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## Alexander, Gianokos Make All-State

### LIONS PLAY BILTMORE THERE TONIGHT

#### Mars Hill Loses To Catamounts, 39 To 24

Coach Fred Dickerson's Mars Hill Lions will meet the strong Biltmore college five in Asheville tonight in hopes of gaining revenge for a 20-18 defeat handed them earlier in the season. Including Monday night's game with W. C. T. C., the Lions have played eight games to date. The Dickerson men opened their season in grand style, defeating the Champion Y team in Canton twice in succession December 2 and 4. Since then they have found rough sailing. The Lions were defeated at the hands of the strong Enka team in Enka and then staged a comeback and played beautifully in holding the '37 Southeastern Tournament Champions from Cumberland to a 31-30 score. Since the Cumberland game the Dickerson men seem to have hit a slump. They have played three games since the holidays and lost of them.

Mars Hill fans are looking forward hopefully to the beginning of the second semester when Coach Roberts is expected to return to the Hill. Roberts played basketball for Mars Hill in the last two seasons and his return would strengthen the team very much. On Thursday, January 6, the Biltmore quintet invaded the log-gym and defeated the Lions to the tune of a 20-18 score. The Lions played some good ball in the earlier part of the game, but later that they failed to hit the top consistently and the lads from Asheville pulled into the lead and won the game. Ray and Alexander lead the Lions in this game, each scoring four points.

Saturday, January 8, the Mountain Lions entertained the Textile Junior College from Spartanburg, S. C., and left the court on the other end of a 28-20 count. As in the Biltmore game, the Lions started strong, only to be outplayed by the blue-clad visitors as the game progressed. The Textile boys climbed into the lead early in the second quarter and never relinquished it. Ray led the home team with nine points, Alexander and Charles each scored four points for second honors.

On Monday night of this week the Lions played the strong W. C. C. team at Asheville and lost the score of 39-24. Although they were defeated by a larger team than in earlier games, they played like a much improved ball team. Ray, Hough, and Alexander are the stars for the Dickerson team in this game.

The remaining games scheduled: Jan. 15—Biltmore, there. Jan. 18—W. C. T. C., here. Jan. 21—Wofford Frosh, there. Jan. 22—Textile J. C., there. Jan. 25—Blue Ridge vs. "B," here. Jan. 29—Tenn. Wesleyan, here. Jan. 31—Phieffer, there. Feb. 1—Wake Forest Frosh, there. Feb. 3—State Frosh, there. Feb. 4—Lees-McRae, there. Feb. 5—Lees-McRae, here. Feb. 8—Cumberland, there. Feb. 9—Hiwassee, there.

### LOOKING IN ON THE LIONS

BY ORVILLE CAMPBELL

(This column, born with this issue of THE HILLTOP, will give results of interviews with outstanding athletes of the campus.)

With the 1937 season a thing of the past, and the new year ahead of us, we sincerely wish that Mars Hill will be 100 per cent in victories this year, but at the same time we crave for them a red-letter year in good sportsmanship.

At most colleges today, sports are based upon the money that can be made instead of teaching the boys who take part in them the high ideals of clean living. We are thankful that this is not Mars Hill policy.

This college has always stood for clean physical directorship. The fact that the leadership of sports at our school is in the hands of capable men should make each member of our student body proud of our coaches. These men realize that sports teach men more than merely winning. They are devoting their lives to the development of character in young men through athletic leadership.

Our basketball team this year has really proven to us that they are true sportsmen. Although they have not won as many games this year as in the past, they have offered no alibis for their defeats and each member of the team has given his best. The basketball team is setting an excellent example of good sportsmanship and may the rest of our sports this year follow in its footsteps.

With no center jump in basketball this year, the game is faster than it ever has been. All over the country this new ruling is

causing much discussion. There are many coaches who are for it, but I believe you will find more who are against it. I believe that this new ruling makes the game entirely too fast. It is very hard for five men to play the game for four quarters and play it as it should be. Gradually the game becomes very slow and new men must go in. If a team does not have good reserve strength they will be completely out of luck.

Looking over former alumni who are making good at other schools in various sports we find George Wirtz and Jim Cowan who have gained recognition for themselves in Big Five circles.

Wirtz, of Wake Forest, was one of the outstanding football players in the Big Five during the past season. He scored the two touchdowns that beat Davidson in the final game played by Wake Forest this year. He starred in every game and won much praise from all of the coaches in the Big Five. At the close of the 1937 season, he was elected to captain the '38 team.

