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MATTERS OF POLICY

The policy of The Hill Top during the coming year will be based on the simple axiom that the whole is greater than any of its parts and equal to the sum of all its parts; however, there are a few points that might be added.

The Hill Top represents the whole school, and it will not try to exploit one division or divisions of the school.

The Hill Top will appear up-to-date unless the publication is providentially hindered.

The reporter who does the writing will receive the space.

Any criticism will be gladly received—provided it is carefully written ready for publication in the criticism column of The Hill Top.

The Hill Top will advocate Loyalty to Mars Hill College, whole-hearted support for the athletic teams, double the floor space in the library, and more work for the extension of the whole rather than so much agitation between some of its parts.

While this issue may not even approach that high standard maintained by the retiring staff, it does represent good, hard work on the part of the new reporters and editors. Please receive it kindly and considerately: the goal is high, but it can never be attained without the absolute co-operation of every group, club, organization, and individual on the campus as well as the many graduates and friends out in the world who are unseen to us, but who are, nevertheless, backing the college to their limit in every way possible. With co-operation to the last notch from these the "Hill Top" will be able to do a great work for Mars Hill College this year!

WHY BE LONESOME?

Here is something to think about. A very much beloved member of the college faculty says, "A head worth anything at all can entertain itself;" another prominent man remarks, "Only ignorant persons get lonesome."

Those who have enough of interest stored in their minds and those who want to learn and develop never get lonesome because there is always something to think about that leaves no room for dejection.

There are so many interesting things in the world that there is not time enough in the average life to learn anywhere near all the useful things that one should know. In addition there are the vast realms of knowledge which are not absolutely necessary; but which, nevertheless, would tremendously enrich any mind which might seek it.

Why not an original thought once in a while? How few cultivate them! Gossip concerning daily happenings, often trivial in nature fills too many lives completely. Of course moods change quite often, and there is a diversity in the line of thought; but soon the mind reverts to the old channels which it follows over and over again.

A longing for home need not be loneliness. Home-sickness is more or less regarded as a joke, but the home ties should be strong enough to make a fellow realize just what is missing when he goes away for the first time. There is a wide gulf between idle lonesomeness and a loneliness felt by the sudden removal of home folks and local friends.

Aside from natural ties, however, is it any wonder that people become lonely? The mind is starved for something new to think about. If the mind were permitted to branch out into really new avenues of thought, there would be constant surprise and pleasure at the result; and loneliness would soon be unknown.

"Those that think must govern those that toil."—Goldsmith.

"Love is to the heart what summer is to the year—it brings to maturity its choicest fruits."—Reily.

"Nature can soothe if she cannot satisfy."—Anna Green.

"This is the essential evil of vice, that it debases man."—E. H. Chopin.

"The word knowledge strictly employed implies three things, viz: Truth, proof, and conviction."—Whately.

"Do today thy nearest duty."—Goethe.

"As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time."—J. Mason.

MOTHER LOVE

God took some silver of the moon,
And molten gold of stars,
And purple blue of evening skies,
Fashioned from moonbeam bars;

And hid it all in Paradise
Perfumed with heavenly flowers,
And built star-fences round about
Wrapt with sunbeam bowers,

And then one day when Spring was
new

God loosed it from above,
To form His sweetest, holiest gift,
The gift of mother-love.
Raymonia Gillespie.

B. Y. P. U.

Dear Fellow Students:

After the pleasant vacation days have ended, we come to the delightful opening of what we trust will be another happy and prosperous year in our B. Y. P. U.'s. The tasks which are before us are great and important ones. Much time and hard work will be required to reach our goal, but let us remember that there is honor in honest labor. Every B. Y. B. U. member should appreciate the privilege of work that we may glorify our Lord and Savior.

Under the supervision of our capable, wise and trustworthy president we believe that our efforts will be crowned with glory, and that His will may be done in the hearts of those on our campus. We are workers together with God, and that means not only that we need God, but that He has a certain work for each of us.

One of the paramount things to be emphasized in the work of our young people is true reverence. This will lead us to enter the house of God in a reverent spirit. When we come to Him aright and take our minds from the cares and problems which confront us daily, then it is that we go away from the place of worship with a quickened zeal and a new power to serve.

Doubtless every active member of the B. Y. B. U. could tell where the B. Y. B. U. verse is found. May it be the earnest desire of each one to study that he may be approved unto God a willing workman.

Some one has said that "Baptist Youth Pressing Upward" is a good motto for our organization. This we ardently hope to fulfill in every phase of our life.

The names of the presidents and secretaries of the eleven unions are as follows:

A Union—Wade Worley, Sarah Blackwell.

B Union—W. M. Gerald, Clarence Davis.

C Union—Mae Plemmons, R. W. Crutchfield.

D Union—Edith Hayes, Alice Mc-Kittrick.

E Union—H. L. Bridges, Mary Harris.

F Union—E. C. Glasgow, Daisy Martin.

G Union—George Stroupe, Emma Hartsell.

H Union—Mary Hamby, Vista Stines.

I Union—S. G. Morse, Rachael Chaffin.

J Union—M. V. Parrish, Mrs. T. L. Rampey.

K Union—Edward Harrell, Ruby Flemming.

The general officers are:
Glynn Bolch, President; Van R. Powell, Associate President; Bonnie Hildebrand, Secretary; Edith Hayes, Treasurer; Elizabeth Spangler, Pianist; Edward Harrell, Chorister.

These are capable leaders, and I would like to urge every man and woman at Mars Hill to join one of the unions, not only because of the personal benefit to be gained therefrom, but also because the unions need their presence.

