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Plain Living and High Thinking

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Anniversary And The Societies

"Rah! Rah. Rah. Rah! Anniversary! Anniversary!" What now? Another anniversary season has gone. All the excitement and anticipation have waned. But what appears lamentable now is that the societies so far have not ferreted out someone of latent talent and fully developed him. No unexpected star has appeared on the horizon. Just as in the years past, the popular, the apparently talented, and the glib-tongued have monopolized the enviable positions in society; furthermore, the emphasis for good officer-material has come from an adventuresome society spirit, but from an over-heated stew-off called competition. Laurels are not being heaped upon a society for its ingenuity; rather for its daringness in backing potential leaders some one person has called to himself praise for his leadership.

What now? Should it continue to be the aim of society that a self-qualified person—quite capable apparently—elected to office so that he or she might disgrace the society? Or should the purpose of society be to develop leaders, to encourage talent, and to progress? All societies face the forensic term. The careful observer of society already has selected likely candidates for the various presidencies. Why? Why should the societies squelch possible molding clay in preference to previously molded material? Surely the task of society is to push good material to the front, but ought not societies lay aside the silly idea of competing for the best name-presidents? The societies have failed to realize that the popular lad brings to an office, not only his gay self, but also his concealed self. There is room for confidence in a president, but there is not any room for his narrow-conceit. Moreover the societies have failed to realize that the most popular person does not always expend energy solely for the good of societies. In our present setup, we ask not the question, Will he benefit society if the society backs him? or Will he lead us in the way toward advancement? or Will he, with our backing, really display interesting leadership? but the question, Is he good enough now for the forensic contests? or, Does he know how to preside well? These latter questions we ask because we as society members place excitement and anticipation above society spirit; because we believe in ostentation rather than determination; because we believe in flaunting vocalized ideals rather than presenting ideal actions.

—Elliott Donnels.

The Mars Hill Spirit

Approximately sixty-one former Mars Hill students, of whom one-half were members of last year's graduating class, spent their Thanksgiving holidays here—and they must have had a reason for coming, in some cases half-way across the state—in others, from another state—to spend those precious five days at M.H.C. Through long usage the phrase, "The Mars Hill Spirit," has become somewhat trite, but plain, simple school spirit can never become so. It is an intangible something which, at its best, continues to exist in the hearts and minds of students after they have become simply "former students." It is the only reason the sixty-one visitors needed for coming back to spend their holidays.

At the beginning of this year there seemed to be a decided lack of the "feeling" which existed here last year, which can possibly be accounted for by the simple fact and an universally good reason, that, as at the beginning of every year, the students didn't know one another. The difference among the students in age, more important, in experience and outlook had its effect, too. However, the ninety-one-year-old Mars Hill Spirit (its form has, possibly, varied from time to time), has, as it inevitably will, begin to be felt among the present student body. Enthusiasm in regard to athletic contests, gripping in the dining hall or anywhere else the notion may strike, interest in the literary societies, at its best during the anniversary and reception periods this year as in other years, or simply living from day to day with a normal amount of contentment are all a part of what is meant by "The Mars Hill Spirit." —C. H.

I Wonder:

If the sidewalks will ever be fixed ... why Dr. Pierce never seems to get tired ... why time seems to pass so quickly ... how Mother Wells looked at nineteen ... what each of us will be doing ten years hence.

I Look Forward To:

Glee Club concerts ... Christmas holidays ... and then ... coming back ... the snow, just for a change ... second semester C-II English ... seeing people who were members of last year's C-II Class.

Non-Eu Presidents

Introducing Elliott and Pollyanna . .

Elliott "the brain" Donnels, Euthalian Anniversary president is a former student and a returned veteran from over-seas where he served as an army sergeant.

Elliott left his New Orleans home to study for the ministry at Mars Hill. Since his return to the "hill" he has become a proverbial leader. He has a knack for being president of organizations such as society president, president of the Ministerial conference. Elliott's originality, ability and many talents make him stand out as an individual. He is especially talented in the fields of journalism, dramatics, and art. Perhaps Elliott's ability to accomplish much is partly brought about by his dislike of the phrase "I can't." Another of his dislikes is "second-hand Christianity." He thinks that one should know in his own heart what he believes.

Some of the Euthalian president's likes are: talking to and understanding others, extra-curricular activities, basketball, walking alone at night, and beauty that endures. Some oddities observed by his friends are his appetite for okra and squash; his ability to smell food in the dorm, and his doing his own washing and ironing. Elliott claims that one of his weaknesses is not being able to say "no." Though slow to anger, the doing of little things instead of big things first disturbs him greatly. Elliott is easily recognized by the twinkle in his eye which is usually followed by a clever or witty remark. One of his favorite nicknames used to be "fossil-face" he claims. It seems he loves to use nicknames for the Nonpareil president. In good humor he calls her "the old bat." He likes the co-operative spirit between the Nons and Eus. Some more of his dislikes are the adjective "conceited," being bullied, and adhering strictly to routine. Some peculiar habits of Elliott's are doodling and calling all couples "lovers."

