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Honor Clubs

Dear Fellow Members:
 Greetings to you from the Honor Clubs. As we are looking forward to commencement, we are hoping to have the pleasure of welcoming you back to our campus. Having heard much about you and what you meant to the college, we know meeting you will be a happy experience for us.
 You have helped to make Mars Hill what it is today. One special phase in which you have been our inspiration is the honor clubs. You set the standards high for these. We have striven to maintain these standards. Our honor club programs have been interesting, stimulating our imaginations and broadening our horizons. One honor club member had a poem accepted in the **Annual Anthology of College Poetry**; another, a play by the Carolina Dramatics Association. Our honor clubs, too, have furnished many of our student leaders, such as the B. S. U. President and social presidents.

During the past few years war conditions have made it inconvenient for many of you to come back to Mars Hill. This year, however, we hope that each one of you may be able to return for our great Homecoming, May 30. In this simple way, we, the presidents of the honor clubs, are extending to you a hearty invitation. It will be wonderful to have you back on the "Hill" to see the improvements, to renew old acquaintances, and to acquire new friends. As honor club members we shall want to have a real get-together.

Your Fellow Members of the Honor Club,
 Mary Broome, French Club,
 Lois Harris, Science Club,
 Miriam Smith, Spanish Club,
 Gloria Abernethy, International Relations Club,
 Dorothy Lawhon, Classical Club,
 Doris Penland, Scriblerus Club,
 Agnes Fleming, Business Club.

THE HILLTOP adds its voice looking forward to a big Homecoming Day. We are looking forward to a big "family reunion."
 —The Staff.

Former Students Now on Faculty

A number of former students are now members of the Mars Hill college faculty. They are: Preston Calvin Stringfield, professor of Psychology, Sociology, Plane Geometry, (photographer for LAUREL); Hoyt Blackwell, president; Daisy Anderson, librarian; Nona Moore Roberts French; Eva Brewer, college nurse; Bryson Tilson, Supt. of Buildings and grounds; M. H. Kendall, Bible and Greek; B. M. Canup, Asst. Bursar and head of Business Department; Ralph Ashworth, Biology; and Vivian Lunsford, Asst. librarian.

James Cowan, coach and Phys. Ed., Irene Glass, student personnel secretary; Rachel Swann, Asst. in Bursar's office; Eula Mae Young, Asst. in Registrar's office; Virginia Hart, coach and girls' Phys. Ed., Ruby Hudson, business; Frances Snelson, secretary (on leave at Temple University); Herbert Sebren, Music (on leave with North Carolina symphony orchestra); and J. P. Watts, Asst. to Supt. of Buildings and Grounds (on leave).

Contribution Sent To College Library

Mr. F. P. Drake, of Atlanta, Ga., recently sent a check for \$100 in care of Dr. Ella J. Pierce, head of the English Department, to be used for purchase of new books for the library.

In announcing the contribution, Dr. Pierce said Mr. Drake has sent previous gifts which have been used to buy new books.

Expressing the college's appreciation, Dr. Pierce pointed out the need for addition of new books to the library. "The college library is in one sense the real strength of the college," she said. "The library is a means of valuable, daily service to all the students. The college is indebted to Mr. Drake for this and other contributions he has made."

'Crank Up The Old Bus'

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Have you been on a vacation lately? How about cranking up the "old bus," which probably has suffered from inactivity during the war days, and come to Mars Hill for the commencement programs, particularly the class reunions and alumni banquet.

Homecoming Day at Mars Hill this year promises to be the most enjoyable in the history of the college. Special effort is being made to get our big family together. There will be interesting programs and plenty to eat, certainly, but I predict that the event which will be most enjoyable and reward us with memories which time cannot erase will be the mutual exchange of greetings, the handshaking, the shoulder-slapping, the chats of retrospection with those friends we made in the happy days of yore on the Mars Hill College campus while we worked and played together in the classroom, literary society, athletic fields, and other places of endeavor, not excluding the traditional "soup line."

Several years have elapsed since many of you have visited the college campus. Doubtlessly, you will marvel at the progress which has been made during these intervening years. But progress knows no rest.

Today the alumni are faced with a challenge. The old chapel building was adequate for the needs of the college when you and I were there, but today the student family is so large that a new building is almost imperative. What more suitable memorial could be erected in honor of those Mars Hill College boys and girls who served so valorously in the armed forces of our country than a modern chapel building on the college ground? To be sure, money will be required, but the necessary amount will be raised with little sacrifice if every alumnus will participate. Some can and will make substantial donations, but if the chapel is to be a genuine memorial it must have as its foundation the goodwill and loyalty of every alumnus evidenced by small gift, be it large or small.

Make plans now to meet your friends at the greatest homecoming day in the long history of Mars Hill College. We shall be looking for you.

Sincerely,
 Muriel A. James,
 Alumni Assn. President.

