

KNOW YOUR CAMPUS THE LIBRARY

By Eunice Smith

"Ignorance is the curse of God, knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

Through the climbing plant that twists and twines its way over the gray granite rock of the doorway, these words stand forth to greet the eye and challenge the mind of each student as he makes his way into the Estella Nissen Montague Library. Mars Hill College was well over fifty years old, however, before this building, beautiful in its quaintness, became a part of her campus.

During the early life of the college, any available room having a table, a few chairs, and a few shelves containing some books, magazines, and newspapers served as the library. In the early nineties, however, "Uncle Jacob's" library came into existence. Through the efforts and contributions of Mr. Jacob Sams, all the books belonging to the college were taken to the east room on the second floor of the present music building. Mr. Sams kept adding books from time to time, and in this manner the college was served for several years.

The college kept growing, and somewhat after the turn of the century the boys' literary societies, the Philomathian and the Euthalian, with the aid of the girls' societies, brought their several cases of books, and these were merged with those already belonging to the college. The center room upstairs in Moore Hall was the place selected for the new library—Moore 31. Thus the room where "Pop" Stringfield now does his pictures, was, in 1910, the college library. The room was equipped with shelves to hold all the books possible, a rack with several newspapers, and a stand for the magazines.

Just after America entered the first World War, Colonel H. Montague, in honor of his wife, Estella Nissen Montague, a member of the prominent Nissen family of Winston - Salem, gave \$5,000 to the college for the construction of the first unit of the present library. Mrs. Montague was to know nothing of the building being erected in her honor, and in the spring of 1919, Colonel Montague suggested to his wife that they attend the com-

mencement exercises that year at Mars Hill College.

On Thursday morning, May 1, 1919, at 10:00 o'clock, the dedicatory address of the Estella Nissen Montague Library was made in the college chapel by the late Dr. H. A. Brown, of Winston-Salem; and, of course, Colonel and Mrs. Montague were guests of honor. In his address, Dr. Brown paid a fine tribute to Mrs. Montague and to all womanhood.

Fourteen years later, in 1933, sufficient money was raised to enlarge the library. The reference room and storeroom were added. The building is fireproof throughout, with steel shelves and stacks.

The library contains at present 20,000 volumes besides pamphlets and current periodicals. During the past year 1,586 volumes have been added. The most recent contributions made have been a \$2,500 gift from the Carnegie Foundation of New York, and a \$400.00 check from Franklin P. Drake, of Atlanta, with which to purchase books. Among other gifts have been collections from Walt. N. Johnson, M. A. Adams, M. O. Carpenter, A. B. Smith, and Mrs. Bertha Bradshaw Carr. The entire library of Rev. James Long, and collections presented by Robert Percy Walker, Ellerbee Chamblis, A. E. Brown, and a "Southern Bookshelf," given by the Asheville Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and added to from time to time, are available for general use. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace sends to the college each year a number of books valuable to students of international relations.

Recently Rev. E. A. Long, of Winston-Salem, gave a complete set of the Harvard classics. The latest contribution came last week in the form of a check for \$25.00 from Ensign George Culpepper, a former student at Mars Hill. This money is to be used to purchase books in memory of Ensign Culpepper's cousin, Lieutenant Caughey Culpepper, also a former student, who was killed in the retaking of Guam.

The library is efficiently administered by two well-trained librarians and twelve student assistants. The facilities are supple-

Harris Injured In Grid Opener

Alton Harris, 172-pound Creswell, N. C., blocking back on the Wolves squad, suffered a severe leg injury during the first few minutes of play in the Wolves-Cavaliers match Saturday, and will be benched for at least two weeks.

Miss Eva Brewer, college nurse, said it would be "unsafe" for Harris to return to the gridiron within less than two weeks, and expressed doubt that he could return to the squad even by that time. The specific nature of his injury was not disclosed.