Yours for the greatest year in B. Y. P. U. History,

Glynn Bolch,
Head President.

HOW TO READ

Rapid Reading

1. Deliberately try to speed up your reading.
2. Learn to do "skip" reading.
3. Read phrases and sentences, not words; do not halt over words.
4. In reading paragraphs pay attention to the first and second and the last sentences in order to get topic and summary.
5. In reading sentences pay attention to the beginning and end.
6. In reading chapters notice the first and last paragraphs.

Slow Thorough Reading

1. Review what you have read.
2. Read difficult sections slowly and several times till you are sure of the meaning.
3. Add to the thought of the writer. Think for your self.
4. Be sure you know what you have read. Review the main points.

Suggestions for Study

1. Have a study schedule—let nothing interfere with it.
2. Let your study room have the proper temperature, light and ventilation.
3. Have a convenient work table.
4. Have a comfortable straight-backed chair, not a rocking chair.
5. Keep your room arranged orderly.
6. Have a place for everything and everything in its place.
7. Get all tools, such as pens, ink, pencils, textbooks, note books, maps, rulers, compasses, paper, typewriter, and so on, ready before starting to work.
8. Sit down and begin immediately.
9. Get the assignment definitely in mind.
10. Review briefly the previous days' lesson.
11. Assume the attitude of interest.
12. Do your hardest studying first, as a usual thing.
13. Do your written work first.
14. Concentrate to the point of absorbed interest.
15. Read over all assignments rapidly at first; then more slowly, taking the difficult parts separately.
16. Look for the seed thought in the main points or topics.
17. Review the main thoughts in every paragraph as soon as you read it.
18. Read with a purpose of recalling the material.
19. Take notes as you study either in your note book or write the topic sentence of a paragraph on the margin of your book. This will aid your memory in reviews.
20. If necessary, outline the work.
21. Underline important sentences and topics, if you own the book.
22. Read the foot notes.
23. Use the dictionary at the immediate time you find an unfamiliar word.
24. Get the author's view point rather than his words.
25. Keep in mind the particular uses your studies may serve.
26. In learning forms, rules, vocabularies an so on, it will help to repeat them aloud.
27. In committing to memory definitions of terms, formulas, dates and so on, make certain that you understand them.
28. Use your text book. Study the index, appendix, contents, footnotes, maps, illustrations, vocabularies and so on. It will help to repeat them aloud.
29. Read other books on the subject in your school library or home.
30. Talk with your teachers or others about your work.
31. Look up references on the lessons.
32. Collect work for special reports as early as possible.
33. Try to summarize in your own words what you have studied.
34. Review briefly before going to class.
35. Keep your assigned work up to date.
36. Make use of short periods of time. Let your friends know that

SUMMARY OF 1926-27 SEASON

Last year was the most successful that Mars Hill has ever had in athletics. The 1926 football team was much above par. With such men as Dockery, Carter, Baber, Moore, and Joyner in the line, and Edwards, Suggs, Furches, Rumfeldt, and Tripp in the backfield, nothing other than a strong eleven would be expected.

Probably the best offensive man was Edwards. He was a hard hitting, hard-running, and hard tackling player and one of the surest and most consistent ground gainers Mars Hill has ever produced.

The football machine lost one game out of seven during the fall of 1926. The only team able to administer a defeat was the strong Tennessee Wesleyan who let the lads from Mars Hill down by the score of 7-6. The games with Farm School, Oak Ridge, and East Tennessee Teachers College resulted in 0-0 ties. Victories for Mars Hill were chalked up against Boiling Springs, Catawba College, and Hiwassee College. The team scored fifty points while the opposition was scoring thirteen against it.

The 1927 basketball team will long be remembered for its strength both offensively and defensively. The offense was built around West, Johnson and Nixon, who was one of the most beautiful floor workers in the state. He was dashing, brilliant, and consistent in all phases of the game.

In the first of the season several high schools were played just to get the team to running together. The scores in these games were everywhere from 50-25 to 99-9 in favor of the Hill.

Later the team invaded Tennessee, and Milligan College proceeded to seal a clean record by administering a 40-20 defeat; however they had revenge from the rest of Tennessee's teams until E. T. T. C. came to the Hill and left on the long end of a 40-30 score. But the thirteen victories and two defeats of the season must place it as a very successful one.

The baseball team had the toughest luck of any of the squads; however it managed to win about half of the games.

As has been true for the past few years, the pitching staff was weak. Grady had the best record among the pitchers with "Duke" James Lewis probably second. The team hit almost as heavy as any of the nines played, but the opposition hit in the pinches. This Mars Hill failed to do, and so some good ball games were lost.

Things should have a different aspect next spring, but all in all the year of 1926-1927 was a banner year in athletics at Mars Hill.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Under the direction of Miss Wingert, the Mars Hill Dramatic Club is planning big things for the coming year. Probably three dramatic performances will be publicly presented. Regular meetings of this club are held every two weeks, at which time the members will make an intense and thorough study of the drama together with the study of stage business, make-up, and lighting effects. We feel that this work is of unusual importance and should be boasted as well as offered the co-operation of each member.

The officers for this year are:
President, Edward Harrell.
Secretary, Bobby Freeman.

you do not want to be interrupted during study hours.

37. Rest a bit before taking up a new subject.

38. When you get tired take a few "setting up" exercises or if possible have a good laugh, and go back to work. If very tired put your head out of the window and breathe some fresh air and wash your face in cold water.