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In Retrospect

As the session draws to a close, most serious-minded students like to review their pasts at Mars Hill and attempt to discover what their accomplishments have been. Those who have been exceptionally studious will find that they have amassed considerable knowledge. Others who have not been so persistent in the pursuit of knowledge will find that they have not been blessed by the goddess of wisdom. But there are some qualities that Mars Hill bestows on each of her students (and we speak only of serious-minded students; for only these get the full blessings of the college) that can not be measured in terms of academic achievement.

There is a spirit of friendliness prevalent at Mars Hill that is rarely found elsewhere. This friendliness is similar to the affinity that exists in the family group. This spirit does not become extinct when one leaves Mars Hill; it remains a valuable asset throughout life. Closely akin to this quality is the ability to associate and make acquaintances with people. The existence of the above-mentioned friendliness is a responsible factor for this quality. This, too, is not evanescent. Students (and we speak of serious-minded students again, if you please) usually leave Mars Hill deepened spiritually and with a profound respect and reverence for Christianity. Mars Hill bestows on her students a quest for simple culture, which is so pre-eminent here. All the ideals of the institution are combined to perfect a splendid type of culture. Finally the students acquire the ability to work under pressure. This is of more practical value than probably any of the above mentioned qualities.

So students leave Mars Hill with considerable academic knowledge; and deserving students leave with certain inalienable qualities that endure as long as life. —J. N. E.

We Appreciate

To the average student he is just an English professor who wears glasses and is always on time for chapel. To those who know him better, he is an immaculately, conservatively dressed scholar, young enough to blush, with an abiding fondness for puns and hamburgers with onions. But to the editorial staff of this publication, he is an indispensable asset, faithful, efficient, and considerate.

This year Professor Falk S. Johnson has been to the *Hilltop* staff what Dr. Moore has been to the college administration for the last forty years—a godfather.

With a definite knack for writing, the demitasse professor can pack his faculty dignity in his black brief case and sit down to a typewriter and peck out a batch of final copy if the editors are pushed for time.

Always he is congenial and considerate, even when dealing with a self-styled hardboiled editor who insists on writing headlines merely for the laugh that is in them.

The *Hilltop* staff wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness and express its appreciation to Mr. Johnson for the invaluable service he has rendered this paper as its faculty advisor. Thanks a lot, professor. We hope that you don't censor this!—C. R. G.

JITTERS

By GRADY DOVER

Hello, Mars Hillians and everything else at sea, let's go to press. Flash! This year's Democratic convention will be all wet, but we hear that the Republican convention will be all Dewey. At least, all signs point to this being a very promising year . . . We can't tell who is winning the war. The last time we counted, Hitler was two denials ahead of either France or Great Britain. We do know that the old war slogan has changed from "They shall not pass!" to "Ya, ya, you can't starve me."

Grades

All our grades are below the water level—you know, below "C" level. *Et vous?*

The German government through its minister tried to buy 15 minutes on station TIPG in Costa Rica, one of the most powerful stations in Central America, for a rebroadcast of the news in Spanish from Berlin. But Perry Girton, owner of the station, turned him down cold. The minister then complained to the Costa Rica government and was turned down even colder. Hooray!

To become a success, a man must know what success is. . . . Professor: "I never exhaust my subject—just my subjects. . . ." Don't judge a man by what he says, but by what he leaves unsaid. . . . There is no idle gossip. A gossip must have a keen sense of rumor. . . . One of the best exercises that we know is not jumping to conclusions, but digging up facts.

Coffee

The story is told that a lecturer in Germany was saying, "Why, in England they are even rationing coffee." A little hand went up, and a little Nazi asked, "Please, Mister, what is coffee?" We think that Hitler is behind the 8-Balkans.

We can't afford it, but orchids to: President Blackwell, for his continuous efforts in connection with the new science building; Edward Long and Cecil Hill and all co-laborers, for making the Junior-Senior a success; my girl. . . .

