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What About An Open Forum?

This is a country where we have free speech and, to a certain extent, freedom of action. We have freedom of speech, but no one bothers to take advantage of it. That is exactly what we want to eliminate. We want you to be able to give vent to your feelings on certain subjects publicly instead of privately.

It is easy to find fault with some institution or some rule that we have here, but we can never hope to correct such a condition until we make some comment upon it. Perhaps you do not agree with the remarks some editorial writer makes. Perhaps the saxophone article of an earlier issue did not suit you. We want you to express your honest views on certain subjects and submit those views to the rest of the student body through the medium of the HILLTOP.

It would not be necessary to have your name printed in connection with the article. The only requirement would be that the editor know who you are in order that the article would not be ANONYMOUS.

We should like to hear from this, and, if the student body wants such a column, we shall be only too glad to provide space for it. There is plenty to write about if only one will send it in.

This paper tries to be as nearly representative of the student body as possible, and that is another reason why we want an open forum.

Point System

For the past week there has been much talk on the campus about the point system. Some have been commending the faculty committee for submitting the proposed plan, while others disapprove it and think it is unjust to the students. Differences of opinion are sure to appear in any undertaking. But we really see no reason why it isn't the logical thing to do, for there are some students on the campus who have entirely too much outside work. The teachers, as well as others concerned, realize it; but those who have too many points do not realize the seriousness of the matter enough to give up part of their work.

The faculty and B.S.U. Council see the danger of students trying to do too much; so they have provided a remedy for it. Surely this step is wise, since these two honorable bodies, the faculty committee and the B.S.U. Council, have devised it. This is the first year there has been a close check made on the campus work of the students, and the originators of the plan are to be commended for their unceasing efforts in trying to more evenly divide the campus offices among the students.

Now, the students who have more than the required points should kindly consent to give their fellows a chance, and by doing so give up some of their dignified offices. When this is done, the students concerned will find more time to devote to class work and will give their schoolmates, who also need to develop their God-given talents, an opportunity to take part in some of the activities of the campus. As it now stands, only a few have the activities of the campus in charge; whereas, many do not have duties who would appreciate the opportunity to prove their ability in helping to carry on the work. So, over-worked students, let's co-operate and give all the students of the campus an opportunity to prove their competency. Let's get down below the twenty-four point line and be efficient in what we do, for efficiency is what counts in any undertaking.

What About a Swimming Pool?

Who has not known the joys of a refreshing plunge in the cooling waters of some pond or in the tiled pool of some gymnasium? To those that have not, let it be said that you are surely missing something. It is one of the best ways in the world to rest a mind and body that is tired with the exertions of the day.

A swimming pool is not merely for summertime use. It can be equipped with steam pipes at very little extra expense, and then the pool will be warm enough for the most cold-natured of us to enjoy even in the dead of winter.

It is possible to have a swimming pool at Mars Hill for one thousand dollars. All who heard Mr. McConnell's talk during Founders Day know that. Surely we can raise a thousand dollars for so worthy a purpose. The basement of the gymnasium makes a place that will be perfectly located for the pool.

If every member of the student body would donate \$2.50, we would easily have the amount necessary to complete the pool. The Alumni Association will be asked for donations to help finance the project, and with their co-operation we will soon be able to complete it.

If we will all pull together, we can have this pool completed and ready for swimming by the spring semester. This is not a dream; it is a practical problem that concerns all of us. Come on, students, let's co-operate with the faculty and the alumni and put this thing across.

Backing the Team

"My country!" says the patriot. "Right if possible, but right or wrong, my country."

The true spirit of the boys of Mars Hill might well be expressed in much the same way. "Our team, winning if possible, but winning or losing, OUR team, first, last, and always."

We can not always win games, we can not expect to be on top always, and it is the duty of every loyal son

of Mars Hill to rally to the support of the team when she is losing even more than when she is winning. It's not easy to play on a team that doesn't win. If you don't believe it, ask one of the boys who play. It's hard to see an opponent run through your line, smash your plays, and throw you for losses. It's even harder on the players than it is for the spectators to watch. They are not lying down on you; never for a moment givng you all that they have to give,

and it is up to you to back them.

