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The Spirit Of Mars Hill

To most of you C-I's Mars Hill is but a college located in one of the garden spots of the South. To us who know it better, as it will be to you when you have been here long enough to realize it, Mars Hill is more than that. It is a spirit: a spirit of friendliness, of companionship but it goes deeper than that. It is a spirit of worship, of reverence of God, and of respect for things eternal.

Mars Hill was founded upon these principles and has retained them throughout the years. Before there were any new dormitories or lovely buildings, before Mars Hill had anything save the splendor of God's mountains and one or two small buildings, these principles were firmly implanted in the soil from which was to grow the great school of today.

So today, my friends, look not upon the outward appearance, but look at the heart; recognize this spirit, and help us to retain it. For without this spirit the physical appearance would count for naught; Mars Hill would be just another school with nothing to offer its students but cold facts, untempered by spiritual care.

This spirit is that of our guardian mountain, "Old Bailey," as it looks down on humanity with a silent compassion, offering sympathy and understanding in its solitude to all who have need of it. The spirit of Mars Hill is typified in "Old Bailey": immovable, eternal, ever looking upward to God, our Everlasting Father—H.L.A.

A Gift To The Strong

A person who can adjust himself to new surroundings and do it in a pleasant manner, even if he doesn't fully agree with the principles of his new environment, demands the respect of those who know him.

Mother Nature knew this a thousand millenniums ago. If you look about you today, you see the offspring of the sturdiest and hardiest earth-dwellers throughout the past ages. Contemporary life on earth is the offspring of predecessors who could most easily adjust themselves to a new environment. They sharpened their precepts on changing, adverse conditions until they developed instruments to safeguard them. You, your classmate, your parents are not weaklings, or the offsprings of a weakling; you are the children of the most powerful creatures ever to stalk the earth. Your mental precepts make of you a veritable Gargantua.

One thing was necessary before the race of man evolved into the astounding entity that is you; he learned to adjust himself and to take advantage of the new lessons found in a new environment. The former course of some of your lives has met an abrupt change. It may be a change that some of you resent at the present, but it is a change a farsighted man would welcome.

There is only one Mars Hill college and you are one of a select few who have the privilege of attending it. There are others waiting outside the gates with hands outstretched to receive a few crumbs of knowledge from the table at which you sit. Adjust yourself to our regulations, to your new environment, and you will have taken one step nearer the magnificent personality you dreamed in your youth of becoming.

A mountain climber looks at the shrub in his grasp, and not at the ledge far below where he slept the night before. —J.F.W.

Honor Conscious?

I wonder if now would not be a good time to put into practice Mr. Blackwell's recent suggestion in regard to chapel attendance—more emphasis placed upon student honor. Most of us consider it a pleasure to attend chapel, and those who have no conscience about such things will be truant anyway. —K.E.D.

Literary Society Presidents



Pictured above are the Presidents of the Literary Societies. Top row: Jack Lucke, Euthalian President; and Margaret Duckworth, President of the Nonpareils. Bottom row: James Hall, President of the Philomathian Literary Society; and Jean Combs, President of the Clio's.

ADVICE TO C-I's

Realizing your need of worthy advice, and correctly estimating the ability of some of our experienced C-II's to give it, **The Hilltop** has decided to furnish you, the C-I's, with a bit of helpful counsel. Standing at the foot of a large tree on the campus, I vocally advertised the fact that I was ready to take some advice. I immediately took refuge in the top of the tree from the howling mob that pursued me. Yea, the very stones did speak! Choosing the more insistent ones (not stones, people) who climbed the tree after me, I explained that I wanted advice to C-I's from C-II's. The disappointed freshmen dropped like flies! There were a few C-II's left, however, and they spoke thus:

- Tommy Frazier: "Tell 'em at least to speak to everyone, especially the girls."
- Gertie Watts: "If you like jam, just stand in line at the dining hall. You know, jam outside and zip inside when the bell rings."
- Mary Lee "Slug" Ellington: "Keep smiling."
- Cliff Edwards: "Girls, get your ma (i) l today."
- David Dorr: "Make up your mind what you want to do and then go to it."
- Bill Crowder: "Girls, don't fall in love with a C-II."
- Caroline Wilburn: "Don't fall in love, Period."
- Richard Harris: "Don't let studying interfere with your college education."
- Bobbie Welch: "Don't be taken for granted; make your- (Continued on Page 4)"

Band Begins Most Promising Year

(Continued from Page 1) aking the place of Miss Mildred Gwin. Exceeding all previous years in numbers, talent, and the quality of its instrumentation, the orchestra is expecting to give many worthwhile programs during the coming year. Mrs. S. B. King will assist in conducting special rehearsals for the string section when

A Tribute To Rivermont

As one enters the gates of the beautiful campus of our school, he sees, standing boldly after many years of endurance, dear old Rivermont. It is not a castle of gold, merely a tin building, slightly rusty from its many years of service. Yet, to me, there is beauty in this building, probably because it was given to Mars Hill college with such a wonderful spirit. It stands for the great love that people have for this school.

