

editorial

When I first came to Mars Hill College, I felt that Mars Hill was a pioneer in Baptist affiliated schools. We were not what I would call a party school, but it was a school where a student could enjoy his college career and at the same time receive a college education from a small school which he could say that he was proud to attend. Mars Hill was not allowing that student the priveleges that bigger universities and colleges offer, such as free visitation and no restrictions of alcoholic beverages. But we were a school that did not let outsiders rule our way of life. We were a school that was trying to create a community, not a utopia.

Recently a war has been waged against OFF campus conduct of Mars Hill college students. As a student I can hear and feel the resentment of the students toward the administration. Until this year I felt that the student body was behind our administration. Sure there was the usual resentment of authority, but then there was the not so usual talk of an administration that was behind the students, and for the students. This includes all students, not just the do-gooders, or the bookworms, but all the students.

If Mars Hill is going to be a Community, then it must fight for the rights of all the students. I am not speaking of the legal rights, I am speaking of the personal rights. The more that you supress people, the more power you give their explosion once it happens. Homecoming weekend was a prime example of what can happen. Because Mars Hill is waging a war against off campus use of alcoholic beverages, some of our local businesses are capatilizing. They now think that the best way to make a young adult do something is tell him he can't. Therefore a local business, in an indirect conjunction with a campus organization gave what is commonly known as a beer bust and dance. This party attraced more than two hundred students from the Mars Hill campus. After the party, the eruption in some of the dorms was unbelievable. Phones were ripped off, doors busted in, walls punched in, and the list could go on and on. I would like to know just how much damage was done to the business firm that had the party. The students did not do this damage because they got violently drunk, but because when they were drunk they had the courage to do and say what they do not when they are sobor.

When Mars Hill College starts giving the students the freedom that it takes to be an adult then some of this will begin to stop. Let's start afresh and make Mars Hill what it can be; a Baptist Affiliated College where mature students come to study and enjoy their college career and where they can be treated and respected as mature college students. Sure there will be those that can not handle this type of atmosphere, but that is what we have the Counseling center for.

Dwayne Davis

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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Charles Daniel "Dan" Dockery, who graduated from MHC last spring ('78), has been accepted into the Journeyman program of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and assigned to duties in Monrovia, Liberia.

Dan was one of 95 young people (26 years old or under) accepted into the Journeyman program and officially appointed at special ceremonies at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly on July 21. The group, largest in the history of the program, included men and women (including nine married couples) headed for 42 different countries in 8 different geographical areas of the world.

Missionary Journeymen, who must be college graduates, work as teachers, nurses, evangelists, homemakers, secretaries, and office workers. Their appointments are for two years. Prior to leaving for their overseas assignments, the Journeymen underwent six weeks of orientation and training at Meredith College in Raleigh.

Anxious to hear from his friends still at Mars Hill, Dan recently wrote to Miss Nancy Medford of the faculty in the Math Dept., for whom he worked when he was a student.

"I will guarantee anyone who writes me not only an answered letter but also an authentic Liberian stamp to add to their stamp collection."

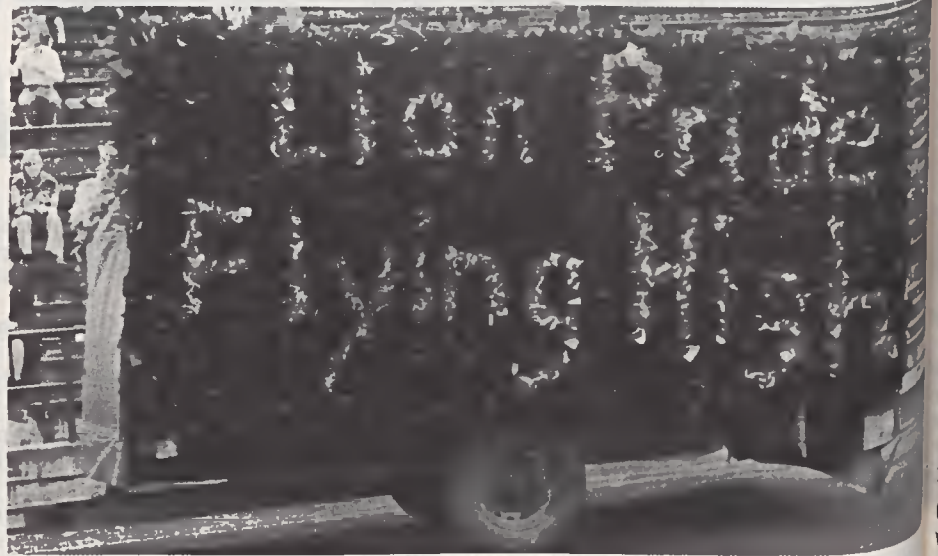



Dear Students and Faculty,

This is the fourth issue of the HILLTOP this year. I am interested in getting some feedback on your opinions of the paper. If you have any suggestions, criticisms, compliments, or comments - WRITE them. I promise each and everyone will be considered, and if you want, printed (I might feel like throwing them in the trash, but I won't.)

This paper is for YOU so please respond and help us out. Thank you,

Sara LeFever, Editor

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