. This year we are faced with the energy crisis again. This problem is being felt all over our nation as well as here on our campus. It was reported in the last issue of *Conservation News*, published by the National Wildlife Federation, that people in the Northeastern states are actually resorting back to using wood as a source of heat energy. A machine has been invented that will chop the tree right off at the base and convert every bit of it to a form of firewood. Careful measures are being taken to replant seedlings. This type of energy source may serve to be a partial answer, as well as other programs such as solar and nuclear energy, but taking the time to investigate what we can do as individuals needs also to be dealt with.

In the September 15 issue of *THE HILLTOP*, President Bentley revealed his proposed energy plan for the coming year. In the article he stated several ways of cutting back on energy use such as heating buildings later each morning and shutting them down earlier, stopping the use of portable heaters in office areas, limiting the use of laundry facilities in Chambers Gymnasium, using the high power mercury lamps in the gymnasium only during inter-collegiate games, and consolidating housing. President Bentley also urged the students to join in the conservation efforts by taking shorter showers and cutting down on the use of electrical appliances.

Many students feel that the administration should set an example for the students to follow. This may be true, but why can't we as students set the trend and cooperate by not being wasteful of energy? If each individual would take the attitude that what we as individuals do will make a difference, then maybe some improvement will be noted. Energy is too precious a resource to be wasted, and even though you may feel you have payed for your share, unnecessary usage hurts all concerned.

## In Retrospect

by Wright Culpepper

There is something fascinating to me about the mountains. Each time I feel I know all about them, something happens to show that, in actuality, I know very little about them at all.

I enjoy exploring these mountains around us. Each curve of the highway and every crest of a hill along a path brings forth new objects for my amazement. Many times I come from a hike in the mountains refreshed and with a new awareness of my Creator.

This feeling about the mountains does not rest alone with me. Since the begin-

ning of time, man has felt drawn to the towering peaks. People have risked their lives to climb a mountain simply because it is there. At the foot of the famous Matterhorn in the Alps there is a grave which reads simply, "He died climbing."

We, as children of God, should all die climbing. Paul says we must press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14) We need to strive to find new ways to please God and to reach a new awareness of Him.

God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. We should constantly be trying to become like Him. We should always be climbing.

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## Union Representatives Attend Convention

The National Entertainment and Campus Activities Conference (NECAA) was held on September 30 through October 4 in Charleston, S. C. The states represented in the Southeast Conference were: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Alabama. This organization is composed of all schools who have joined the NECAA, and those entertainment agencies who wish to join. Representatives from MHC were: Phil Weast; Joe Blevins, Films Committee; representative; Sandy Howard, Special Events Committee; Bob Swan and Bob Anderson, Concert and Dance Committee; Susan George, Outreach Committee; and Bob Kramer, Visiting Lectures and Artists Committee.

Some of the activities included in the conference were: getting to know students and staff programs from other schools, meeting entertainment agencies and managers, attending educational workshops and conferences on various areas of programming, and attending a showcase of twenty acts, a group designed to give act previews. There were also film showcases offering previews of many newly released films.

The major function of the NECAA was to learn to cooperate with other schools in booking the best entertainers and attending the best price possible. Block booking involves ten or more colleges negotiating with one group, thus receiving lower prices.

Attending the conference proved valuable for MHC. It resulted in: providing a band for the Homecoming Dance, the Gene Cotton and Labamba concert

scheduled for Spring Fling (April 26-29). Coffeehouse acts for next semester, and options on several other acts such as dance bands, a magician, and other concert acts. By attending the workshops and visiting and talking with people from other schools, many new ideas were developed. The effects of this convention will be seen as the year progresses.

The next conference will be the Region V meeting of the Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I). This conference will be held at USC in Columbia, South Carolina, on October 15-18. Phil Weast, Buzzy Scott, Sandy Howard, and David Gaskin will be representing MHC in this conference. Other states included are Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The title for this conference will be "Open Your Mind," and will include meeting students and staff members from other schools and attending educational workshops. We are honored to have three MHC staff members who will be conducting three workshops in the ACU-I conference. They are: Dr. Page Lee, who will be discussing "Community Involvement;" Dr. Joe Schubert, leading the discussion in "Group Dynamics;" and Phil Weast, who will lead a "Creativity" workshop. We also recognize Buzzy Scott for being the sub-regional representative for East Tennessee and Western North Carolina for the ACU-I. This position allowed him to be a part of the steering committee that planned the program for this year.

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