

Greetings
To New
Students

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To Our
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Societies Elect Officers

Societies are again in the limelight as they begin their Forensic terms with the election of officers.

The Eus are off to a good start by electing Cecil Porter from North Wilkesboro as president, backed by John Wallace, vice-president. Cecil is an active member of the IRC, vice president of his Sunday school class and house president of Brown Dormitory. Ted Murphy, secretary; Phil Phillips, censor; Julius Mahan, chaplain; and Harold Boiter, treasurer, were also elected.

The Phis chose Malcolm McConnell from Newport News, Virginia, to lead their group. Malcolm is a member of the IRC and a college marshall. Glenn Flack was elected vice-president and Ray Hodge, secretary. Burke Morris, Excel Duncan, and Fred Lowdermilk were elected censor, chaplain, and treasurer, respectively.

Girls' Officers

Ruth Cadd of Roanoke, Virginia, was originally elected president of Nonpareil, but resigned because of her health. Jeanne Alexander from Charlotte is now heading the Nonpareils, with Carolyn Clarke as vice-president. Jeanne holds the vice-presidency in three organizations: Scriblerus Honor Club, Volunteers for Christ, and Forensic Club. Marie Smithwick was elected secretary; Nelle Bailey, censor; Audrey Hanes, chaplain; and Laura Beatty, treasurer.

The Clios elected Miriam Weddle from Roanoke, Virginia as president. Miriam is a member of YWA and Volunteers For Christ. She is also a member of the IRC. Other officers elected were: Rosalind Stroud, vice-president; Carol Frenenburg, secretary; Jeanne Hamilton, censor; Willorie Young, chaplain; and Betty Sullivan, treasurer.

During the Forensic term the main events of the societies will be tryouts for commencement speakers, joint meeting of Clio and Nonpareil, and several teas.

Seven Graduate Sixty-five Enroll

Mr. Huff has announced that seven students will be eligible for graduation from Mars Hill College upon satisfactory completion of their semester examinations. Because these students will finish their prescribed course of study in the middle of the year, they will be invited to return to Mars Hill in the Spring to receive their diplomas and participate in the graduation exercises. Any student not desiring to return for the exercises may request that his diploma be mailed to him.

The following students will be eligible for diplomas: Mary Catherine Loggins, Audrey Marr, Elva Parker, Rose Mary Rommel, Sim Wilde, Leonard Rollins, and James C. Stanfield.

It is also reported that approximately sixty-five new students will be enrolled for the second semester.

Hilltop Announces

The next edition of the HILLTOP, February 7, will be CI Edition. All material and make-up will be products of CI genius and effort. If you had experience on your high school paper, or if you have interest without experience, come to the staff meeting in Moore 22 at 6:30 on Tuesday, January 27. Talk with the editors or advisers personally also.

For the issue of April 10, the staff with the cooperation of the student body expects to publish in magazine form the literary edition. Essays, short stories, poems, and other types of material are solicited. You will hear more about "creative" work; but in the meantime turn in what you have. The dead line for submitting original drafts of manuscripts is February 18.

'48-'49 Room Reservation

Beginning on Monday morning, February 2, at 8:00 o'clock, students may come by the President's Office and reserve their rooms for the 1948-49 session. A student may hold the room which he is now occupying if he will sign up for it before Saturday, February 7. A room cannot be reserved until the necessary \$5.00 room deposit is paid. If you are already in one of the college buildings, then the \$5.00 which you paid last year will reserve a room for the 1948-49 session.

M H C Students Publish Poetry

Courses Added To Curriculum

Several courses will be added to the curriculum of studies during the second semester at Mars Hill. These classes are presented for the convenience of students entering Mars Hill second semester, and also for those students who are required to repeat a particular course. Beginning courses will be offered in most subjects.

In the Business Department, Miss Bingham will teach accounting 11 and business English. Mr. Chapman will conduct classes in typing 11 and office practice. Biology 11 and history 11 under the direction of Mr. Ashworth and Mr. Cotton, respectively, will be available. Also, a course in modern history is to be instigated. In the English Department, Mr. DeShazo will teach a daily class in English 11. Mrs. Watson will teach English 23 and English 11 during the spring semester. Two math 11 classes will be taught by Mr. Ford and Miss Edwards, and Mr. Lance will be the teacher for math 13.

Three two-hour courses will be offered during the second semester. A course in public school music will be taught by Miss Bugg, while Mr. Roberts will be in charge of the class in harmony 11. Mr. Lee's economic geography class and Mr. Wood's course in geology will meet two hours each week.

Jackson And Hanes Authors

Again Mars Hill College has gained national recognition of achievement through the efforts of its high thinking students.

The National Poetry Association, Los Angeles, California, publishes the Annual Anthology of College Poetry, *America Sings*. This anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every state in the country. The selections for publication are made from thousands of poems submitted.

Robert C. Hanes and Donald R. Jackson have this year reflected credit upon their Alma Mater by having had their poetical contributions published in *America Sings*. Bobby Hanes of Charlotte, graduated from Mars Hill in 1947, after having been an outstanding religious leader here. He was also prominent in forensics and athletics. He is at present continuing his education at the University of North Carolina.