Harris played on the Creswell eleven four years before coming to Mars Hill, where he made the first string of the Wolves.

mented by exchange privileges with other libraries and through the courtesy of the Sondley Library of Asheville, containing valuable items to which the students and members of the faculty are given access.

But once again Mars Hill has found that she has outgrown her library. Preparations are now being made for the building of a new library, which will be constructed as soon as sufficient funds and materials are available.

Thus the history of the library at Mars Hill has been the story of men and women who sought to prove that books are really a "finer world within the world."

THE LOWDOWN By Sigsbee Miller

There's a war on and Mars Hill gridmen must play in their own backyard until Herr Shickelgrueber decides to stay in his ... That's the answer of Athletic Director Anne Clayton to rampant campus reports of impending pigskin crusades on Brevard and Asheville. Last year, the Board of Trustees turned thumbs down on requests for inter-school football matches, and a ruling to that effect was put into force for the duration. Hold-over C-II's suffered a convenient lapse of memory, and the C-I's just didn't know ... Reports that a Mars Hill aggregation would meet an Asheville high school B-string today went the rounds early this week ... The Mars Hill - Brevard tilt was to have been a gala Thanksgiving affair, with the student body turning out en masse in true alma maternal spirit to back up their gridgers.

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CAVALIERS DEFEAT WOLVES 2-0 AS 1944 SEASON OPENS

On the strength of a second quarter touchback and a defense strategy that held the Wolves on the five-yard line for four downs, Pet Anderson's favored Cavaliers squeezed out a 2-0 decision last Saturday in the opener of the intramural football series.

Wingback Boyd Allen (16), veteran of three years on the first squad at Rowland High, ran the ball to the five-yard line for the Wolves for a first-down in the last few minutes of the third period, but the Cavalier defense line was unyielding.

spring ... New definitions: Weird—Jim Taylor's softball fielding. Spontaneous combustion—when Earl Miller and Paul Thompson meet ... Their captain was leading the Wolves on twilight prowls last week; the gridiron wasn't even in sight.

Coach Lance thinks Boyd Ayres' sneak play through the Cavaliers' line in the Saturday clash was "the honey" of the game ... "All of them packed a heavy punch," says Lance, "and the spirit was excellent. Paul (Thompson) and Rex Allen did a nice job and Anderson got in some nice running."

Admitting with her characteristic modesty that she did a "pretty good job" on Saturday, Evelyn Brookshire has announced that she will sacrifice her Chief Cheerleader (Wolves) berth to Dub (Acuff) Lane, because she thinks he's good and for other reasons.

Anne Hendrix has done nothing—more than usual—but thinks no column would be complete without her name.

Coach Clayton Plans Teams

Coach Anne Clayton, girls' athletic director, is looking forward to a most successful year with the physical education classes, for 1944-45. Because of the increase in size, the classes have been divided into teams for four major sports: Basketball, softball, volleyball, and tennis. These inter-class teams are enthusiastic and friendly competition is speedily rising.

Miss Clayton is expecting to find new outstanding athletes in the group of girls who are juniors and is working on an intramural program for competitive sports between the two classes. Equal opportunity will be given to all students for participation in some sport on the campus.

The Ayres - Paul Thompson combination bore the brunt of Wolves' offensive, leading deep thrusts into the Cavaliers' line.

Pet Anderson and his co-captain, 155-pound Rex Allen, led the Cavaliers' attack.

No schedule for later games had been announced at press time, but it was reported that weekly classes between the two squads will be booked. The line-ups:

Cavaliers (2)	Pos.	Wolves (0)
Hutchins	re	Greene
Morton	le	Trammel
Sanders	lt	Booe
McLeod	rt	Flack
Wallace	lg	Fitts
White	rg	Ford
Tilson	c	Keeter
Allen	wb	Ayres
Jordan	bb	Harris
Henderson	fb	Davis
Anderson	tb	Thompson

Substitutes: Cavaliers - Miller, Westmoreland; Wolves - Acker, Rice.

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