Overheard: "He is so sissy that he could walk into any powder
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Alligator Gets Crocodile Tears

Hedy Lamarr is dead! The adopted daughter of Eleanor Fokes, popular student here, was laid in her final resting place in the Fokes cemetery, behind Edna Moore dormitory, April 25.

The funeral services were conducted by the Right Reverend George (Peewee) Blackwell. Reverend Blackwell read his funeral message from the Book of Alligators, the swamp version.

Accompanied by an onion and comforted by her sister, Martha, and the paid mourner, Claire Hardin, Miss Fokes, fairly dampened the earth with crocodile tears and fainted several times.

She told reporters that she was confident that little Hedy was basking in the sunshine of some eternal resting place. For Hedy was only an alligator, too young to leave her ancestral home in Florida, too young to attempt to leap from her mother's table without biting the dust on the floor.

The Fokes family will soon erect a tombstone with this note about Hedy on its face: "She wormed her way to the hearts of all."

Cold Weather Postpones Festival

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Queen Tilivia, Annie Laurie Clayton; King Oberon, Frank Venters; gypsies, Alice Howell, Nell Cochran, Mary Melton, Faustina Barnes, Stacy Wilburn, Rose Marie Haynes, and Iris Melton; Robin Hood, Geraldine Shields; Maid Marian, Martha Lee Grayson; Dorothy, Margaret Pritchard; Sheriff of Nottingham, Ruth Pierce; Guy of Gisbourne, Gwendolyn Hobbs; Hugh, Madge Allen. Marshalls are Carolyn Williams, George Culpepper, Inez Fritts, Charles Greene, Beryl Hollifield, and Paul Meyers.

The Clios in charge of the program are Virginia Lisk, director of script; Margaret Pritchard, director of May pole; Maude Bloodgood, director of gypsy dance; and Mary Louise Howell and Ernest Cox, directors of stage setting.

George Walker and Bob Garrison are the trumpeters, and C. C. Hope is the herald.

Nightmares

A little man with a black moustache
 Is ruining my dreams,
 For he stalks about and shouts at me
 While a silly medal gleams.

Soon burning steel destroys my world;
 All once I loved lies dead;
 I fight black folds of dark
 Until I screaming wake in bed.

Excitement fills my girlish heart;
 I eagerly wait the parade;
 But the boys I love come marching by
 And leave me.....alone, afraid.

He stands on my geography,
 Erasing the maps shown there;
 He changes them so I can't tell
 Which country should be where.

The papers bear his photograph,
 The headlines shout of him;
 And in my dreams this Hitler
 Is menacing and grim.

Sometimes I hear a bugle call
 Or a far away drum beat;
 I hear the strains of a martial band
 And many marching feet.

I know they march toward Europe
 To play the war-lord's game;
 Some will not be coming back—
 None will be the same.

Imogene Brown.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMAR

By GEORGE BLA

There is no doubt of students of history of students of history economics that the Versailles is perhaps the one big present day conditions had been fighting for and were determined Germany pay for the

It was to gain the they forced Germany all her merchant ships, thousands of locomotives, train cars, and to exploitation of some national resources. The intended to make her tions to a total of \$1,000. In addition she lo industrial sections of

This was too much; try torn by war a disturbances to bear newly formed govern 1923 business was ab and the people were result of the economic

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She chose the fir raised her tariff to that it was almost foreign countries goods to pay their a result, when the stopped loaning to no way of paying

This added greater cline in all foreign raised tariff walls, eign exchange, put ports. The adoption cies led to tariff struggle for market domination which rade ent day conditions

Farmers Haul Buffalo

(Continued from Mrs. J. V. Howell, instructor and speaker. Home Makers' guild. V. Howell; Mrs. Mary Louise Howell; R. Greene, of the officers of the pre- are Quentin R. Hare, Dwight Brendle, J. Lyman Hall, Brown, treasurer; reporter.