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Salute To Anniversary And Reception

Tonight we are in the midst of another Anniversary and Reception Program. Each year the four societies go all out for making Anniversary and Reception just a little better than the previous year—and succeeding each year in this goal. One purpose of society is to develop leaders, to give self-confidence to the individual members, and to bring out hidden talents of the members.

Society has been an outstanding feature at Mars Hill since the beginning of the College in 1856. Until 1891 the organization was known as the Mars Hill Literary Society. In October of '91, society was divided into two societies—Philomathia and Euthalia. It was not until four years later that a girls' society was organized and it was called "Clio." A year later, however, this society was divided and became Clio and Nonpareil. Thus the four societies of Mars Hill College came into being.

Anniversary brings with it the thoughts of many hours of untiring work, secret meetings discussing and planning the program, excellent orations and bitterly contested debates, the grand finale held secret by all, and the clean-up committees that work all night tearing down the work after the few hours of enjoyment are over.

Reception calls forth the artistic and beautifully-planned programs that the sister societies hold in honor of the brother societies. They have worked as faithfully and secretly as the boys. The hill decorated down to the science building, the serious program presented in the regular society hall, the lighter program presented in the other hall, and the wonderful spirit exemplified between the brother and sister societies as they work together toward one goal—putting their society over the top—make the societies what they are on our campus.

To all four societies, we salute you for the part that you contribute to our campus here at Mars Hill.

Faculty Programs Appreciated

"Those who can do, do; those who can't do, teach." Up until this semester that old belief might have proved itself here on the campus, but we have come to a new day. It is good when members of the faculty, especially the music faculty, realize that students like to have them prove their wares and disprove the old adage.

Gradually instructors in the Music Department are beginning to share their talents with the rest of the college family. Miss Martha Biggers' recent chapel program provided the opportunity for all to hear an accomplished musician who heretofore had played, in public, only church offertories and chapel hymns. Miss Mary Stringfield's performance some time ago during the chapel period was equally delightful. Monday will bring an evening of distinctive entertainment when Miss Edith Bugg gives her recital. Next spring Miss Lucille Sawyer will present as her recital a program of piano music.

On last Saturday afternoon, when three of our faculty members were hostesses to the Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, the theme of the program revealed music as a means for maintaining mental health of teachers. A madrigal group—composed of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Roberts, Misses Edith Bugg and Regina Styles, and Messrs. Emmett Sams and William Cotton—sang several old Christmas Carols which delighted the gathering. Miss Martha Biggers played a piano solo and was rewarded with generous applause from all.

More such enjoyable programs by "those who can" would be sincerely appreciated.

Tribute To Dr. Pierce

For approximately nineteen years Dr. Ella J. Pierce has worked with the Annual Thanksgiving Day Services which are sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. Dr. Pierce initiated this program after she had been at Mars Hill only a short time, and was somewhat apprehensive at the beginning about how it would be received. The first such Thanksgiving celebration here, however, was a real success, and the tradition of the early-morning singing, the pilgrim costumes and the chapel services, has lasted.

Each year Dr. Pierce has the help of the Music Department and of several students in the execution of this program. She, herself, however, has always made the "Pilgrims" aprons and caps, and formerly made the stiff black hats worn by the men, until permanent hats were purchased.

We appreciate the faithfulness of Dr. Pierce in all that she undertakes, and especially in such activities as the Thanksgiving Day Services, for only a few realize the large part she contributes to their continued success.

Dyer's Dubious Doings

By Jack Dyer

'Tis a grand feeling to be seated again at my trusty typewriter, my feet firmly planted on the desk, and to be writing this "dirt" column without worrying about rhyming words, systematic verses, or whether the last stanza conforms to the rules governing iambic pentameter rhyme schemes, or whether it falls in that atrocious "Jackambic Dyerameter" routine. At any rate, dear reader, I attempted last week to prove to the English Department that other great poet's names might remain permanently embedded in the brains of the students besides Toe, Smelly, and Feats.

Chuck Lunsford was so sure that Lois Keller's package from home was a box of candy that he took it upon himself to open the box without the permission of the fair lady. After opening the box, his face was almost as "pink" as the article therein!!!

It seems that our "Amigo Cubana," Jose Alvarez, escorted Miss Joan Nivens to B.T.U. last Sunday evening, and to his dismay, all that the young lady could talk about was that wonderful, handsome, adorable, Frank Lawton. Quote: "The little stinker, he dares to date another woman!"

