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## Your Defense

Armies are on the march as large nations are using force to subdue small nations into a state of servitude. But as the war goes on we cannot help admiring the spirit of England and the small nations as they fight for the thing in which they believe. As we look to the nations that crumble inwardly and were conquered, a feeling of pity goes out to them. We cannot help wondering if the United States is to fall in the same way. Can the nation we believe in, belong to, and love be conquered by an outside force of today? Almost without hesitation everyone says NO! If not then that is not the real danger. Like other nations, however, the United States COULD be conquered by the corruption of interior forces.

Could we not say this about each individual—especially Americans? Just as dangerous and destructive to the individual is the corruption of evil forces working not from the outside but from the inside. Like tiny germs that wait for the time when the resistance is lowered to do their damage, the small things in our lives can in time be as dangerous and destructive. Why not be true to yourselves—make your decisions while on the mountain tops of your life and live up to them. Believe in yourself and your dreams and make them come true. Doing this, you will never fear invasion from the outside or within. You will be fortified and prepared.

G. D.

## Cure Spring Fever!

If a physician could cure spring fever, he would become a millionaire in no time. Wouldn't it be wonderful to buy vim, vigor, and vitality in capsule form when the spring of the year comes around? If one could get a mental picture of all the students on one of these warm days, he could well see some bad attacks of the dreaded disease, spring fever. Some victims look like trees in autumn that have just shed their leaves and in whom the sap has gone down to the roots. The most drastic sufferers of the plague look like the trees in winter, asleep never to awake again.

Some people may be asleep, but Mother Nature is wide awake. Her paint brush seems to hit, and flowers of all kinds just burst, seemingly from nowhere. The trees, too, seem to put on overnight their new robes of varied shades of green.

We wonder if those with the worst cases notice at all. How could they be so lifeless when everything seems to be exclaiming, "Wake up! Spring is here!"

—R. M. B.

## Why Lack Of Interest?

Ladies and gentlemen, you are throwing away a golden opportunity. The publications committee has asked for nominations for the staff of the two campus publications. The election of the Hilltop and Laurel staffs for next year is only a few weeks off and you students seems to have little interest in this election. Two weeks ago an announcement was made stating that nominations for the Hilltop staff would be received, and so far these suggestions for the positions have been rather scarce.

In choosing these persons who are to put out your Laurel and Hilltop next year you should consider very carefully the necessary requirements for these positions, select people that are capable of accepting the responsibility and hand in your nominations at once.

The Hilltop and Laurel are your publications and it is to your advantage to see that the students that you want, those students that have the intelligence and ability are selected to fill these positions.

—L. A. S. & G. D.

## Family Album



"Hair" do you do. If you don't catch that pun, forget it and look at these likenesses. These pictures were taken ten years ago tomorrow; so you will have to excuse possible erosion and moth nibbles on the profiles. One is a lady who knows that "Paradise Lost" and that "Hamlet" was or wasn't. The other is as S. O. T. should be, and as S. O. T. dreams of himself. He pickles squirrels, dissects dogs, suffocates frogs, and leaves poor defenseless hitch-hikers to shiver in the cold north wind.

## How About A Date?

Two girls expressed it this way: "I don't see why these greenhorns don't ask the girls for dates more often. Some of them act as if they never saw a woman before."

"When you see the boys don't want dates, why do you insist that they ask for them?"

"Well, girls aren't like boys: I mean a boy can go anywhere he pleases alone and its all right, but a girl—well it doesn't look right to see us running around alone, or with other girls, even here where everyone knows everyone else. Girls might be attractive and interesting persons, yet 'waste their beauty on the desert air.'

"And what do you propose to do about it? In other words, what is the logical answer to so gargantuan a problem?"

"Well the boys could ask for a date sometimes out of common decency. It helps a girl's morale in a social way to be seen with a 'suit' once in while, even if he isn't a Clark Gable or a Robert Taylor."

"But unfortunately all your masculine prospects aren't endowed with an altruistic viewpoint."

"We're not asking for alms! All we want is a chance to show the boys what good company we can be. We think it helps a boy's standing, also, to be seen sometimes with girls to—not to mention the improvement of feminine influence on his personality!"

It's a reciprocal affair: we like to have escorts to 'goings on,' and we believe the boys would enjoy our company but conventionality requires the boys to take the initiative. We'd like to see them do it!"

