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Politics Vs. Mars Hill

Politics ran high, wide and free on the campus last week. The occasion—society elections; the participants—some very conscientious students, the respected leaders of the campus, who knew what they wanted and made it their business to see that what they wanted was what the rest of the campus wanted.

Politics, admittedly, is fashionable on many campuses. But at Mars Hill, where no political theory other than a possible "complete immersion" could justly be applied as representative of the school, it is threatening a very integral part of the indefinable Something that puts Mars Hill in sharp relief beside other colleges—democracy with a generous portion of Christian spirit thrown in.

However the elections were engineered, implicit trust has been placed in the new officers. Theirs is the task of ripping apart the political cliques that are so alien to the Mars Hill we love.

—E. L. & S. M.

Mind Over Matter

Turn your face to the sun, and the shadows will ever fall behind you. It takes courage to make stepping stones of your stumbling blocks. Yet handicaps need not stand in the way of success. Great men of history have had handicaps. Caesar had fits, but he was the master of Rome; Beethoven was deaf when he wrote his best works; Lincoln was born in a log cabin, yet he is now idolized. These men of the past had their handicaps, but they overcame them. We do not have to go to the record of the past or to the lives of great men to find examples of fine courage. Just take a look at some of the students on Mars Hill campus. These students have risen above their physical handicaps so completely that we are hardly aware of them. Because of their cheerful spirits we find it hard to realize that it takes quite as much courage to rise above handicaps today as it ever did. The next time we feel like quitting or saying that something cannot be done, let us remember those whose handicaps are much greater than ours.

To train the mind to work for us is our chief problem. In fact, failure to do so is the one handicap that should give us occasion for questioning. We must banish doubt and worry and fear by doing our work with zest and with faith; we can outdistance poverty; and we can discover our own treasure island, if we will just train our mind to work for us. Training pays. Faith pays, too. When we learn to work with faith in our hearts and without doubt in our minds, handicaps will be stepping stones to better things.

—J. S.

Who Said 'Dull'

"Mars Hill is dull," said an unobserving student. He must be walking around with the vision impaired by lack of lesson preparation. Did he not hear of the balcony in church shaking mysteriously Sunday night? John Brinegar offered the suggestion that the effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima were just reaching here.

We're waiting now for the effects of the one dropped on Nagasaki. And has that student not thrilled as some one down the hall yelled: "Gee! Food from home!" Or who hasn't taken sides when disagreements arise in a bull session, that grand old institution of higher learning?

He must have his eyes shut who doesn't get excited at the keen competition between the literary societies. It seems clear that the aforementioned speaker must have been a freshman; for no senior remains unmoved as anniversary and reception are mentioned.

If one thinks things are dull around this place, he should watch the cheerleaders in action. They can even put spirit in J. T. Holland, known to many as Rip Van Winkle Holland of the Hollands who inspired the building of the Holland tunnel.

What is that student doing when exciting games, such as Kick the Can, Red Light, and Chinese Tag, are being played by the energetic on the Little Circle Saturday evenings? How does he feel when others' spines are tingling at the ringing of the bell that dismisses class?

Some may say life is dull here, but I say, "Open your eyes and live!"

—T. S.

Glee Club Ensemble Invited To Sing At State Convention

An ensemble to be chosen from the college glee club will sing at the State Baptist Convention to be held in Raleigh in November, Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther, director, has announced. The number will necessarily be small because transportation facilities are limited, Mrs. Souther said.

Plans are in progress for the Christmas program of the glee club, which will include part of Handel's "Messiah."

Most of the glee club members, according to Mrs. Souther, will attend the fall concert series in Asheville. The first concert will be given by Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, on October 31. Other artists who will appear in the series will be Marian Anderson, Alexander Brailowsky, the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, Don Cossacks, and Thomas L. Thomas.

The mixed chorus is holding practices every Tuesday. Songs they are working on for presentation include a Fred Waring arrangement of "I Dream of You"; "America," "You are a Giver," by Samuel Gains; "O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly," by Bach; and "The Black Steed," a Russian folk song.

Frances Orowski In Music Festival

Several people of Mars Hill interest participated in the 1945 Piedmont Festival of Music and Art, which was presented July 25-28 in the R. J. Reynolds Memorial Auditorium in Winston-Salem.

One of the events on the opening program was a play produced by the Department of Voice and Opera Dramatics. Frances Elvn Orowski, a former Mars Hill student, was a leading character.

Miss Mary Stringfield also participated in the festival. Dr. Lamar Stringfield, brother of Professor P. C. Stringfield, was a flute soloist and featured his own "Chipmunks."

