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Shall We Increase Our Endowment?

Fellow students, we have recently been given an opportunity to contribute to the completing of the swimming pool. This has died away, and now the call has come for a larger endowment.

The other call was not urgent, but this one is urgent and imperative, for our dear old Alma Mater is vitally involved. The situation is simply this: Mars Hill College is at present a member of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges. In order for Mars Hill to remain a member of this association, it is necessary for her to raise \$75,000 for an endowment. If this amount is not raised by next June, Mars Hill may be dropped from this organization. What does this mean? Simply this: the rating of the school with other institutions will not be so good as it has been heretofore. This will be a terrible blow for the institution, for it has just convinced the higher schools of learning that the work done here is as good if not better than that of a good per cent of the other institutions.

Now, fellow students the question for us to face is this: Are we going to allow the standards of the institution to be lowered by her being dropped from this organization; or are we going to lend a helping hand to this worthy cause, and thus help the officials of the college to keep her on the list of accredited schools. This is a question which each of us should consider seriously and intelligently.

Mother Stapleton and several of the boys have devised a plan whereby they believe the money can be raised. It provides that each student shall contribute his or her room deposit and, in addition to this, get ten persons who are not connected with the school to give a similar amount. There may be those who disapprove of this plan. If there are, will they suggest how the endowment campaign should be launched. Mr. Moore will greatly appreciate any suggestion from students or outsiders.

Now, the question boils itself down to this: Can we as students afford to let our school be dropped from the association? If she is, it will lower the rating of the institution in the minds of a great many people, and this will make it harder for us to enter other institutions as well as being a destructive backward step for the school. Thus you see the call is imperative, and it is expedient that we cooperate in this worthy cause; so let's not have any bolters, excuse makers, indifferent ones, and non-contributors; but let all be 100 per cent in supporting this vital cause. What do you say? Can you be depended upon for your hearty support?

Student Government and Student Responsibility

Students of this school are supposed to be of an age where they are able to do their own thinking. If that be true, they should certainly be able to accept some degree of responsibility. It is easier to accept a certain amount of responsibility, however, than it is to bear up under it.

Unless the rank and file of the students here at Mars Hill are able to accept the responsibility of student government and deal with it as it should be dealt with, there is no hope for student government, nor would it be advisable to attempt it. That is the problem that faces any person or group of persons who would like to inaugurate any method of self-government on the campus.

Responsibility is closely connected with honor. In fact, no student can really accept the responsibility that would be placed upon him unless his code of honor is high. That is one thing that commends the honor system as it is practiced in the colleges that have good forms of student government.

There are innumerable small things, for example, the monitors at chapel. One often hears the remark, "I don't have to go to chapel; I know the monitor." Such a situation as that must be remedied before we can hope to have an efficient system. Each boy must be bound to do his best to uphold the rules of the institution, and the members of the student council must be respected as though they were the highest authorities on the "Hill."

With such a thought in mind we come to the real heart of the matter. Can the students of this institution accept this responsibility on their honor to uphold the rules provided by the student council? If they can do that, then the time is ripe for student government. Until then we had better not be given any more voice in our government.

W. C. Capel.

Apropos Personal Conduct

In the last issue of the Hilltop something was said about students stealing. But it did not bring results, as several are still following that trade. Some girl borrowed a dress from the room of one of the girls, but her conscience hurt her so that she decided to return it. Two of the boys have lost a watch and six dollars in the last two or three days, and the conscience of the guilty parties hasn't hurt them to the extent that they have returned the stolen property. Now, this has reached the limit. Those who are stealing should consider the fact that they are breaking three of the vital laws of humanity -- Law of God, law of the state, and law of the school. If the guilty parties will only consider the seriousness of the matter, surely they will stop it. If they will, this campus will certainly be a better place in which to live. On the other hand, if the guilty parties do not stop voluntarily, it remains for us to make a close check up, and kick the reprobates out, for we don't need them.

