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## College Students Too?

### TO EACH HIS OWN

"I don't have time to do it. Ask someone else."

Passing the buck is a typical characteristic of the high school student. He is far too busy with superfluous activities to do the things that really count in life. This would not be so fatal a fault if such habits did not persist long after school days have passed. The business and professional world has no room for the duty-dodger. Such an employee would be more of a liability than an asset.

The practice of evading the responsibilities of school life tends to detract from the popularity of a student. No one likes a person who cannot be depended upon to do his own work. The person who passes the buck leaves extra work for someone else.

So if you want to be popular in school and a success in life, remember, "to each his own" work and let each do his own—not yours.

—The Ronoko, Roanoke Rapids.

## Three Busy Days . . .

Thursday started off just like any day when someone is making a trip. There was Nancy Craig rushing to Miss Biggers ten minutes before the bus was due because she had forgotten to get permission to go, and Jug Avant, carry two girls' suitcases, was breaking the etiquette rules which he and Mr. Chapman, the two lone men, had made for themselves for the weekend since they felt so helpless among such a mob of females. Which reminds us of what Miss Ruth said to Mr. Chapman on seeing that he had five girls to chaperone on the Greensboro trip: "Now don't you wish you weren't married?"

The trip to Greensboro was lots of fun for the delegates to the press convention. Wanda Taylor especially enjoyed the bus ride to Asheville, for there was "the cutest driver!" When the group had finally arrived at the Woman's College, had registered and located the dorms where they were to stay, they started preparing for the evening conferences. The next morning was taken up with discussions also—with our Mars Hillians learning about everything from editorials to how to get a date for the luncheon which followed. In the afternoon the group separated, some shopping, others visiting friends. Later, however, the majority of our representatives and some of their friends met and feasted on chop suey and chow mein at the Lotus in town, after which they enjoyed a movie. But that wasn't the end of the evening, for the high spot came when Miss Irene Glass, Dean Lee's former secretary, had the group drop by her apartment at WC for cokes and a grand time looking over annuals, talking with former Mars Hillians, and laughing. (Just ask any of those who went why they were laughing; if they don't get hysterical again, you might possibly get an answer!) The Saturday morning session concluded the conference. At that time officers for next year were elected and other business was enacted.

The group had enjoyed those three days so much they didn't want to return; so two went home, two to Wake Forest, and one remained in Greensboro with a friend for the weekend. There were two more, though, you say—well, its like this—Nancy felt that she should return to Mars Hill to study and Mr. Chapman—well—maybe he'd had enough of those girls. Anyway, he had a big box of flowers, and he surely wasn't planning to wear them himself to the Junior-Senior!

## Most Successful Leader Is Spiritual, Prayerful, Faithful. Tenacious to Task

One of the most inspiring addresses heard by BSU Council members at the recent retreat in Greensboro challenged college students to exhibit worthy Christian leadership. These are some of the thoughts which the speaker set forth.

First and foremost, Jesus is alive. He is alive by the power of God and through to lead us into leadership. It has been said many times that there is a place in the world for every creature. Yes, God gives each of us a unique task, and in that task we are leaders. But what sort of leader?

The most successful leader is a spiritual one, no matter what the task, and a spiritual leader is one whose natural powers have been transformed by the hand of God. If we of Mars Hill College are to be leaders, our leadership must be rooted in our own salvation, else we are unfruitful. Let us always be mindful of our own experience with Christ and then confirm our own salvation by witnessing. Making the opportunities to witness is most important. God may give them to us, but we must make time to take advantage of them. Until we begin to witness, our salvation is as an apple tree without the apples. Donald Cargill said in his hour of execution: "I have gotten me Christ, and Christ hath gotten me the victory." The first requirement then for spiritual leadership is a constant refreshment of the experience of salvation through witnessing.

The second requirement is constant prayer. A college campus is in itself a mission field with much confusion. The responsibilities of such a place are much too heavy without the supporting shoulder of Christ, for we are not meant to bear our burdens alone. A third requirement is the keeping alive of our faith in God's power to transform lives, in a hurry if need be.

That Christ is our Saviour needs no proof; it's self-evident in our inmost soul and requires only a witness of courage and power. The original Christian enthusiasm flowed from a reality, and that reality exists today because Jesus is alive. He, today, just as when he was a man on earth, can enter and transform a life that puts itself in his hands.