Cowan, who is better known to his friends as "Footsie," is making a name for himself at Davidson. He has scored 74 points in the first six basketball games played by the Davidson boys this year. According to Coach Walter Skidmore, of Carolina, Davidson has one of the best teams in the state this year and he gave much of the credit for their success to Jim.

### Library Gets Volumes On Ghosts, Sonnets

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Whither I best may see those blues eyes burn



With the 1937 grid season behind us and the 37-38 cage season just ahead, we look with interest on the basketball squad as it prepares for the coming campaign. The team this year will have only four lettermen to bolster it. Around these four, Captain Gene Alexander, Brantley, Ray, and Hough we must base our hopes of a winning team.

Two other old men, Peek and Kellner, will be counted on a great deal in the coming games. In addition to these veterans we have several new men who should really go places this year. Among these we find Wilbanks, that midget marvel of the gridiron and also supposed

### ACE BLOCKER



JIM GIANOKOS

### Tumbling Team Gives Exhibitions At Games

The tumbling team, under the direction of Coach Oren Roberts, has given several exhibitions at basketball games this year and their shows have won favorable comment from all who have witnessed them.

The boys have done everything from boxing to playing hockey. Graham Morrison has taken the part of a clown, and his tactics have brought laugh after laugh.

This year's team is one of the best in the history of the school and several boys will be awarded letters. This is one of the hardest letters in the school to earn, for out of about thirty who were on the team last year, only five won letters.

Which lured my heart to Love's immortal trysts . . ."

This is the way Petrarch expressed his love for Laura in *The Sonnets of Petrarch* as translated by Joseph Auslander.

These two books are just a small sample of some of the new books that are now available in the library. Start reading now if you expect to be ready for others that will be in.

## SPORTS SLANT

to be a crack basket hawk; "Curley" Charles, spark plug of the Melrose intramural team, and Wilson, a big blonde basket bagger from Shelby who is expected to go places this winter.

Coach Dickerson says that the team should be strong defensively and will be able to present a fast attack, although they will be handicapped to a certain extent by lack of height.

The grid season is over. The basketball season is here. Let's forget football and snow and rain and go to the gym every home game and show these Lion cagers that we really are behind them. (Continued on Page 3)

### Star 11 Selected By Conference Coaches

James Gianokos at guard, and Gene Alexander at fullback, recently were awarded places on the All-Conference Junior College eleven, which was selected by the coaches of the Carolina Junior College Conference.

Coaches voting in the selection were: Johnny Mackorell, Lees-McRae; Oren Roberts, Mars Hill; Arthur Ranson, Brevard; "Tubby" Hand, Presbyterian Junior College; Clarence Stassavich, Campbell; Porter Shepard, Wingate; and Richard Rice at Boiling Springs. All of these coaches had placed a team in junior college competition and had played one or more games with other junior colleges.

The Belmont Abbey Crusaders seemed to have the best team in junior college circles this year. They won every game with the exception of a 13-13 tie with Boiling Springs at Belmont late in October.

Belmont also led in the number to make all-conference team having five of their men on the first team.

Other schools than Abbey and Mars Hill who placed men on the all-conference team were Brevard with two members and Campbell and Presbyterian College with one each.

Both Gianokos and Alexander played outstanding ball for the Robertmen this year. Gianokos won praise from everyone who saw him play. He was especially good on defense, a deadly tackler and he also blocked several punts during the season.

Alexander gave competition plenty of trouble all season. His punts averaged 40 yards for the season. He was one of the Lions' best ground gainers. In fact, he was one of the best backs in the state this year.

Here is a list of the first team:

Bradley (Belmont A.), right end; Rhor (Wingate), right tackle; Gianokos (Mars Hill), right guard; Hicks (Brevard), center; McNeil (P. I. C.), left guard; Ray (Campbell), left tackle; Romanoski (Belmont A.), left end; Hyer (Brevard), left half; Hudasek (Belmont A.), right half; Wilson (Belmont A.), quarterback; Alexander (Mars Hill), fullback.

### Gianokos Chosen As Best Lion Blocker

Having been selected as the best blocker on the Mars Hill football team this year, James Gianokos was recently awarded a football signed by the players and coaches of the football team.

The selection of this award was made by the team and the coaches had no part in the voting. Gianokos was one of the outstanding ball players for the Lions this year. He was a star in every game and his outstanding play was largely responsible for the success of the team.

He is a well-rounded individual and well liked by all who know him. This is his last year at Mars Hill and he will be greatly missed by the football team of next year.