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Grades, Grades, and More Grades

"Set your eyes on a star" someone said. That is exactly what Mars Hill College students have done, but unfortunately that star seems to be grades. Temporarily we have forgotten the "almighty dollar," our so called "S. P's.", and many other rising stars, in one vain clamoring about grades. During the recent examination period almost the sole topic of conversation was what Mr. Wood GAVE someone, or what Dr. Pierce GAVE another person, and on and on until all of the Mars Hill faculty have given grades; that is, according to conflicting reports.

While grades are important, no doubt, we must not lose sight of the fact that we are supposed to be in college to learn something. This fact seems to be totally forgotten. It is time that we, as college students, realize that our grades will be of little significance when it falls our turn to guide the world into principles of peace, co-operation, and truth. We must be educated to the greatest degree if we are to rebuild a lost world into a peaceful world. If we must discuss grades, we should also bear in mind that those figures are what we GAVE ourselves.

People Who Need Choking

There are people on this campus who need to be tarred and feathered. Shootin' is too good for them. The persons in question are those who go to the library, pick up a new magazine, and proceed to tear out all the pictures that they think will add glamour to the walls of their rooms. Not only is this done to magazines; it happens to every book that contains a picture that could possibly be considered a pin-up.

Officials of the library complain that there are those who evidently believe that certain magazines are subscribed to just for their benefit. At least, they walk into the reading room and appropriate any one that takes their fancy. These things would be overlooked in a kindergarten, but they are considered bad taste in a college.

The library is now running at its peak. It contains well over two hundred thousand selected books and bound periodicals. The staff has been enlarged to take care of the increased student body, and a man is now able to get personal help for any work he has to do.

With this humming activity come the headaches of any fast-moving process. Some can be cut down, if not entirely eliminated, with cooperation from those who use the library. From the **Clemson Tiger**, January 13, 1949.

(Note: We should emphatically like to add to the condemned group those persons who underline in books and magazines the phrases or sentences which impress them. Respect for books is a mark of culture. The Staff.)

MHC Utopian Registration Advances Smoothly

The scene was the Charles M. Wall Science Building at Mars Hill College Utopia and the time was the 25th day of January. Registration for the second semester was smoothly and rapidly taking place. Travel back with me in your imagination to that place and date. Ready! All right, that's on, let's take a close peak at the goings-on in that building. Wonder if anyone we know is here? Why yes, here comes Bob Fleet, quiet and subdued as usual and close behind him is Jim Bryan, alone of course. And there is Betty Jo Bernard, meek as ever, who has just come in to announce in her sweet falsetto that Mrs. Moore sends word from the Bursar's Office that students can take their time about paying for the next term, as the college is in no hurry to have fees paid.

As we walk on through the crowded rooms we wave to Miss Cowan, at the Science Department table; we speak to Willard Callis of the strictly Yankee accent; and we see Clyde Moody fooling around in that lazy manner of his. Here and there we spy the usual couples, such as Willie Baskett and Margaret Lee; Jean Deal and Boyd Gaskins, and Edgar Ferrell and Netta Sue Caudill.

Up on the second floor landing we find a female quartet giving out with some school songs. The quartet consists of Beverly Cline, soprano; Gretchen Rufty, alto; Margaret Lee, tenor and Barbara Myers, bass. And there are those faithful Society members. Let's see; the best, Shirley Schellenberg proclaiming that Clio is the best, and right in front of her is Janice Aiken firmly stating that Nonpareil is always on top. Tonight, if you look hard enough, you will see every one of these people and quite a few more besides, soaking their feet in large buckets of warm water. Isn't Registration invigorating??? Yes, you might have seen the events described—but you didn't.

Hilltop Announces Plans for C-I and Literary Editions

The **Hilltop's** next edition, February 12, will be the C-I issue. All material and make-up will be the product of C.I. genius and effort. At a recent meeting of the **Hilltop** staff the following were elected as the C-I staff: Peggy Jones, editor-in-chief; Jeanne Hamrick, associate editor; Wanda Taylor, feature editor; Mary Anne Summers, circulation manager; Al Bright, Winnie Pringle, and Eddie Breland, advertising managers; Paul Barwick, boys' sports writer; and Gerry Fossum, girls' sports writer. This group will need assistance from the C-I class, so anyone who has had newspaper experience or who would like to write for this edition is asked to contact some member of the editorial staff.

For the April 9 edition, the regular staff will join with the entire student body in presenting in magazine form the annual literary edition. Essays, short stories, all types and forms of poetry, and other clever articles written by members of this year's student body will be published. It is hoped that all Mars Hill students will "have a go" at trying to write something "creative." The deadline on material will be February 25.

