

## Around Campus

**Security Firearm Policy** - Recently, after the expressed concern of numerous students, faculty and administrators, the SGA Campus Life Committee inquired about Campus Security's firearm policy. Mike Faires, MHC's well-qualified director of security, welcomed the committee's interest and offered any information that might help to clarify Security's position on when and where to wear a gun.

At present Campus Security and the SGA are working together to satisfy the wishes of the majority of the student body. The policy in effect now is on a trial basis. Until the issue can be put before the student body for feedback and/or approval.

In the meantime, Security will be armed during the night and while transporting money.

### WORK IN EUROPE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OFFERED BY CIEE

Hundreds of U.S. students will find jobs in France, Ireland and Great Britain this summer through the **Work in Europe** program sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). For the past nine years, this popular program has provided students with the direct experience of living and working in another country and, at the same time, helped them reduce the cost of their trip abroad. The **Work in Europe** program virtually eliminates the red tape that students faced in the past when they wanted to work abroad. Participants must find their own jobs but will have the help of cooperating student travel organizations in each country. In France they may work during the summer; in Great Britain they may work at any time of the year for up to six months; in Ireland they may work at any time of the year for up to four months.

The jobs are usually unskilled - in factories, department stores, hotels, etc. Salaries are low, but students generally earn enough to pay for their room and board while they work. A typical job would be that of chambermaid in a hotel in London's West End. But last summer one enterprising student found work as an apprentice jockey for one of Ireland's racing stables.

To qualify for CIEE's program, students must be between the ages of 18 and 30 and must be able to prove their student status. To work in France, they must also be able to speak and understand French.

For more information and application forms, contact CIEE, Dept. PR-A, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017; or 236 North Santa Cruz, No. 314, Los Gatos, California 95030.

**Apply NOW to be an R.A. or R.T. next fall!** - Salary: \$600 for 9 months. Applications and job descriptions available in the Housing Office. All applications should be returned no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday, March 24th. Interviews will be conducted after Spring Break. Selections announced by May 1, 1978.

**Are you interested in participating in an Internship either this summer or next fall?** - The Mars Hill College Internship Program offers a very wide range of possibilities for you to choose from; however, early planning is an essential factor in setting up an Internship.

In order to begin preparing your own Internship, follow the steps listed below:

1) Think about what you want in a particular job/Internship.

2) Think about what learning you can receive from this particular job/Internship.

3) Think about how this job/Internship will fit into your over-all academic, personal, and career development.

4) Talk with past Interns about their experiences (there is a record of past interns in the Experiential Education Center, old Office Building).

5) Talk with faculty members (advisors/department chairpersons) knowledgeable with Departmental Internships, or talk with one of the staff members in the Experiential Education Center (Old Office Building). The staff members are Ken Sanchargrin, Jill Mannisto, and George Peery.

6) Begin your planning early!

**Genesis** - a Christian group singing both contemporary and traditional music will be performing in Moore Auditorium tonight (March 23) at 7:00 P.M. The group, consisting of ten men and three women from eight states, include former Mars Hill students Richard Ryan and Mark Dickerson. They are currently touring the United States and soon hope to cut their first album.

There is no admission charge but a love offering will be taken.

**Heard About Mars Hill's Intramurals Yet?** - March 9, L. E. Williamson's "Laughables" came out on top after a grueling bout with Tony Byrd's "Globetrotters."

The "Laughables" and "Globetrotters" are just two of the Intramural Basketball teams organized this February. Eight more boys' teams and four girls' team finished out the season.

Several games went into overtimes and underdogs rose to the lead during the tournament. Even though these teams were called "intramural", their enthusiastic performances were comparable to those of serious athletes.

Softball is next on the agenda. Anybody and everyone - clubs, organizations dorms are invited to form his or her own team. Since a softball team requires more members than a basketball team, the Intramural Program is asking for more involvement than ever before.

Use your Spring Fever - organize a softball team. Or, if your friends happen to be anti-softball, contact Don Henderson, Director of Intramural Programs or Tom Everett, Assistant Director, to add your name to an already-established team's roster.