The fourth essential requisite of a true leader is tenacity. The story is told of a small drummer boy who was ordered by an officer to beat a retreat. His simple answer came, "My master never taught me to beat a retreat." Instead he sounded the loudest "forward march" ever heard on that field, and his army won the victory. This quality of tenacity is indeed essential, and we may receive it by forever remembering that the Lord is risen! Jesus is alive.

—Jeannie Lynn, Guest Editor.

## Could This Be You, Or Are We Kidding?

Write in your Laurel? Of course I will.

"Dear—" (uh—jeeppers—her name! What's her name? I'll play safe and say—"Colleague, will you ever forget" (forget what? I can't remember anything we've done to forget—Hmmm) "the wonderful times we've had this year—" (oh, yes, now I remember her—she's the one that dated my favorite S. P. last Saturday night. I bet she had a wonderful time, doggone it) "It's been nice—" (boy, what a lie) living in the same dormitory with you—" (hey, I sure hope she lives in Edna Moore) "You have a wonderful—" (how do you spell it?) "personelaty. No wonder everybody likes you so much—" (everybody except me, that it) "I'll never forget—" (Oh, oh, there's that forget again. But there's lots of things I'll never forget) "your sweet ways—" (especially around my S. P.) "or your gracious smile—" (that is, your vicious leer) "as long as I live—" (if I happen to die tomorrow). "Love Always—" (No—I can't do it; I'll just cross all this out—there, now I'll do it the right way).

Dear Stinky, Thank goodness there's less than a month before school is out. I don't think I could have stood living around you any longer. In the first place you stole my S. P. right out from under my nose and in the second place I just plain don't like you. So there. Now kindly take your book away and never darken my doorway again. Goodbye.

## Cheezy Tidbits

AH SPRING! What doesn't it do to the soul and woman alike? Jane Holtzclaw and Jack Coffey to be enjoying the effects as well as Freddie and Mike McGee and Joann Ferguson, Thom Summers, Jean Stamey, Frank Bowers and Florrie Ann Ted Adams and Jean Stevens, Clyde Polk and Berchtold, Tom Lovelace and Edna Wallace, Glanville and Sarah Peedin, Jim Lambert and Lynn, Dan Fortner and Sara McCall, Joe Moore, BUT CASHWELL, and a few hundred others.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. Dot Dixon and Jo Stiles the cake with what they've been flashing around on their third finger, left hand. And Bill Hines has had a look on his face since spring holidays.

FAVORITE POEM of Margaret Stewart is this:

If love is blind,  
And lovers can't see,  
Then why the heck  
Doesn't someone love me?

THE GIRLS' QUARTET, Jean Jarvis, Marty Tressie Brown, and Cora Mae Rickey, have reported after only one bottle of Hadacol divided among them they feel like new persons. They are ready to do a commercial in praise of that product any time.

THERE SEEM TO BE a lot of song titles that are at Mars Hill:

- "Enjoy Yourself": C-II's.
- "Sitting By The Window": girls when dates are late.
- "Whirlwind": the life lived by Charlie Tomlinson week before Junior-Senior.
- "It Isn't Fair": All those term papers.
- "Perhaps - Perhaps - Perhaps": graduation.
- "Slippin' Around": What Miss Caroline doesn't do.
- "Music - Music - Music": Senior recitals.
- "Some Enchanted Evening": Junior-Senior.

NOW THEN, children, let's settle down for a month and really try to make good grades and our extra-curricular activities interfere with our State of plenty of time for study . . . There's just the thing, senior recitals, honor club banquet, M-Club graduation rehearsals, training union and Sunday picnics, Society Day, Glee Club Concerts, and other things before graduation.

## Here's The Future In A Nutshell

Are you one of those people who have an unobtainable desire to know the future? Are you always around asking your friends what's going to happen Saturday or May 13? If you are, then come to the C-I Clio and Philomathian presidents are being in symbolic marriage to indicate that the two will always be standing together.

And look! Something else is happening on May 8, the new Y.W.A. officers will be installed in Norwood will take Jeanne Mason's place as president. Next we look and see that starting Tuesday we're our lucky, or maybe not-so-lucky, C-II's start for graduation day on May 29.

We're in for some good music, I see. The music are going to be giving their recitals soon.

May 13, the IRC is sponsoring the annual banquet. Our eyes fill with horror and dread as we see the day of May 19; examination time is here again. M-Club boys snub their noses at such a meager picnic are taking off Saturday, May 20, for their regular picnic. We hope nobody hangs himself that day.

After final examinations we see that our numbers are numbered and filled to the fullest. There is the commencement Sermon, Glee Club concert, then, goodbye Mars Hill!

—Freddie Fulghum