It was in 1912 that Dr. O. E. Sams, now closely connected with this school, began a movement to raise money to present Mars Hill college a gift. At that time, Dr. Sams was pastor of the Rivermont Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia. Because of the contributions received from the church, and because of the kindness of its members, Mars Hill college honored the Church by naming the dormitory for it.

For many years Rivermont has been the home of numerous girls who come to this school. Rivermont dormitory has enabled worthy students who could not afford the best, to have a chance in receiving a higher education, furnishing plain and comfortable accommodations at reasonable rates for young women.

At the end of last year, when the trustees decided to build a new dormitory and renovate Spilman Home, they also decided to make Rivermont dormitory a boys' home. The boys are staying there this year and are still upholding the ideals that the girls upheld while they lived there.

ADVICE TO C-II's

- Allen Williams: "You C-II boys should give us C-I's a chance with the girls. Don't try to monopolize them, for we're not used to competition."
- Margaret Caldwell: "We C-I's are apt to mock the C-II's, so they'd better be careful about their distance."
- Elwood Orr: "You seniors stop trying to show off and use words that we can understand."
- Fred Shermer: "Don't skip chapel, for we get blamed for it."
- Betty Francis: "You C-II's ought to give us Freshmen a lesson on how to push down the steps just before meals; you have a good technique."
- Dopey Jordan: "Don't look at freshmen as if they were ignorant; look in the mirror."
- Bersha Davis: "I'd advise C-II's to obey the rules if they expect to set an example for C-I's."
- Graham Wright: "You C-II's had better watch out for candid cameras—or are we supposed to take six lessons?"

necessary. The orchestra has en violins this year, in contrast to approximately six that made up the string section last year. Such fine instrumentation as violins, horns, trumpets, trombones, clarinets, and saxophones will give the orchestra one of its best years.

Mars Hill Girls To Have Improved Sports Program

Of great interest to the student body of Mars Hill is the new physical education director, Mrs. Cowan. Mrs. Cowan majored in physical education, and, from all the plans she has made for the Mars Hill girls, they should be much more physically fit when they leave our campus.

When Mrs. Cowan was interviewed, she gave her schedule for the year. During the months of September, October and November, archery, volley ball, horse shoes, and deck tennis will occupy the girls' time. During December, January, and February, basketball, stunt and tumbling, recreational sports such as shuffleboard, ping pong, and badminton will prevail. During the last three months of the semester—March, April, and May, soccer, tennis, and softball will keep the girls physically fit. Classes in life saving and swimming will be given to those who are interested. Rainy day classes will be conducted in the gym, with programs including a course in leadership in games being presented.

For the girls' intramural sports, Mrs. Cowan has chosen six major sports—hockey, archery, basketball, softball, swimming, and recreational sports. Each person who earns 14 points becomes a member of the emblem club. Squad members get 1 point, first team members get 2 points, and varsity members, chosen from all of the first teams, get 5 points. The members receive pins.

For extracurricular activity, (Continued on Page 3)

English Girl Studies At Mars Hill College

Mars Hill college is the host of Miss Maureen W. Bennett, an English girl who has left war-torn Europe to live in America for the duration of the war.

When she finishes her studies at an American college, she hopes to be able to complete her education at a British university. Miss Bennett, who has spent most of her life in the British Isles, comes from Harrow, England. However, she was born in Utica, New York, of English parentage and can claim citizenship in either nation until she becomes twenty-one years of age. At that time she will decide to which country she will owe her allegiance.

Maureen left Liverpool, England, on July 3, 1940, boarding an Irish channel steamer bound for Dublin. She was compelled to make the trans-Atlantic trip alone, because her mother was an English subject and had to travel on an English vessel.

From Dublin she traveled by train to Galway, Ireland, where she boarded the "S. S. George Washington," bound for New York. The ship was overcrowded with refugees, and she was compelled to occupy a bunk in the mail room.

Maureen said it took her some time to get used to flood (Continued on Page 3)