Fellow students, we can make this campus just what we want it to be, provided we want to bad enough. Would not our stay here be much more pleasant if there were no rogues? Then everyone could keep his door unlocked at all times and would not be uneasy about losing things all the time; but as it is now, it is necessary to lock the door every time one leaves the room. Can't we improve this situation. Let's make Mars Hill dormitories and campus an ideal place in which to live. We can do it by being congenial and

friendly and by keeping our hands off the things that do not belong to us. Will you do your part?

It seems that a regular epidemic of colds and flu is sweeping the campus. The infirmary is crowded now.

Well, now that it is all over, what about the two anniversaries? They just can't be beat! Some of us learned more about the book of Ruth in two hours than we had learned before in the rest of our lives. We did not know before that the Bible contained such a beautiful romance. The journey of the spirit of Clio from the christening in old Greece through Europe and America into Mars Hill with the journey ending in a wedding of Clio and Nonpareil typifies the true spirit existing between the two societies. Girls, the entire school it proud of you. May every future anniversary be as successful as these have been.

Varsity basketball practice began Monday, and from all appearances Mars Hill is going to have a rip-snortin' team this year. Anyhow we all hope so, and we know that whoever makes the "big five" will certainly do his best. Southern champions last year among junior colleges, we can't afford a "bum" team this year. Boys, whoever you may be, we are behind you, trusting that your best will be sufficient to put Mars Hill on top in the majority of her games.

This being the last issue of the Hilltop before the high school declamation contest, we want to urge that every student attend the contest. It isn't much pleasure speaking to empty benches, and, if the attendance is large, the speakers will probably do much better. Let's treat our visitors right, and then perhaps they will want to come and see us again. Maybe they will like Mars Hill so well that they will come here to college. Who knows? Let's show them the real Mars Hill spirit anyway.

From certain reports Mrs. Rampey is getting entirely too free with the library keys, at least that is what one of our visitors from Furman was heard to mutter.

The principal amusement nowadays in the infirmary is electric lights.

Faculty Recital Brilliant Success

Program One of Grandeur and Charm

The faculty of the music and expression departments gave their annual recital Saturday evening, December 8. It was a huge success. All demonstrated the high quality of virtuosity that they have reached and set a high standard for the students to strive for in their attainments.

The audience was completely swept away and carried in mind and spirit from the sunny lands of Spain to the snow white plains of Norway; from the scenes of our childhood to an imaginative future; and from a love affair of the tenth century England to one of the present day.

The program was opened with a Schubert Impromptu and closed with an arrangement of one of his songs in honor of the great composer, as this year marks one hundred years since his death. Miss Biggers thrilled the audience with her second number, "Le Cavalier Fantastique"; which was a brilliant portrayal of a dashing cavalier. Before Miss Patton had sung a dozen words, she had won her audience completely with her naturally beautiful voice and her fine interpretation. Miss Patton climaxed her part of the program with the Norwegian love song, "My Lover, He Comes on the Skee."

Miss Wengert read an abridgement from the libretto of "The King's Henchman," the only all-American opera to be awarded a great success. The libretto was written by America's foremost poetess, Edna St. Vincent Millay. The music of the opera was composed by Deems Taylor, editor of "Musical America." The opera has been given all over the United States with great success. Miss Wengert gave the reading so well that the audience thought they were witnessing a drama and not a reading.

Miss Blackstock played exceedingly well the interesting Spanish number by Kreisler, "Fransquita." She showed what really could be done with a violin. Miss Roland concluded and climaxed the program with a fine interpretation of Schubert's "Hark, Hark the Lark."

Dr. H. T. Hunter, who was reared near Mars Hill and graduated here in 1907, has been president of Cullo-Whew for five years, during which time this junior college has much improved, it now being a member of the National Association of Teachers' Colleges. Mr. Hunter took his Master of Education degree at Harvard University in 1922, after studying at a number of other schools. He has had wide experience as a teacher and is doing some writing that is attracting attention.

Mr. Charley Hampton, at 459 Watson Street, East Akron, Ohio, has been superintendent of the Goodyear manufacturing plants for twelve years.

