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COMMENCEMENT

Only a few days yet remain before the trying time of commencement, with its contests, its diplomas, its tears, and its joys, will be with us. Those few days are ours to work hard in and to make this year end with a fulfilling of all that we hoped it would be when we began back in September. The days have fairy wings and are taking their places in the halls of time with a speed that is remarkable.

With commencement comes the contests that are always a feature. These contests, it is to be hoped, will be as friendly and as clean as they have always been. If they deteriorate in anything else they will cease to be an addition to commencement and will become a blot. It is for the societies to hold the record clear and to make this year one that will be characterized by good clean sportsmanship in every detail.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Many students seem to be paying their loyalty to the school in registering in the Alumni book that is in the Hilltop office. Approximately 175 have already registered. It is hoped that everyone will avail himself of the opportunity before the close of school. We are especially appealing to the Senior Class. Many members will perhaps go on to higher institutions of learning. Even with this situation confronting the members of the class, it is not a disadvantage. Each boy and girl has the privilege to start paying his or her fee when it is most convenient. We all know that everything great and permanent is purchased with sacrifice and painstaking. If we appreciate an education and what Mars Hill has done for us, not one will leave this school without first paying his best wishes to it, by becoming a member of the Alumni Association. The success or failure of this organization lies wholly within the powers of every registered man and woman of this institution. With this fact in mind, are you going to let the influence of Mars Hill College fade or, on the other hand, cause it to be a perpetual force in the lives of our future comrades?

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The boys last week offered their nominations to the faculty for the council which is to govern them next year. At the meeting quite a bit of controversy arose over whether the seniors should be allowed to nominate and vote for the candidates. The discussion was put in the form of a motion and the seniors were ruled out.

We believe always that the governed should be responsible for their governors. The seniors had a great deal of influence, and were to a large degree responsible for the present council; in fact, the council was composed entirely of seniors. Yet, in all fairness to the council, we cannot but say that the council the past year, taken as a whole, was almost a complete failure. They produced few tangible results. A group acting as a representative of a certain body should represent them; they should be of the highest type of young manhood; they should never betray the trust that those responsible for their position has put in them. There is doubt as to whether the retiring council lived up to the expectation of those governed.

If the boys are to be governed by such a body next year, let's try to make the organization a real success by choosing carefully our representatives. To each of you who are elected—**be a man**, and keep forever before you a single aspiration: to continue to make Mars Hill College a place noted for its fairness and high ideals.

—J. N. J.

AN HONOR SYSTEM FOR MARS HILL

Mars Hill has one very apparent need—a need which neither faculty nor administration can fill—a need which should be filled, if at all, by the student body itself. This need is for an honor system, a well-organized system of honor among the students with an efficient honor court whose members are chosen by the students with intelligent regard to their moral character and efficiency, with a president who is capable, honorable, and impartial; and behind it all the hearty support of student body, faculty, and administration. An honor system with an efficient court and a capable personnel can do nothing for the good of the school or students unless it has power to administer the necessary punishment for misdemeanors of all kinds.

A good honor system would help Mars Hill in many ways. First and foremost, it would develop among the students self-

responsibility and an idea of government; second, it would take many disagreeable duties from the faculty; and third, the existence of an honor system at Mars Hill would in itself be of great benefit to the school as a means of advertising its high moral and social standards to prospective patrons.

Let us all think toward this end—an efficient, powerful honor court for our school. But let us have it efficient or not at all, for a thing half done were better not done at all.

—A. B. P.

GIRLS vs. BOYS

At the beginning of the semester when we register, all students must pay a fee, a part of which goes for athletics. The girls must pay exactly the same amount as the boys, but, as it is, it is spent for the **boys'** athletics. What good do the girls get from the fund? **None!** The boys have their football, basketball, baseball, and almost every other kind of suit furnished, and the school keeps them. Why can't the school do a little something for the girls, too? Our part of the fund could go for May Day.

If it is costing too much for the various and "sun-dried" entertainments the department is trying to offer, why not quit boys' athletics just as the girls' have been done? The girls are willing to pay for their own fun; therefore, the boys have no kick coming.

The boys seem to get whatever they want. They have student government, have hardly any rules, have access to the athletic fund and almost everything. But the girls must sit back and listen and do exactly as they are told.