Mary Ann Lancaster is quite worried over her predicament. All year she has cast those beautiful eyes in the direction of Frank Ingle. Frank happens to be a "PHI" and naturally cannot take Mary Ann to the better of the two anniversary programs. Seriously looks as if the Mars Hill Cupid will bite the dust over this "all too important issue."

Carl Isaacs, President of the Veterans Club, Hilltop Staff, G.O.P., and C.I.O., is on the prowl looking for characters who will be "flush" this week-end. A certain li'l red-head from U.N.C. may drop in for a week-or-two and the "cash" has to be available. Things are tough all over, Carl!

It looks like Greek on the surface, but I'll bet a lot of students can decipher this one. You see, J. C. and R. C. have been hitting it off pretty well this year. P. C. dropped in at the Hill on the Q. T. So J. C. because of P. C. might have had it with R. C. Do UC? (PU)!

B. B. Lance stated last week that all he wanted Santa to bring him on Christmas was a written statement that Ocho and Spizrink would be allowed to remain as the pets of "Landers Fraternity." I can think of a mighty cute li'l dish that he is dating that I would rather have asked Santa for! Lance, what is it going to be, the dish or the dog?

In closing, I want to point out one of the bravest men on the campus. Ed Stokes has plainly voiced his opinion to Angie Woodruff and others pertaining to these stupidly long dresses and malicious black stockings. Gals, you might show off your personalities to a better advantage in plain white cotton stockings. At least they are different also! What was wrong with the old "Nylon-Naturals" gals? They suited the male tastes to a "T" and I understand that they are cheaper than these other aggressive 1948 "mourning models."

Eu-Nonsense

As city notes piled in their designated places, an air of excitement spread over the campus. Nons and Eus were seen dashing hither and yon frantically procuring last minute necessities for Joint Meeting, Anniversary, and Reception. As usual, Walt Crawford was seen "borrowing" anything and everything! I shall never forget the frantic methods by which Ruth Childs secured her Voluntary (?) Manpower. Frank Lawton was broken-hearted because he couldn't take all of his SPs to Anniversary and Reception. "Gem" Caudill for the past week has been walking starry-eyed around the campus... couldn't be because a certain Joe Frank Hamilton was soon to arrive on campus. Another of those starry-eyed gals was our dear Non president, Iris—and we're sure that was because of Sam's appearance on the scene. Betty Steelman was seen weeping 'cause she couldn't be with her one and only Charlie! Lucky Lois and Chuck—both vice-presidents.

That look in Audrey Hanes' eyes couldn't be attributed to the fact that a certain student from Wake Forest, Norman Ferrell, was here to escort her to Anniversary and Reception! She looked lovely in her white net dress with taffeta top. Pollyanna Gibbs couldn't let Anniversary and Reception go by without her and it was good to have her chatting gaily about everything and nothing. Polly Yandell looked more starry-eyed

than usual as she directed the program in Clio-Phi hall.

Dean Burgin looked lovely in that rose taffeta, and that other look she had could be that Ned Noblett, of Marion, and student at W.C.T.C., was here to escort her to Reception.

Mary Anne Thompson captivated the eyes of all in her white formal with net skirt and crepe top. Mary Fulk had that S. P. of all girls, Bill Stapleton, as her escort, and didn't they look cute? That surprise on Thursday night, just before Anniversary, of the Nonpareil sisters presenting flowers to their Euthalian brothers added that "little extra" to Anniversary.

Little "Jed" Daughtridge helped everyone do everything, and what could have been done without Mr. Llewelyn, of Belk's Department Store in Asheville, lending spotlights and buying unobtainable materials! This time, Ann Williams was disappointed that she was on program at Reception, for it kept her from being escorted by "D." Polly Yandell got this honor in her place.

The fainting at Anniversary was certainly realistic!!! Jack Dyer and his "strictly from hunger combo" really did a bang-up job at Reception.

The array of gay and colorful gowns and happy Nonpareils and Euthalians was the climax of a wonderful Anniversary and Reception.

Clio-Phi Joint Meeting

One would hardly have recognized the regular Clio meeting Thursday because the room was filled to overflowing with, not only Clios, but with Phis and many former Clios and Phis.

The president, LaVerne Austin, cordially welcomed everyone present. After a song the chaplain led the group in the afternoon devotions. A Thanksgiving program, consisting of music, poetry, and skits, was presented under the direction of Phil Weeks and Miriam Weddle. The program also included impromptus—some embarrassing and others that were funny.

Many society songs were sung, and everyone left the Hall in true Clio-Phi spirit, with great anticipation for Anniversary and Reception.

Clio and Philomathia

Extend Congratulations to

Nonpareil and Euthalia

in this

Anniversary- Reception Period