Artists Presented a Nonpareil Me

An interesting program of the Nonpareil Society Thursday was held of impersonations of great names from the fields of music and literature. The first was "The Moth" by Paderewski. He was characterized by Sedahlia Edgar A. Guest was impersonated by Kathleen Bennett, who gave "Mother's Glasses." Frances sang "Think of Me Think of Me," thus impersonating Gene Robert Burns was characterized by Ruby Fowler. Irene Strom was called Galli-Curci, singing one of her favorite encores, "Coming to Rye." Juliette McCorkle read "Masque of the Red Death," by Allen Poe. Last but not least a program was a saxophone solo in E. Flat" by Elizabeth, disguised as J. G. Womble, aided by Virginia Isehour Bose.

Miss Miller, a missionary from India, was present and gave a talk and sang several songs in native Indian language.

At this meeting new officers were elected. The following were: Louise Clark, president; Hazel vice-president; Katherine secretary; Frances Watkins, Sallie Allen, chaplain; Francis pianist; Donnie Mae Norman, ister; and Sarah Blackwell, keeper. The collectors are Irene Eulalia McClure, Hazel W. Mrs. Lynch.

Going To Asheville Without Permission

By One Who Has

When you see a young man strolling toward the outskirts of town with a slicker over one shoulder and getting a crick in his back watching for Mr. Lee, you know that he's Asheville bound.

Why he should find the Asheville so enticing I do not possibly he had a reason considered legitimate. Perhaps had to see the doctor hurting in his leg, or so equally legitimate business that's not the point. He away without that little slip that means the difference going into town with his head front of him, and having over one shoulder in order captured from the rear. I'm more that there are gentlemen the campus who are so they can flirt with a girl paper, and watch for a while crossing Pack Square, never true the statement is idea.

Even if a man is on the list, that is no excuse for to secure the proper permission one has a real reason for the city, he can get a permit Lee isn't that hard-hearted even let one delinquent see and hear Paul Whiteman orchestra last week.

I admit that there is a thrill about the whole business I know that if I was in without a permit and my I would gladly swap the permit and no question "Bumming" into town is a able business, but serious quite in standing with the most of us. We are not heart. We don't enjoy around and breaking rules do it? It is time the matter referred to the students. No rule can possibly be without the co-operation of students, and surely such a as this should gain the the students.

A teacher in the grade Sylva, N. C., Miss Maye grets that she could not Founders Day program that Mars Hill has been tion to her and sends best learn who was the originator of this. Alma Mater and to the friends of the institution.

FORUM

Dear Mr. Editor,

It seems that the girls of our institution are under the impression that they have too few privileges. Especially did I notice this while reading the plea of one of them for abolishing the necessity of having to pay the fare of a chaperone to and from Asheville in order that they might spend a week-end at home or go home for the holidays.

Since I am of the masculine persuasion, it appears that it would be out of place for me to have a voice in the matter; but justice is justice to whomever it is given. I must say that I can see very little use of paying a chaperone's transportation when there is no immediate cause or reason. I am of the opinion that a girl who is old enough to be in college is old enough to travel twenty-one miles without someone to tell her how to act or to coach her in the art of good behavior.

The masses have always succeeded in acquiring recognition. If the majority of the girls desire the elimination of this unnecessary expense, why not let the faculty cooperate with them in coming to terms? Surely the leaders of this institution are in favor of no ill feeling and would be willing to remedy the present evil.

Yet I would not have the reader think that I am prejudiced in any way against anyone. All institutions and organizations must have rules and regulations if they would receive public praise and recognition. There must be restrictions on all because of the attitude which some take in regard to the privileges in possession. But we must not forget that when individuals band together for a common purpose, usually there are some kinds of results. Cooperation on the part of both the students and the faculty could result in the placing of enough confidence in the former by the latter as to eliminate the idea and the practice of chaperones. Personally, I don't like the idea and I think the practice is absurd.

Very soon the girls are going home for Christmas, and if tradition holds, many dollars of hard-earned money will be spent in paying for the transportation of a chaperone. To me this seems the most extravagant way of a spendthrift. Would it not be much better to allow this money to be spent for useful purposes or to be paid on the Endowment Fund of Mars Hill College. Sh-----! I may endanger my life if the bus drivers learn who was the originator of this. Signed: A Collegian.

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