If the boys don't like May Day they don't have to come to see it. What about the girls who don't like athletics? My opinion is that there is too much custom. It is customary for colleges to have football games, and since it is customary, we have them here. It is also customary to have May Day in other colleges; therefore why can't we continue having it? Or, if we can't have May Day, then let's quit all athletics and disregard custom altogether. Be yourself and don't let convention influence you.

I for one think exactly the same as the majority of the other girls, and that is that there are too many inconsistencies on this campus; not only with large groups but even with individuals.

Of course, we are not saying cut all of these things, but why not let them be as they have been, including May Day, since this is the only thing the girls can call distinctly their own?

—One who would like to see May Day continued.

FORUM

To the Editor of the Hilltop:

I would refer you and your readers to the editorial appearing in the last edition of your paper entitled, "Junior-Senior vs. May Day." I cannot, in fairness to all concerned, keep from rendering my personal views on said editorial.

It seems as if the idea of economy has so taken hold of the students, and the majority of the faculty members, that if such desires are continued it will in the last analysis prove detrimental to the institution and to the cause which the economy program is supposed to serve.

I believe that the students are not expressing their opinions because they fear that it will not be accepted by the authorities who are responsible for the launching of such a program. I personally do not hesitate to take this opportunity to try to give, according to my way of thinking, a correct interpretation of the position in which those responsible for May Day find themselves (a thing that the writer of the above mentioned editorial failed to do.)

It was hinted in the editorial already mentioned that the girls were spending too much money for the preparation of May Day.

The writer of that article failed to comprehend the position that the girls and their director are in. The May Day program is supposed to be a final exhibition of the things accomplished in the physical education department under the personal direction of their instructor. It is a signal honor to all of those taking part because they deserve some recognition of the work they have accomplished in that particular department. Every thing that is worth while in life has to be paid for, and the author of that editorial cannot contend that May Day is not a worthy, as well as a beneficial, undertaking. If the girls who are taking part in that program are willing to pay their own money in order to bring this beautiful program to us and to the institution, why should those who are in no way connected, and not directly affected, take such pains to endeavor to throw "a monkey wrench" into the machinery that was, up until the present time, running so smoothly, and from all appearances needed no oiling from any foreign party?

It is known by all that the girls are

not allowed to take part in any athletic contents with other schools, and it is also recognized that some controversy arose over the fact that the girls needed uniforms in order to participate in their intramural contests. The uniforms were finally secured. Now just why should such pains be taken to count up the costs of the May Day program, when there is given to the boys athletic department some \$2,000 for expenses of that department? The girls have not this opportunity, nor this appropriation. Yet, we bother to wonder just why they should pay \$300.00 for the one big program of the year in which they have every right to participate?

The action of the Junior class toward the endowment fund and the Junior-Senior banquet was given to contrast the two different types of entertainment. This writer is wholly unable to grasp the force of the comparison. The action of the Junior class was taken of their own free will and accord with the advice of their sponsors.

If there is anything to offer those taking part in the May Day festivities, it is only fair to them to give them our whole-hearted support and encouragement, rather than try to destroy the ideals of such a group, because there is a justification in their undertaking that should be recognized by each and every student, and each and every faculty member.

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WHAT OTHER DO AND SAY.

At Elon College a fresh more debate is held once a month. From all appearances in the and Gold, Elon College has a very spirited contest and with a peppy display of class.

Since the two college Mars Hill have intramural why not have an intramural to be held once each year, at least initiate a more friendlying between the two classes.

"I call my girl grapefruit. I gotta good reason why. Tried to squeeze her out at night, and got soaked in the Marion and Gold."

"There is an old motto which says:

"Find a way or make one, else has failed 'will' survive 'will' that strengthens the It is the indomitable 'will' flexible purpose which finds makes one. The greater the er the higher and more the ladder of success." Queens

There is a man who ne Nor smokes, nor ch swears:

There is a man that His temper when it There is a man who pl When routed out of b Such man there is, dear But that said man is Cullowhee Yodel.

"Statistics gathered for twenty years at the Un-Kansas show that those who high grades in college are rs to receive higher wages go who make low marks. The eters found that the upper cent of the class increased gh arly rapidly over a perio years."—Hi-Po.

"It is well for a man h's vocation whatever it think himself bound to up to claim it for the respect deserves."—Dickens

"Collegians are advised saving their amorous ep great, great grand child a few cents for them."—It Maybe "city notes" are something after all.

We notice that Winghin College has had a 16-instru for the last spring. It seem group of musicians have re much success in their orga Why couldn't Mars Hillou band also to play at the athletic contests. It would help the supporters of the cu

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