## Public Speaking Shows Progress

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of the Skyland Forensic Tournament to be held in Asheville on April 19. Fifteen different schools from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia have been invited, and a large delegation is expected.

All forms of public speaking will be presented with the speeches beginning at 9:00; contestants will enjoy a banquet at 1:00 o'clock and the speaking will end at 5:00 o'clock.

## Open Forum

For the past fifty years two men's literary societies have flourished on the campus of Mars Hill. They began as small organizations but are now listed among the most important factors on this campus. Today, we hear a hue and cry for another society—a society that will begin from "scratch" and compete with those societies already established and functioning.

Let us consider the reasons for the establishing of a third society. Is the true reason a lack of room in the present two? Is this lack of room the reason there are members of our student body that are non-society members? I do not believe that this is the case. In the first place, no one is formally invited to join a society. They join if they wish. No formal invitations are sent. It is open, and anybody is free to join either society. Now if these non-society students will not join the two present societies, how can we assume that they will join another society?

President Larry Williams of the Phis and President Ralph Jinnette of the Eus state that they will welcome any new members and guarantee them a seat in the halls as well as interesting programs. Then it

is not true that the inadequate of the halls prevents a gason in membership. There is a que in both halls.

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## College Band Presents Concert

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evening will consist of the following numbers: Descriptive march, "Skyrockets," by Cuyler H. Leonard; Overture, "The Gypsy Festival," by Al Hayes; Trumpet trio, "Trumpeters Three," by Clair W. Johnson, played by James Clarke, Tommy Frazier, and Jimmy James; Suite, "From the South," in three movements: I. A Legend from La Provence, II. Moorish Dance Song, III. In The Tavern, by J. L. Nicode; Baritone solo, "The Wanderer," by Fred P. Harlow, played by Bob Taylor; Novelty, "Rampage of the Old Grey Mare," by King Stacy; March, "Queen's Regiment," by Joseph DeNardo (Mr. DeNardo, a former teacher of Mr. Sebren, wrote this march especially for the Rhododendron Festival Brigade of Guards in Asheville. This arrangement was made especially by Mr. Sebren for the Mars Hill College Band and is the first public performance by a concert band.) Selection, "Excerpts from the opera Martha," by Von Flotow; Brass quartet, "The Return of Spring," by H. Round, played by James Clarke, Tommy Frazier, Samuel Rushton, and Lowell Miller; Novelty, "Musical Wedding," by Paul Yoder; Selection, "Agnus Dei," from L'Arlesienne Suite, by Bizet; Overture, "Lustpiel," by Keler Bela.

The personnel of the band is: clarinets: Bob Ellis, Bob Timberlake, Henry Capps, Bill Walton, Mildred Coble, Evelyn Garrison, Jean Combs, Stuart Hepler; flute: Norman Williamson; E flat alto saxophones: Nell Cochran, Graham Ponder; B flat tenor saxophones: Fred Jerome, Maylon Baker; trumpets: James Clarke, Tommy Frazier, Douglas Little, Jimmy James, J. C. Jones, Frank Weaver, James Maughon;

## Commencement Speakers Chosen

Larry Williams, president of the Philomathian Literary Society, was selected in the debate contest as the best debater in the society. Frank Venters was chosen as winner of the declamation contest. Cecil Hill was winner of oration contest.

The Euthalian Literary Society awarded medals to the following contest winners: the regular meeting last night: Ralph E. Jinnette, temperance reading; Richard Holt, for debating; Richard Proctor, for oration and place in debating; and Brunner, for declamation. and C. Proctor and J. Clark Jones, II, were also medals for representing the society in intercollegiate ing.

In the commencement tests, Larry Williams and Hope will meet Robert Holt, Richard C. Proctor in debate. Frank Venters will compete with Paul Brunner in the declamation contest.

The Anniversary debate of the Philomathian Society next year will be: Wade Harrelson, Norman B. Co James Hall, and Hoyt Evans; Luther Jarvis and Wade Harrelson are the Anniversary orators. Wade Yates and Myers were runner up in the declamation contest. Hoyt Evans Anniversary speaker next year and James alternate.

horns: Matt Summerlin, Chilas; trombones: Samuel Rushton, David West Judson Tittle, Garland Sh Grover Maughon, Ernest ris; baritone: Lowell Miller Taylor; basses: Dean Richard Brantley; percussion: Bob Beall, Erma Morris, neth Ward, Eoline Ke Charles Murray.