Cafeteria To Replace Old Dining Hall

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, along with the Buildings and Grounds Committee, after studying present dining hall facilities, will suggest that plans for a new up-to-date cafeteria be drawn immediately. It is hoped that work can begin so that it can be put into operation by the beginning of the 1947-48 term.

The new unit will include an all stainless steel kitchen along with proper refrigeration and probably a milk pasteurization plant. The main dining hall will be large enough to take care of at least 600 simultaneously, along with small dining rooms for groups.

Cascades Retains Lure For Picknickers, Lovers

The Cascades! Does that word bring back memories to you? How many times have you sat on the great rock and dreamed while the water tumbled down the mossy bed to the pool below? Or maybe you did not have to dream. Your "dream" sat beside you—when regulations permitted. To most of us, Mars Hill would not be complete without the Cascades. It is just a small part of the intangible something that makes up the school. Do you suppose the moon could be more beautiful than at the Cascades? There are many romantic spots about the old "Hill." This is one of them.

But at the name "Cascades" some of us smell the frying of bacon, hear the grease popping in the pan as the eggs are scrambled, or we are pulling hot dogs bathed in mustard, saturated

with onions, and enveloped in a long bun. It is the place for picnics (complete with ants, bugs and sudden showers), games, and fun—where students are children and teachers are human beings.

Then there are other memories. Have you ever fallen in—slipped on the rock when trying to jump the stream, gone skidding down over the algae coated surface and pulled yourself out of the pool below, soaking wet—and perhaps in your hand a box camera made the trip with you? Or maybe you fell in while you were trying to help your lady friend out.

That is the Cascades, one of the many things that is a part of Mars Hill! The spot is still here—an inspiration to would-be poets, a boon to lovers, and a good place to study, think, yes, and pray.

The Societies Speak

Dear Clios and Phis:

"Years may come and years may go, but Clio-Phi will go forever." When all of you left Mars Hill and the Hall of Blue and White, above all your desires was that the future Clios and Phis would continue to reverence their ideals of Truth, Purity, and Fidelity, and carry always the spirit of friendliness. Because you left to us Clios and Phis something good and lasting, we are endeavoring to follow your example of being loyal to the society we love.

Many of you have not had the privilege of visiting Mars Hill since you left; consequently you do not know the progress that is being made in Clio-Phi. Perhaps you have not seen the beautiful hall which is in the Charles M. Wall building. That is just one of the things you will want to see. On Homecoming Day we extend a very sincere invitation for you to share with us your memories of Clio-Phi as we share with you the joyous experience that we have had this year. The traditional Anniversary and Reception were big successes as they always are. Then there were the Clio-Non Joint Meetings. We are looking forward to our Clio-Phi Wedding, and, above all, a new event. For the first time in the history of Clio and Philomathia we are having a Spring Festival.

Clio-Philomathia has developed and changed in some ways, but you will recognize it and love it for those immortal qualities that it had when you were one of its proud members. Come back and visit!

Sally Morton Hudson,
 Clyde C. Drake,
 Presidents.

VETERANS

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Caulley Peek, Asheville, N. C.—Information not available.

Eugene Reese, Mars Hill, N. C.—One year with United States Navy; attached to USS Ponomint.

John Frank Stanley, Ash, N. C.—40 months with Army Air Corps; attached to 13th Air Force; served 30 months in the Pacific theater; took part in the Solomons and New Guinea campaigns.

Dear Alumni:

We Nons and Eus are, more than we can express, anticipating your "homecoming." Even though we don't know all of you, when we realize you're Nons and Eus, it's just as if we were having a family reunion, because really you are our sisters and brothers.

It may have been quite a long time since you entered the hall of black and gold, but it is still the same—there is still enclosed within those four walls that feeling of Dignity, Simplicity, and Conservatism. Yes, that indescribable feeling is still there and always will be, but—have you heard? Plans are under way for renovation of the hall! For instance? Well, we hope to paint the walls, and get new chairs and curtains. Yes, we think it sounds wonderful too, and with the Non-Eu spirit, backed by the friendly love of Clio-Phi, we know we can do it.

Now—we shall be conservative with our words and in a simple, dignified way, say "Welcome Alumni!"

Hope Blanchard,
 Livingston Greene,
 Presidents.

Mars Hillians

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ton Connelly, Jr. ('45), is president of the BSU at the University of Richmond and the state of Virginia. Luther Morphis ('43) devotional vice president of the BSU of the state of North Carolina.

Bob Harris ('43) is president of the BSU of Baylor University. Ormand Williams ('42) is president of the BSU at Berea College. Raymond Martin ('44) has served as president of the BSU at the College of Charleston. Joe Chandler ('43) has served president of the BSU at Wake Forest College.

Margaret Sparks ('39) served as president of the BSU at Furman university. Margaret Sparks ('45) is president of the BSU of Furman university. Ruth Hudson ('43) served as BSU president at E.C.T.C. and is now a member of the faculty of Mars Hill college.

Frances Pope ('41) represents the YWA on the BSU council. Meredith college. Ronald ('45) is devotional vice president of the BSU at Baylor university.