Don R. Jackson of Raleigh, is a CII at Mars Hill and has been particularly outstanding in dramatic presentations here this semester. Those who know "Don" well are familiar with his numerous poems covering a very extensive selection of subjects.

Copies of these two poems are quoted elsewhere in this edition of the paper.

Honor Clubs Elect Officers

As a new semester hid just around the corner, many of the honor clubs held their first meeting of the new year last week with the election of officers serving as the main topic of business for several of the clubs.

Members of the **Business Club** presented a program on the topic, "Wanted: Good Office Workers." Those taking part on the program were Wayne Finger, Bill Martin, Mary Marshall, Jean Thomason, and Bill Dunn. After the business meeting, a short social period was held in Huffman parlor.

After a program on the theme, "Turn Over A New Leaf," in which original stories and poems were read by some of the members of the **Scriblerus Club**, the following officers were elected: president, Everett Kivette; vice-president, Betty Pringle; and secretary-treasurer, Mahala Cochran.

At the meeting of the **Spanish Club**, Miss Councilman, a missionary to Paraguay, spoke on the customs of Paraguayans and showed the club many interesting examples of the art and craft of the natives of Paraguay. The new officers for the Spanish Club are: president, Paul Campbell; vice-president, Doris Barnett; secretary, A. C. Snow; treasurer, Jean Daughtridge; and critic, Jose Alvarez. (Continued on Page 4)

MHC OBSERVES MISSION WEEK

On Mars Hill college campus the week of January 12-16 was Mission Study Week. The Young Women's Auxiliary brought to the college two missionaries from foreign fields: Miss Pearl Todd, known as the "little missionary," who spent twenty years in Chefoo, China, and Miss Estelle Councilman, a former Mars Hill student, now on furlough from South America. The visitors spoke each day at chapel assemblies, conducted vespers and prayer services, and held conferences with individual students. Miss Todd also went to Barnardville to address the W. M. S. there.

Miss Todd, is originally from Valdosta, Georgia. She attended Bessie Tift College and graduated from the Baptist Training School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Arrival In China

In 1922 she sailed for China where she studied one year in Peking. Afterwards she went to Chefoo, American naval base in China, and became the principal of a Chinese school there. This position afforded her the opportunity of doing both educational and evangelistic work with the young people of Chefoo. The work progressed until January 1938, when the Japanese took Chefoo. For four years the school continued under the supervision of the Japanese army.

It is interesting to know that a Sunbeam Band in Virginia initiated the fund which led to the

establishment of Miss Todd's school.

In Miss Todd's messages to the students she told many interesting customs of the Chinese. Among these is the question they always ask. She said it is an honor to be asked, "And what is your great and honorable age?" Her answer was, "And in China — I always tell them."

Miss Todd came back to the States on the first return voyage of the *Gripsholm*. She arrived at her home in Valdosta in August 1942. Now she is impatiently awaiting the Foreign Mission Board's orders to return to China, her work, and the people who have become her own.

Miss Councilman attended Mars Hill College 1936-38. From here she went to Carson-Newman, graduating from there in 1940. In 1941, Miss Councilman entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where she prepared herself further for her life's work. During the summers, Miss Councilman worked for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina doing summer work.

Work In Paraguay

After Miss Councilman went to Argentina in 1943, she spent a year studying the language. She remained in Argentina for two and one-half years. From Argentina, Miss Councilman went to Paraguay, where she remained for two years. She helped start the

work in Paraguay, and after seeing the need there, she started a Baptist Book Store and Center. The name of the book store is "El Faro," the lighthouse. It is the only evangelical book store in Paraguay and serves all evangelical denominations with supplies. The Baptist Publishing House in Argentina furnishes this store with books and supplies. Because the store also carries school supplies and other materials, many contacts are made that would not otherwise be made. Tracts and pamphlets are given out to all who visit the store. The Baptist Center, which is a part of the book store, has a lending library, magazines, and a reading table. Many professional people who come in to read the North American magazines have through this reading had their eyes opened to the need of religious freedom.

Visual Education

At the Center, classes in English are taught; conversation is carried on with those taking English; children are taught; and visual education is helping to reach many people. Evangelistic services are held in connection with projected strip films and slides, and the pastor of the church explains the pictures as they are shown. These are only a few of the things that Miss Councilman helps with in her work on the field.

She left Argentina December 10, and will remain in the United States for one year on furlough.

Registration Notice

CII: Monday, Jan. 26, 1:30-5:00.
CI: A-L, Tuesday, 8:30-12:30; M-Z, Tuesday, 1:30-5:00.
No student should change courses or sections without first consulting the Dean and the head of the department involved.
Classes begin at 8:00 A.M. on January 28!

Patriarch Passes

Many a tear will fall, and many a heart will sigh at this, the end of a memorable era inside Mars Hill College gates. For the past three years there has been among the dwellers on the "Hill" one who has apparently become fixed in the love of students and faculty, and who, or so it appeared, would always and for aye remain as familiar and as necessary on Mars Hill campus as the unclaimed books adorning Spilman porch.

But alas! All this was only a fantasy, only a dream. Not even the discovery of a hot plate or the silence of a dormitory room buzzer could sadden an individual to as great a degree as this unspeakable loss which the whole campus faces at the end of this first semester—the passing of Rollins: and it's about time!

Our consolation comes from D. T.: like the poor, him we have with us always.