It is an easy thing to yell when we are in the lead, but it's not so easy to yell in the face of 88 points or 56 points or any other score. To the growlers who complain of the team's being no good, of their never winning games, it might be well to say that there are several extra uniforms in the lockers; and, if you can improve the team, then it is your job to demonstrate that ability and not to growl and poke fun at the boys who have done the best they could.

Get this. This is not an alibi article. It is not written at the instigation of any member of the team, but is written by a bystander who can not understand why we should ridicule and go back on our team merely because she has lost a game or two.

Every game that Mars Hill has lost has been to better teams. They won because they were better. It is not the team's fault nor is it Coach Roberts' fault. It is just something that cannot be helped, and the only thing we can do is to do the best we can and go down fighting. And let it be said that whatever the faults of the team may be, they are not quitters. No one can accuse them of that. They were fighting just as hard at the last whistle at Greensboro as they were when they crossed the goal line against Catawba at Mars Hill.

The next game is going to be hard. We may lose it. What if we do? That isn't the last game of football that Mars Hill will ever play. We shall win more games—many more. And also we shall lose more games.

It is up to the fans to back our team this year. It looks as if it may be a disastrous season; but one never can tell. With the morale of the team raised by the whole-hearted support of the non-combatants, we may be able to get a creditable showing made yet.

"You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?"

Come up with a smiling face, It's nothing against you to fall down flat,

But to lie there—that's disgrace; The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce,

Be proud of your blackened eye, It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,

It's how did you fight—and why?

And though you be done to the death, what then?

If you battled the best that you could,

If you played the game till your heart gave in,

Even your enemies will call it good;

Defeat comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,

But whether it's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only—how did you die?"

—W. C. Capel.

CLIO REUNION IS SUCCESSFUL

Friday, Oct. 12, is a memorable day in the history of the Clio and Philomathian Societies. At a meeting in the morning the sister society gave to their brothers a screen, which harmonized very well with the color scheme of the hall. The Clio Phi spirit grew with the returning of each old member. All were happy and proud to see the spirit of the White and Blue so prominent in the lives of many who have been away so long. Immediately following the afternoon program the Clios entertained the Phi's with a snappy program and refreshments. Everyone enjoyed himself in a friendly, informal way.

Promptly at seven o'clock in the evening the members of the Clio Society met the visitors in the hall for a reunion. The president welcomed all the old members back in a good old-fashioned way. A program followed which was made especially delightful by short talks by the visitors. The real Clio spirit was manifested in a way that each member was given a deeper, fuller meaning of just what it meant to be a Clio. The society that has played so large a part in the molding of worthwhile lives was appreciated deeply by the old members in such a way that the new members were inspired to carry on. At the close of the program refreshments were served by the Phi's and the so-

ciety was dismissed.

Happy were many hearts to have had a taste of the real worthwhile pleasure and to have known the joy of service and to have gained inspiration for the days to come.

Ministerial Conference Elects Its New Officers

At the last meeting of the Ministerial Conference the following officers were elected: President, R. A. Griffin; vice-president, I. J. Sumner; secretary, F. M. Julian; English critic, L. P. Barnes; pianist, C. W. Poplin; chorister, C. W. Rogers.

After prayer, led by Mr. Howard, "Showers of Blessings" was sung. Floyd Williams resigned as captain of his group, and L. D. Ussery was appointed in his place. Soul-winning was the topic for discussion in the last meeting. The first speaker commented on the qualifications of a soul-winner. "Who Wins Souls?" was given by O. M. Hill. "Why Win Souls?" by C. H. Hamby. J. F. Mosely and M. H. Rouse discussed "Where" and "When" to win souls. They showed that the field is the world and that now is the day of salvation. J. O. Jones told what the reward of the soul-winner will be. After the program Mr. Howard spoke to the members of the Conference, urging them to keep a personal contact with the Son of God while they are in school.

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" was the closing song. D. L. Stewart dismissed the conference with prayer.

The conference earnestly craves the prayers and hearty co-operation of all other Christian organizations on the campus.

