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to the school. According to Davis, these students were trouble makers, vandals, and a generally disruptive influence.

In summing up the meeting I would say that the Administration is hoping for more student support. President Davis was very optimistic about this year's student body, and seems to feel that the school will not encounter any of the problems of last year.

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FIRST SOCCER VICTORY

The Montreat-Anderson Cavaliers gained a well-deserved first victory Saturday afternoon by defeating UNC-A 3-1 at the Black Mountain field.

Standouts for the MAC squad were John Akin, Allswell Muzan, and soccer All-American Edwin Udogu, each of whom scored one goal.

In one man's opinion, the hard-working Montreat squad seems to have jelled at last. Thus, I would not be too surprised to see the team become a consistent winner during the season's second half.

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BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY IJACTION

After reading the minutes of the last Student Government Association meeting, I began to wonder what useful purpose this body of legislators serves.

These people are not sitting in the House or the Senate of the United States. Yet their procedures for establishing committees seems to be their greatest asset.

This week's crisis concerned the room decoration resolution (which has apparently been downgraded to a "petition" in the space of one week.) Several people favored adopting a strong point-by-point reply to the Administration's position, while some others did not. After the great debate finally ended, it was decided to make yet another draft of the "petition." A motion was made and seconded to do something definite about the matter, but it was defeated.

I hope that by Christmas this dispute over room decorations will be settled. In some ways this type of meeting reminds me of the national government. In the Senate they debate and rewrite and table vital legislation until it becomes too late to pass it into law. I sincerely hope that our own student government will not fall into the trap of parliamentary procedure.

our own student government will not fall into the trap of parliamentary procedure. There is a lot to accomplish this school year, and I hope that we will have time to move on to more important matters.

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THE DECADENT GENERATION

In a speech to the Asheville Civitan Club on 22 September, Dr. C. Grier Davis made a statement to the effect that since the Second World War America has degenerated morally and spiritually to a point of "decadence" and "depravity."

Personally, I have lost count of the times I have encountered this kind of statement, and I had almost begun to believe it. I had once been nearly convinced (some will believe anything if they hear it often enough) that by some magic formula we had all become decadent and depraved only since 1945—when all of those disillusioned and somewhat frightened guys came home and made all those babies—but now I'm not so sure. It just sounds too easy and convenient to attribute it all to "since World War II" and in a sense pass the buck to the "war babies." What really bothers me about such a statement is what is insinuated. It seems to be saying that since the magic date of 1945 we have all fallen into the gutter, whereas prior to that time we all basked in the warm sunshine of the rooftops. It sounds nice and simple and some people believe it.

It cannot be denied that the Second World War abruptly changed a lot of things, many of them definitely not for the better. It is also true that much of what this country is currently suffering through is to an extent a result of the upheaval of 1939-1945.

In my opinion Dr. Davis' statement contains an element of truth (for that matter, anything utterable by the human tongue could be said to contain an element of truth), but an element which has been stretched altogether too far. While I do not question his contention that World War Two made a lot of changes in this country's "life-style," I find "decadence" and "depravity" a little questionable, if not just a bit insulting. I suppose it depends upon your point of reference.

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