

Editorial

# Spring Sports: Do They Have a Future?

The subject of this editorial is the fate of spring sports at Mars Hill College, or if there is to be one? Many students share the common feeling that all of the spring sports such as softball, baseball, tennis and track, both men and women's, somehow have been slighted financially and in other areas of support. Many students feel that football takes too high of a ranking leaving all other sports to suffer. But it has been found that this seems to be what the alumni and area citizens seem to support. It has also been found that other small colleges receive as much or more money as we do for our football program. The problem is that with a small college with limited funds, one can have one good program and slight the others or have mediocre programs in all sport areas. Therefore, many say that this is simply the way the money is spread and there is not much left for other activities.

But the question is also raised, why can't we as a small school be strong in all areas? We certainly have the potential and facilities for baseball, track and tennis in our present student body and in area high schools' prospects. When these sports are not backed financially by trustees, alumni, etc. there is really no way they can thrive. Why do these priorities and decisions seem to fall on all but the students themselves? If MHC is to continue a spring sports program, then added support is vital. Without it, we may find ourselves with no program at all or no students willing to participate.



Is this scene to be a continuation for the MHC Sports Program? Photo by Archie Jones.

### SCHEDULE OF SPRING FLING '78 EVENTS

<b>Thursday, April 27</b>		
Craft Sale and Exhibit	TBA	Union Patio
"Live and Let Die" - James Bond	8:00	Belk Auditorium
<b>Friday, April 28</b>		
Epicure's Parisian Delight	4:30-6:00	Cafeteria
Casino Night	7:00-9:30	Recreation Room
Bookstore Sale		
Auction	9:30-11:00	
Appalachian Musicians and Pizza Special	11:00-1:00	Timberline
<b>Saturday, April 29</b>		
Mountain Juice '78		
Beach Concert-Four Tops		Chambers Gym

## In Retrospect

by Wright Culpepper

During the past two summers I worked for a bus manufacturing company on an assembly line. The work was hard and often frustrating, yet I learned many things about myself that have proved beneficial to my outlook on life.

The job demanded that I work long and hard. I punched in at seven in the morning and punched out at five-thirty in the afternoon with only thirty minutes for lunch. For ten hours a day, I drilled holes, popped and bucked rivets, installed emergency doors, crawled on the floor, bumped my head, and sweated.

It was not unusual for the temperature in middle Georgia to reach 100 degrees during the summer months. Inside the plant, it was not uncommon for the temperature to be 10 to 15 degrees hotter than outside. Consequently, I was often near the point of ex-

haustion by quitting time.

Inside the assembly hall where I ate and attended services there was a large sign which ran across one wall that said "GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH." Many times I thought about that verse as the work got long and hard. It reminded me of who I was and who was watching over me. It was not my own strength that pulled me through those summers, but it was the strength I received from God. He does care!

As we come into the final few weeks of this semester, we are burdened with a tremendous amount of work. We have papers to write, books to read, tests to take and excuses to make. It will be easy for us to become frustrated with the task which is before us and to give up and quit. But God is our refuge and our strength and He is ready to give us aid if we'll just ask for it. Put your trust in God and rely on Him to pull you through. He'll do it!

Good luck and God bless!

### Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors:

It has been called to my attention, as both a full-time student and part-time employee of Mars Hill College in the library, that the library has received a lot of slack about closing at 10:00 p.m. I called Security to verify that there are other places on campus to study. Wall, Cornwell, and the New Beginning Coffeehouse are all open until 11:00 or 12:00 p.m. The library staff who work at night are not asked reference questions after 9:30; this was also true when we stayed open until 11:00 p.m. The majority

of the students only need a quiet place to study after 9:30. Such places are still provided.

The library staff feel that it is more important to save energy and money and close the library at 10:00 p.m. since it takes money and power to keep it open.

Respectfully submitted,

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