Make The Most of it

As you take up your books again to go back to the routine of classes, are you satisfied to have this coming semester be just the same as the past one? Are you content with the grades you made, and the work you have done? Could you have done better if you had tried a little harder? Perhaps there are some who say that they are satisfied with what they have done and others who say that they did the best they could, but these are not many. Many of us have learned a valuable lesson in the past few weeks. We have learned that the best way to study for an exam is to start studying at the beginning of the semester and to study each lesson as it comes up. We have learned that it doesn't take many unprepared lessons to lose oneself in a course and that one cannot learn very many lost lessons the night before the exam.

So, as a new semester brings a new chance to prove what we can do, let's try a little harder to do work that we will be proud of when the next exam grades are posted. Let's be sure that whether we make an "A" or a "C" it will represent our best efforts. We have a new semester and a new chance—Let's make the best of it.

Impromptu

Greetings, all you solid survivors of those seven Aff exams! Here we go on the final semester for many of twice us; these next few months will prove several things Lions will; Sidney Barker pop the question to Jean Mosteller Gard; Will Martha Maxwell and Floyd Gill make history a night. Hill MHC with their quality point making? Will Bob Scall Hill Ted Adams, Allan Chandler, or someone else win Jeal 43. Steven's heart? Will Rose Bullard trim all her cruse The down to that one "certain one"?—Time will tell! start.

Although January is about gone, many people are sank still making resolutions. For instance Elsie McFarland ner-W vows she is going to stop chasing men—to prove he into t sincerity she's only gonna use handkerchiefs with per half prove fume instead of ether. "Blinkey" Martin claims he's Gard victims around here. Marion Homan declares everything scorin is going to be "Sonny" from now on. rack

What's this we hear about Bonnie Casey having a score crush on Sam T.? You know there are quite a few Hill, outstanding C-I romances on the campus: how about Soc Harold Newman and Nancy Glosser, or Nancy Mc under Cracken and John Claypool! Just about the quietes starte couple around here is Barbara Davis and Bill Bennett way 1 (Good going, Bill; I've got a liking for girls named a tot Davis too.) Right here would be a good place to war conte Ila Graham and Dan Stallings—holding hands now won't enoug leave anything for marriage!!! Looks like Pearly's new put t boogie cut has attracting powers; right Barbara?? Can't final figure out why Don Wilfong and David Gaines won't in Webb the local lasses a chance. The SPHC (Society for preventin Hoarding of Charms) will get you boys.. game

Overhead: Mr. Wood asking Lorraine Bennett, "What Ma Is Newton's law of universal gravitation?" Sister Ben 7, Hark nett: "Every body in the universe attracts every other Pierc body with a force proportional to the square of the other's distance between them." Mr. Wood: "Can you give an example?" Many examples I have observed in the Dunr shadows around here lately—to mention a few: J. B. 5, H & J. D., D. C. & W. B., A. S. & J. M. Ham Whit

Jerry Stephens seems to be making history lately. Total "Tis said that she is making plans for a debate, Re Of solved: There ain't no fairies. Jerry is requesting the M affirmative and all because some little elf or elves took Be it upon themselves to perform operation "clean-up" in Jerry's room while she "slaved" at her office. The question is: "Who done it."

The spy hunt has intensified lately so I hear. A word Be to the wise is sufficient!!! So long—

We Hear From Other Campuses

George Washington HATCHET

The George Washington University **Hatchet** stated in a recent issue that the 1949 annual, **The Cherry Tree**, will retail for \$1.50 a copy compared to last year's price of \$4.50. It has a subscription goal of 2,000.

Elon College MAROON & GOLD

The **Maroon and Gold** of Elon College has recently advertised for an editor. In an article stating the requirements of an editor they say: "... any student, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior; male or female is eligible for the office." The only qualifications were interest in the paper and a willingness to work. That's one way to get an editor.

Chapel Hill TAR HEEL

The **Chapel Hill Tar Heel** says that 261 students "flunked out" last quarter. "This does not include those who dropped out during the fall term. Figured in percentages, the number of students ineligible to return this quarter was 3.1 per cent of the undergraduate enrollment of 6,144," states **The Tar Heel**. Beware! It happens in the best of colleges.

Lenoir-Rhyne RHYNEAN

Lenoir Rhyne College will be host to the Seventeenth South Atlantic Forensic Tournament. This meeting is scheduled for the early part of March.

Mount Airy HIGH SPOT

The **Mount Airy High Spot** in their December issue had a back page which was completely filled with ads. Their financial books must be in the black. We wonder how they do it.

News From Princeton

In the January issue of **What the Colleges Are Doing** published by Ginn and Company, it is stated that Princeton University has a new grading system. "Henceforth," Dr. Jeremiah S. Finch said, "a student who fails a subject will not have to repeat the course or an equivalent course. His overall performance instead of individual course grades will be the criterion for determining whether a student should be allowed to continue at college." He goes on to say, "We are emphasizing a qualitative rather than a quantitative concept of education. When, oh, when will this happen at MHC?"