Glee Club Sings At Convention

On Tuesday afternoon, November 19, 1946, fifty members of the Mars Hill College Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Souther, sang at the Baptist State Convention held in the First Baptist Church of Asheville, N. C. They presented a varied program of musical selections. The Men's Quartet composed of Hamilton Boyd, Jim Postelle, Bill Stapleton, and Frank Yandell sang a Spiritual, "Lord, I Want to be a Christian." Bill Stapleton sang a solo, "The Lord is my Light," by Alliston; and the entire group sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in an arrangement by Ringwald.

Entertainment Schedule

Miss Ruby Hudson, entertainment committee secretary, today announced the following schedule for the remainder of Mars Hill's 1946-47 college year:

- Dec. 7: Nonpareil Reception; Movie, "The Bells Of Saint Mary's"; Short, "Trouble Or Nothing."
- Dec. 10: Basketball; American Legion of Canton.
- Dec. 14: Christmas Parties.
- Dec. 15: Christmas Music.
- Dec. 17: Basketball; Tusculum, here.
- Jan. 4: Ben Greet Players.
- Jan. 11: Basketball; Hiwassee.
- Jan. 20 (Monday): Registration Day; Movie, "Schubert The Melody Master."
- Jan. 21: Basketball; U.N.C. Extension, Hendersonville.
- Jan. 29: Basketball; Wingate.
- Jan. 30: Basketball; Lees-McRae.
- Feb. 1: Movie, "Young Mr. Lincoln."
- Feb. 1: Basketball; Brevard.
- Feb. 8: Frederick Balaz.
- Feb. 11: Basketball; W.C.T.C.
- Feb. 15: Basketball; Textile.
- Feb. 18: Basketball; Gardner-Webb.
- Feb. 19: Basketball; Brevard.
- Feb. 22: Movie, "Stanley And Livingston."
- Feb. 25: Basketball; Davidson "B."
- Mar. 1: Youth Revival.
- Mar. 8: Miss Bacon.
- Mar. 15: Bach Trio.
- Mar. 29: Movie, "A Bell For Adano."
- Apr. 5: Music Recital.
- Apr. 12: Glee Club Concert.
- Apr. 19: Play, directed by Miss Wengert.
- Apr. 26: Junior-Senior Banquet.
- May 3: May Day and Declamation Contest.
- May 10: Oration Contest.
- May 17: Readings.

Mrs. Moore Concludes Week Of Chapel Talks

Mrs. John Allan Moore, missionary to Yugoslavia concluded a week of chapel talks Friday, on the experiences which she and her husband had as missionaries to Yugoslavia.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore had served in Belgrad two years when the war forced them to return to the states. They are unable to return to Europe now, and in the meantime Mr. Moore is teaching at Howard University in Alabama.

Mrs. Moore was sponsored at Mars Hill by the Y. W. A. and was here for the week of prayer for foreign missions.

Pollyanna Gibbs, Nonpareil reception president comes from Waynesville. She is unexcelled as a friend to all. From all observations she is no respecter of persons. Pollyanna's quick thinking is a great attribute to herself and friends. Her originality is shown in playwriting, skits and other aspects of journalism. Poetry writing is one of her pastimes. The Nonpareil president is usually heard or seen (as she talks with her hands) telling "tall" but interesting tales. Though she fits from one thing to another she is never too busy to say "Hey ya'll!"

A good sense of humor is shown by her squeals of "catching" laughter. She is easily recognized by her unusual hair do's. Pollyanna's "loves" take in yellow, her favorite color. (She even orders "yellow pie" with ice-cream and milk), chocolate candy (which is a must-not by her doctor), cokes, and bull-sessions. "Pistol-packing Pollyanna" is always promising to shoot people for disturbing her rest. "Clem" is a very close friend of Pollyanna's. She loves him from his big fat head to his little teddy-bear toes. One of her little peculiarities is that "silence is golden" with her in the mornings; she does not speak until leaving the room for breakfast. She often plans to get up mornings to study but never does. Pollyanna, like anyone else, also has a favorite "S. P."

She is hard to keep up with as she is always busy doing something for others. She literally "knocks herself" out working things out to perfection. Nonpareil has rested safely and surely on her shoulders for the past few weeks. Her never-ending love and work for society is a great attribute to the Nonpareil president.

Religious Groups In Joint Meeting

The joint meeting of Volunteers For Christ and the Ministerial Conference was opened November 19 with the singing of the hymn "O, Jesus. I Have Promised." The devotion, led by Audrey Hanes, was followed by report from the mission committee of Volunteers For Christ. Some of the members are taking care of the money in the church during church hours. The mission report for Ministerial Conference was two-fold. Visits to the King River prison and to the Petersburg Baptist Church are being made.

A solo by Bill Fuller, "Out of the Ivory Palaces," preceded address by Mrs. Hoyt C. Blount well on the almost untouched "The Problems of the Ministerial Wife." The meeting was adjourned, and the two groups held separate business meetings.

Olio and Philomathia

Extend Congratulations to

Nonpareil and Euthalia

for their

Anniversary and Reception Program