

MADISON SIDE BY SIDE

By Tommy Dembinsky

Last year over 170 of the youths in Madison were involved in the juvenile court system. To help combat this problem Madison County set up the Madison Side-By-Side Program, which is essentially a big brother/big sister program.

This is a state-funded program which began 3 years ago. It relies on volunteers to do most of the work involved. The program is presently looking for adult volunteers to help with the children, as

well - as perform other tasks relative to the agency's services.

To work with the children a potential volunteer must fill out an application, have a formal interview, and go through a training process. If you are interested in

becoming a volunteer, are 18 years or older, and have a mode of transportation, you can be a big brother or big sister to a child.

If you do not have transportation, and would still like to volunteer in other agency roles, call the Blue Ridge Center in Marshall at 649-2367 and ask for Julie. There are many other opportunities for volunteers, ranging from preparing a newsletter to assisting with coordinating group activities.



DEFERRED RUSH

CONVICTION WITHOUT TRIAL?

By Paul Bass

Fall rush has come and gone but there's something missing from the pledge classes of fraternities and sororities this semester - new transfer students and freshmen. The reason for this omission from the Greek rosters was a "deferred rush" vote by the Rush Committee.

Melody Muller, president of this committee, said, "We [the committee] met as a group and voted for the deferred rush because we felt it would be more beneficial for the new students to present themselves to the Greeks throughout the semester rather than being swamped by all the

fraternities and sororities at once. The faculty also has complained that freshmen in the past have devoted too much time to pledge activities."

Brian Cox, president of the national fraternity Theta Chi, took an opposing view stating, "A deferred rush may be okay for some schools, but at Mars Hill the small population allows the student to get to know the Greeks quicker." Additionally he stated, "I feel there should be some form of study hall implemented into every pledge program here."

The affected students have not been completely

quiet on this issue either. Junior transfer student, Chad Trantham, said, "I don't see any reason anyone should not be able to rush. We are all adults and we know how to manage our time." All of these ideas leave several questions unanswered. Should a small committee decide what five hundred of their peers do? Is five hours a week too much time for pledging? Is anyone really benefitting from the vote? Is deferred rush right or wrong? The answer lies within yourself. Speak out

and be heard.

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College Death Trap

Highway 213, which runs through the Mars Hill College campus between Memorial Library and Blackwell Hall, has become a danger zone for pedestrians attempting to cross the highway as well as for motorists.

MHC's Director of Campus Safety and Security, Craig Goforth, is encouraging all motorists to obey the 25 mph speed limit. He also wishes to remind motorists that they are to stop to allow pedestrians to cross the highway at the two official crosswalks, one of which is in front of Moore Auditorium and the other, in front of Memorial Library.

Also, pedestrians (whom are primarily members of the college community) are strongly encouraged to cross only at the designated crosswalks.

Now under consideration is the possibility of placing a traffic light at the intersection involving Highway 213 and the road between the library and the media center. This would hopefully curb the danger of the area. Meanwhile, campus police will be patrolling the area more frequently and enforcing the subsequent penalties.