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To Beer or Not to Beer

When Robert T. Sofield, Jr. and Edward Kirkpatrick purchased a small building two years ago in the Forks of Ivy community, little did they and the members of the community know what would lie in the future. What has taken place since that time is the subject of this particular article.

If one happened to drive through the Forks of Ivy community, he would perhaps be impressed with the over-all uniqueness of the place. The scenery available would include distinctive display of junk cars, a beautiful church that crowns a hill in the center of the unincorporated little town, a tire store, a couple of gas stations, and Peabody's Package Store.

A controversy has been stirring in the community that, according to the Rev. Ralph Hogan of the Forks of Ivy Baptist Church, "has united and activated this entire community." The fact of the matter is, explains one of the senior members of the community, "we just don't want alcohol being sold here in our place . . . beer cans and all that trash don't belong here." And apparently the people of Forks of Ivy mean what they say. A petition written up by Rev. Hogan and Rev. Jimmy Buckner, president of the Greater Forks of Ivy Community, states that, "Peabody's Package Store in the Forks of Ivy is a nuisance to our citizens."

Over 600 signatures have been placed on the petition, which also contends that the package store is being operated illegally because it has a Buncombe County permit to sell alcoholic beverages, and the store itself is in Madison County. The owners contend, however,



that the store is in Buncombe County and make their contention on the basis of a surveyor's report made by the Hutchison-Briggs Co. earlier this year. The Hutchison-Briggs surveyor designated the building to be in Buncombe County, where permits to sell alcohol are available. The residents state that the surveyor's line is "a bunch of hog-wash. The store sits on the south side of the Forks of Ivy Creek, and that has always been the Madison County boundary line." Many of the people living in close vicinity of the store vow to continue pursuing the legal avenues available in order to close the place once and for all, and "burn it down."

Several weeks ago, a community meeting was held at the Forks of Ivy Baptist Church to allow both sides to voice their opinions regarding the status of the establishment. About thirty Mars Hill College students attended the meeting expressing their support for the package store. The meeting was orderly, and many expressed their opinions, both pro and con; however, it appears that the faction opposing the store's operation has the upper hand. With the support of the Forks of Ivy Church, Ivy Hill Church, Piney Mountain Baptist Church, the Free Will Baptist Church and the other 48 churches in the French Broad Baptist Association, it only seems appropriate to predict the closing of Peabody's Package Store. As one man put it, "it might be convenient for folks to come by-even as close to the college as it is - but folks who drink should go to Ingles, buy it, take it home, and stay in and get ruined. We can't have 'em driving all over the Forks of Ivy."

Mark Barbour

Photo by Larry Pritchett

Who's Who

The 1979-80 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will carry the names of thirty students from Mars Hill College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,200 institutions of higher learning in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was published in 1934.

Students named this year are: William Richard Anderson, a senior mathematics

major commuting from Mars Hill, N.C.; Mark Wilhelm Barbour, a senior English major from Marietta, Ga.; John L. Bennett, a senior physical education major from Gaffney, S.C.; Kurt Joseph Bomar, a senior business administration major from Banner Elk, N.C.; Joseph K. Bounds, a junior religion/philosophy major commuting from Mars Hill, N.C.; Bruce Willard Boyles, Jr., a senior music education major from Kings Mountain, N.C.; Teresa Allen Campbell, a senior chemistry major from Chester, N.C.; Barbara Ann Carter, a senior mathematics major from Durham, N.C.; Charles Timothy Carter, a junior chemistry major from Fountain Valley, Ca.; Frederick Dean Dalrymple, a senior Spanish major from Murphy, N.C.; Hershell Dwayne Davis, a senior political science major from Hemingway, S.C.; Mickie Diane Hoffman, a junior mathematics

major from Waynesboro, Pa.; Roy Allen Hunt, a senior general business administration major from Columbia, S.C.; Pamela Kay Irwin, a senior social work major from Sparta, N.C.; Archie Valejo Jones, Jr., a senior commuter majoring in economics from Mocksville, N.C.; Joseph Carroll Knight, a senior religion/philosophy major from Winston-Salem, N.C.; Shari Diane Lafone, a senior history major from Hickory, N.C.; Melissa L. Laney, a senior elementary education major from Nebo, N.C.; Steven Charles Maennie, a senior physical education major from Andrews, N.C.; Elaine McKinney, a senior biology major from Bakersville, N.C.; Scott Douglas Mims, a senior social work major from Fayetteville, N.C.; Mark William Pardue, a senior fashion merchandising major from Roaring River, N.C.; Suzanne Powell, a junior chemistry major from

Mars Hill, N.C.; Houston Bryan Robertson, a senior history major from Stuart, Va.; Kenneth Thompson Sewell, a senior economics major from North Augusta, S.C.; Michael Randy Sitton, a senior music performance major from Horse Shoe, N.C.; Thomas Floyd Stocks, a senior sociology major from Lynchburg, Va.; Christopher Lee Watts, a senior physical education major from Doraville, Ga.; Stephen Douglas Wilent, a senior chemistry major from Cherryville, N.C.; Rilla Maria Williamson, a senior general business administration major from Franklin, N.C.

The nominating committee was composed of seventeen student leaders, two faculty members from each of the academic departments, two members of the student development staff, and one member of the general administration.

Anita Keller