If you can't join the ranks, just come to watch and root. Even **amateur** hams enjoy an audience. Working in conjunction with the Intramural Program, the SGA encourages all you "Closet Catfish Hunters" to oil your mits and start exercising those pitching arms.

Minutes from

SENATE

March 1, 1978  
Belk Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer, Senator Williams
- III. Ratification of revised Constitution
  - A. The motion was made by Senator Hill, and seconded by Senator Scott, that the revised Constitution be ratified by the Senate.
  - B. Amendment motion was made by Senator Scott that an amendment be added to replace class officers (Article VI.4).
    1. The motion was seconded by Senator Heaton.
    2. The vote was unanimous.
  - C. Amendment motion was made by Senator Hill that the SGA Secretary and Treasurer be made non-voting members of the Senate (Article IV.3).
    1. The motion was seconded by Senator Latta.
    2. The vote was unanimous.
  - D. Amendment motion was made that the President shall appoint student representatives to the College Standing Committees (Article III.6).
    1. The motion was seconded by Senator Scott.
    2. The vote was unanimous.
  - E. Amendment motion was made that the Section concerning Student Affairs Council be stricken from the Constitution (Article VI.2). This motion was made by Senator Scott.
    1. The motion was seconded by Senator Hill.
    2. The vote was unanimous.
  - F. The Senate vote on the revised Constitution was unanimous. YAY!
- IV. Meeting Adjourned

## MHC Facilities for the Handicapped Under Investigation

by Sara LeFever

I go to Your Town College. I am a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair. I have problems that walkers overlook. It is not easy for me to reach and make a telephone call, get a sip from the water fountain, sharpen my dull pencil, look at myself in the bathroom mirror, use the restroom facilities, ironing boards, open heavy glass doors, and on and on. Until recently, I even had trouble furthering my education.

This example of a physically handicapped student is fictional, yet true in every aspect. Section 505, a rehabilitation act, was passed by the government in 1973. This law states all educational programs should be accessible to the handicapped.

In December of 1977 President Bentley formed a committee to work on an examination of the Mars Hill College facilities and their obtainability to the handicapped. Members of the group are - Donald Gehring, Dean of Student Development; Jim Fish, Director of the Physical plant; Violette Henderson, Business Manager; Bob Chapman, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Lynn Flemming, student; Debbie Debord, student; Kathy Wallin, secretary; and Richard Hoffman, Vice President for Academic affairs. Two of the members are in some way physically handicapped. The important job holdings of the committee members chosen by Bentley prove the strong effort the college is making to rehabilitate itself. The group has met three times including a recent meeting held on March 8th.

To identify the college's facilities which limit the accessibility of its programs or activities to the handicapped, a report was made. The account involv-

ed measuring turning floor space in dorm rooms, bathrooms, halls, it also measured toilet stalls, light switches, showers, etc. These measurements were compared with the N.C. State Building Code - Handicapped section and with the American National Standards for the handicapped. Each campus building and all dorms were scoured for faults. The resulting report filled nineteen pages.

Examples from the report are as follows; Such dorms as Brown, Myers, Stroup, Huffman, and top floors of Dickson-Palmer apartments are not accessible to wheelchairs. All chemistry labs are on fourth floor of Wall, none of the rooms are identified, corridors of the greenhouse are only 30 1/2" wide, Owen theater building off limits to wheelchairs, and no marked handicapped parking. Members of the committee actually "rode" around campus via wheelchair to get the real effect. The snow was no help.

Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither can the college be changed overnight. The section 505 gives the school three years to comply.

Some changes have already been established. Employment applications and student applications were revived last fall. Having a handicap will in no way defer acceptance or as an employee, change personnel policies relating to sick leave or vacations. School laws have been taped for the blind to hear and W.V.M.H. now announces campus happenings, also, the new admissions building will be entirely accessible to the handicapped.

It's a tough job and the college has far to go. It will take lots of time and lots of money to put in ramps and railings, wider corridors and countless other paraphernalia to better the campus. One change can begin immediately with each individual. A friendly "Hello" and a guiding elbow work wonders.