

Editorial

Tilson What?

Kelly McElveen
Staff Writer

What in the world is Tilson Park? It is a small grassy area across from Chambers Gym that has great potential to become more, if the Recreation and Leisure Department has anything to do with it.

Last fall, the Recreation Department and majors submitted a plan to the Campus Beautification Committee to name and develop a small park for the college community. The name Tilson Park, so named for the former head of the physical plant, was suggested and approved.

With the go-ahead from the Committee, the recreation majors began their work. Faced with an ample supply of manpower but a lack of money, they sold trees at last year's Homecoming to raise funds. Last spring, they began working on the area by combining efforts to trim, rake, prune, and beautify the park.

The plans for Tilson Park are coming together for this fall and spring. According to Dr. Tom Coates, the recreation majors are presently involved in the ongoing process of preparing the park for future projects. Right now, they have to deal with an erosion problem and reseed the grass for spring. The Recreation Department possesses two picnic tables which hopefully will be in place by this spring. Making pads for these tables is the first priority. This will enable the tables to be permanent attractions in the park. Planting flowering shrubs and saving the big trees are also on the agenda.

Realizing all of these goals will take money as well as hard work. The main problem is an absence of funds. The Recreation Department eventually wants to place about six permanent picnic tables in the area. They would also like to place a gazebo in the park, but presently that is a low-priority item. More shrubs and flowers are also needed. Right now, recreation majors are laying the ground work until more money can be raised.

Dr. Coates states that the creation of Tilson Park is beneficial to everyone. It will be an aesthetically pleasing place on campus where people can relax and enjoy themselves. The project also provides practical experience for the recreation majors and provides them the opportunity to give something back to Mars Hill College.

Persons interested in helping with the Tilson Park project should contact Dr. Coates in Chambers 203.

Trinity Baptist Church will hold a gospel sing on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the church on Old 213. A love offering will be taken. For information, contact Pastor E.J. Jenkins at 689-5880.

Blood Loss in the Blue Lounge

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Recently the American Red Cross, in cooperation with Delta Kappa Theta Fraternity, held a blood drive in the Blue Lounge. On Sept. 19 from 1-5 p.m., MHC students had the opportunity to donate blood to the American Red Cross.

Delta Kappa Theta organized the event and its members contributed in setting up booths. Their goal was to collect 75 pints of blood, and they collected 53.

Student participation is encouraged in blood drives. Scott Smith, President of Delta Kappa Theta, emphasized that by giving blood, students may not only save others' lives—they may also save their own lives.

Red Cross members visit Mars Hill once during each semester. Two years ago, blood drives were held twice a semester, but due to the lack of donors, the Red Cross found it impractical to visit more than once during a semester.

While many students are afraid of giving blood, there are a few facts to remember. One cannot catch a disease by giving blood. Only one pint of blood is withdrawn, and every needle is completely sterile. Potential donors are given a general health questionnaire designed to reduce the risk of spreading disease. Both the blood pressure and blood iron content of donors are tested.

Blood donated is sent to area hospitals including Memorial Mission and St. Joseph's.

Students interested in knowing more about blood donation can visit the Red Cross Center in Asheville, located near Merrimon Avenue at 100 Edgewood Road.

Alpha Psi Omega Announces Fall Pledges

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Alpha Psi Omega, a national dramatic honorary fraternity, has an active chapter at MHC under advisor John Oertling.

Membership is by invitation only. Pledges must have junior or senior classification and must have earned theater credits by working on production or working backstage in plays.

There will be two pledge classes this year. The Fall 1990 pledges are Lisa Atkinson, Kerrie Beechler, Michael Lester, Lynn Nihart, and Beth Parrish.

Alpha Psi Omega is recognized throughout the world as an honorary theater organization.

Choices

Rob Cothran
Editorialist

"The rest is up to you." What does that mean? It means God has given us the ability to choose whatever path we want to take. We have a choice. Look at Genesis Chapter 3. It reads: *Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden. And there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground. Trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat of any tree in the Garden but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

God lays before man a choice. "What choice?" you might ask. God commanded the man not to eat of the tree. But, then why was the tree in the garden? If you don't want a child messing around with something that would hurt him, you do not leave it within his reach. If God did not want us to have a choice, he would not have placed the tree in the Garden. He did, and with it he gave his guidelines. Do not eat of the fruit.

Why would God want us to have a choice? What are our choices?

First, God knew that if man worshipped him because he was the only choice that they had they would not do it fully. It is like registering for classes at school. Sometimes you will get a class that you have to take or the only class left and you may not have wanted to be in it. You probably will do just enough work to get by. You won't enjoy the class or commit yourself to it. However, sometimes you get to choose a class that you have always wanted with a teacher you

love. Then you will put in the time and the effort to do your best.

God knew that if people had to worship him and follow him because he was the only choice, their commitment would lack something. It would not be complete. But if following God was a choice among others, then those who chose to follow him would do so because they wanted to, and their love and devotion would be pure and true and straight from the heart.

God has given us the choice to decide for ourselves. We do not have the right to decide for other people, nor do we have the right to deny people their choice. We are not to ram Jesus down anyone's throat. We do not have that authority, and it defeats the whole purpose of freedom of choice. God wants us to choose to follow him on our own so we will love him with our all.

We have two choices before us. We either follow Jesus or we follow Satan. It is either/or. According to Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters...." And Revelation 3:14-16 says, "I know your deeds that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one. So because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth." Finally, in Matthew 12:30 Jesus said, "He who is not with me is against me...."

This is straight from Jesus' mouth. It is a black and white choice. There are no gray areas, no in-betweens. Either you serve God or you serve Satan. Either you are hot or cold. Either you are for him or against him.

"Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

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