EU'S HOLD A GRAND RALLY

Reunion of Old and New Members Held on Founder's Day

On the evening of Founder's Day, about 8:30 o'clock, after the Non's had had their happy reunion, there gathered in the Non-Eu Hall the new and returning members of the Euthalian Literary Society. They came from far and near—recent students who graduated at Mars Hill and are now in some higher institutions, and those who have finished their school days and have found places of service in the busy world.

For several minutes all were given opportunity to chat of old times, while five charming maids in aprons served delicious ice cream and cakes. Who can imagine a happier combination of nice things? For what do folks enjoy more than to talk, to eat, and to be waited upon?

After the devotional, Mr. P. C. Stringfield gave one of the two major addresses of the evening, the gist, or appeal, of his message being, "Let us be up and doing." Mr. Fred Bose, assisted by Miss Roland at the piano, sang two very entertaining pieces from Harry Lauder. The other major speech of the evening was given by Mr. Fred Moore, who urged the Euthalians to stand by the highest principles of life and to be true to the Christian ideals of the institution of learning of which they are a part. A saxophone solo was next offered by Mr. Joseph Womble, with accompaniment at piano by Miss Roland.

Unhappily some of the old returning Euthalians could not remain for the night program and reunion. Those who were present and who made short speeches were: Messrs. Carter, Hutchins, Grice, Gibbs, Whitaker, Venable, Morgan, Johnson, Berry, Hildebrand, Crawford, Miller, and Coffee. It was impressive to see and feel the throb of brotherhood so deeply manifested in manner, voice, and word of those returning sons of the old school and the old society. Surely the souls of many must be broadened and their appreciation deepened for the influence of a great literary society and a great Christian school which hold devoutly to God-given principles of high thinking and right living.

Many expressions of keen enjoyment of the society reunions and of Founder's Day have been heard from the students. It does seem that one is indeed thoughtless and indifferent to his environment who, after witnessing such a day's program, fails to appreciate the significance of it.

Mathematical P Given By Science

The Science Club of College met Monday evening. The following program was given: The Greek origin of mathematics; "The Life and Works of Gladys Farmer; "Euclid's Poraries," Irma Hender; "Life and Works of E. Quentin Plumblee. Mr. Ussery included the program with an interesting discussion on "Ducks."

Mr. R. L. Moore was given a delightful talk. He is always a delight to talk to and he is assured a welcome time he may see fit to visit Mars Hill. Mr. Robert Barnes, vice-president, and Miss A. Ussery was elected to fill the vacant position. Evalee Snelson was elected to hold its next meeting on the night of Monday.

Mr. Lee Receives His Master's

The students and faculty were very happy to learn that the one who has been a teacher here for many years, received his master's degree this summer from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Lee is one of the best teachers on the campus. He has a great deal of experience and spends much time with the students, thus uplifting and enriching them, thus filling a great place of the students. Besides his teaching two hours a week and two economics classes is principal of the High School department and acting dean of the college.

Mr. Lee came to Mars Hill in May of the same year that the University worked for his degree. The spring of 1927 he obtained a leave of absence and returned to the University for further work, remaining there for several weeks of the summer. In the past summer he completed his courses which were required for his master's degree.

Mr. Lee majored in education. The topic of his thesis was "The History and Development of the Farmers' Federation." His thesis is located in the Archives of the University of North Carolina, where Mr. Lee worked for several years. T. Murchison, Dr. H. A. E. W. Zimmerman. It was the committee that advised him to work and accepted his thesis. It was presented to the University.

Mr. Lee is to be commended for his tireless study and the results of his work. The students of the degrees the members of the faculty hold and of the various universities are making and have made.

Coach and Mrs. Roberts Entertain

On Tuesday evening from seven till nine, along with their wives were treated to an informal party given at the home of Mrs. Roberts in honor of the coach's birthday.

The party was very informal and group discussed affairs upon arriving, and after entering the dining room a buffet was served.

Coffee, weiners, and provided, and the affair was more informal than in the past. The guests scattered to the dining room where the birthday cake stood.

made, and David Roberts of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts cut the candles. Mr. Roberts cake and divided it among the guests. Several trinkets were given to the lucky ones who received them.

After some further conversation the guests departed after a very happy birthday.

It was the general opinion of all those present that it was a huge success, and a good one had by all who were fortunate to be present.