Cast Is Chosen

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ward Moulton-Barrett, father of Elizabeth, will be played by Charles Harris. His other sons and daughters are: Henrietta, Louise Beck; Arabelle, Elon Myers; George, Lee King; and Octavius, Roy Fisher. John Kenyon, a cousin of the Barretts, is to be played by Bobby Haynes. Two maids of the family are Wilson, Norma Minges, and Milly, Dovie Tallent. Miss Mitford, a novelist, is to be played by Cornelia Vann, and Captain Surtees Cook, friend of Henrietta's, by John McLeod, Jr. Members of Dramateers who will have charge of costumes and the stage setting are Lita Shelby, Joyce Wheeler, Edith Bell, and Betty Fowler.

Homecoming Day

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in its field. In 1938 Dr. Moore resigned and Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, who had served the college faithfully as a member of the faculty, became his successor.

Founders' Day is observed each year on the Saturday nearest October 12.

SEE TWO



Stuart Heideck

It took four months in the Army to convince Frank Stuart (Stew) Heideck, former president of the Mars Hill College Ministerial Conference, that his calling lay in the ministry and not in the field of agronomy.

Heideck had been studying agronomy at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., for six months when he was drafted into active Army service on April 7, 1943. He had been on the inactive service list for six months previously. Four months later he was back in mufti and was beginning to map plans which he hopes will eventuate in his being commissioned an Army chaplain when he finishes his schooling in 1950.

The son of Frank H. Heideck and the late Mrs. Heideck, the 21-year-old ex-soldier is a native of Teaneck, N. J., but he claims Maryland as his native state. He has lived in the Washington, D. C., greater metropolitan area since 1932. He is a graduate of Silver Springs, Md., High School and his official residence now is Kensington, Md.

After his discharge from the Army on August 7, 1943, Heideck worked for four months at odd jobs—his accomplishments include managing a service station, helping remake radios and working as a mechanic. Then he decided to resume his studies.

Mars Hill was recommended to him by the Rev. Clarence E. Jones, pastor of the Kensington Baptist Church, for which Heideck supplied last summer. He registered for the spring semester in January, 1944. He will complete the regular two-year course in January, 1946, but is planning tentatively to remain through the approaching spring semester and graduate with the current senior class. He plans to go two years at Wake Forest and three years at Crozer Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

Heideck is now vice-president of the Ministerial Conference, Assistant Director of the Baptist Training Union and sergeant-at-arms of the Euthalian Literary Society. His past offices include being president of the Ministerial Conference, chaplain, vice-president and president of Euthalia, business manager of the 1945 Laurel, treasurer of the Baptist Student Union Council and vice-president of the Cosmopolitan Club.

Coach Harvey (Pop) Lance impresses Heideck more than any other person at Mars Hill.

"I like the way Pop, the tough football coach, can speak so humbly and forcefully on the Bible before the students in chapel."

Heideck himself is avidly interested in sports—notably baseball and the Washington Senators. His second sports interest is ice-hockey. He has played both. He is not without his theory as



Mildred Leath

The girl who is responsible for the early work on the Laurel our Mars Hill annual, this year is Mildred Leath, the editor. She is planning to do her best to get us the annual before the end of school next year.

Mildred is an "Ashevillian" and in her own words "a Tarboro bred and born." She was graduated from the Lee H. Edwal High School in Asheville. Her A. B. course. Next year she is planning to go to Wake Forest College and will major in sociology. From there Mildred is going into definite Christian work.

In the dorm—New, incidentally—Mildred is the alarm clock the third floor hall. Here is a good example of that favorite Myrtle Davis came in as you reporter carried on a conference with Miss Leath. She made it very emphatic that she was to be called at 6:30 o'clock on the dot the next morning. That seemed to be a common occurrence.

Mildred's more artistic occupations center around poetry writing (surely you noticed "The Angel" in the first edition of the Hilltop). One of her favorite pastimes is playing the piano for her own enjoyment.

Her chief likes—well, Mars Hill is high on the list. She says "Mars Hill is the most wonderful place I've ever lived." Another of her likes is, "I could sit a day and listen to Mr. Mac philosophize." She has an opportunity to do this in creative writing class, which shows where her talent lies. And her food likes—vanilla ice cream and chocolate candy (but who doesn't!) "Anything edible, really," says her roommate, who calls her "Mickey." Another special hobby is writing—and particularly—receiving letters.

Besides being editor of the Laurel, Mildred is a circle leader of the Y. W. A. and is in the Scriblerus Club.

A glimpse of Mildred's character and personality can be seen when she says, "I want to go one who day and see everyone smiling and not one frown." This is the key to her friendliness, and her smiling face makes her loved by everyone on the campus.

There's a Great Day Coming we hear, and when it does, the Good Book Promises, many secrets will be unveiled. Maybe then we'll find out just what those bloated minnow-like creatures that grace the Oscar Sams Dining Hall tables on Wednesdays really are.

Sermonette: Bluff your way through college; blush your way through life.

to what Utopia would be like. "In my Utopia," he says, "people would realize that all ministers are really only human beings like themselves."