

Lowdown on Hilltop

In the fall of 1926 the first Hilltop was printed. Faculty and students put their heads together to establish the first student newspaper. A name was chosen and Mars Hill campus had The Hilltop.

Year after year the editors change and a new staff steps into position, ready to wage the deadline battle. One person remains to face the problems of a new year; the faculty advisor, now Miss Garner and formerly Mr. McLeod.

The paper was established in response to a need brought about by a growing college. What place does The Hilltop occupy on Mars Hill Campus; what gap does it fill? The Hilltop gives recognition to individuals and groups

who participate in campus activities or win distinction in any field of endeavor. It serves to give information to students concerning activities in which they have not participated.

In articles and pictures, it records the growth of the college as well as the college life of Mars Hill students. Because of a lack of an alumni journal, The Hilltop is a link between alumni and the college.

This paper gives any student desiring to participate in the world of journalism a chance to gain experience.

The Hilltop is the campus paper. The co-operation of every person on campus is necessary to its further development and growth.

Opportunity for Talent

Are you interested in journalism or creative writing, but lack the electives to take offered journalistic subjects within your course? At least a working knowledge of journalism can be used in almost any vocation.

The Hilltop is offering two opportunities for people who perhaps have never written for publication before: its CI edition and its Literary edition.

The CI edition, the first paper in February, will be edited and entirely reported by CI's. Those who are interested in helping with this issue should be doing report-

ing jobs on the paper now, gaining experience. The CI edition, while it has some creative writing in it, deals primarily with the interesting presentation of news.

All students are asked to submit short stories, poems, sketches, essays, or other original material to the Hilltop for possible publication in the literary edition of the Hilltop, before the deadline, in February. The English teachers will cooperate in helping students to give their articles a final polishing and will credit their contributions as a substitute for a regular theme.

One More Attraction

Snow covered the Mars Hill Campus for the first time this fall last week end. It was greeted with enthusiasm by students from Florida, Cuba and other regions where snow is a rarity, but the majority of students from more northern states griped bitterly about it. When one is faced with having to trudge around the many hills on the campus, snow loses much of its appeal to the student body.

Along with cold hands and noses, and just plain colds, snow brings a beauty that challenges any other feat of nature. Mt. Bailey wrapped in a blanket of snow stands an impressive exam-

ple of the beauty of the flakes.

Mars Hill under snow can equal the beauty of the campus in any season. The green, rolling hills of summer and the rich autumn hue of the many trees, are considered unparalleled for beauty by many, but when one looks across the slopes the magic of snow surpasses them.

At this moment snow seems the outstanding seasonal beauty of the campus; a few weeks ago it was the colorful leaves, and before that the green hills of summer. The Mars Hill we have come to love is made up of all these beauties.

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PLAIN LIVING AND HIGH THINKING

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The Casual Observer

Ma Nature and a few mid term exams collaborated to make last week one which we wouldn't go through again for three marbles and a Dewey button. Exams have the malign characteristics of spreading the blues; and we require a goodly bit of intestinal fortitude to withstand them. When they are teamed with bad weather, only something slightly less than a human Rock of Gibraltar can resist the urge to throw in the towel.

Letter from Harry

The aforementioned facts have given the Casual Observer a pessimistic attitude. While caught in the middle of an abundant sprinkling of exams and enough cold germs to attract a bacteriologist's attention, one of his boon companions an outstanding hoop artist of the college basketball squad, Ernie Brown, gave him "a why not end it all look" and stated that he had received a personal letter from Harry S. As Ernie is not on the most intimate terms with the "Man from Independence," we accurately deducted that the man of the Pentagon had decided he would look neat in khaki.

Just as we were in the midst of moulding a permanent troubled expression on a face that had already received a raw deal from Mother Nature, Ernie came around to see us again, saying that the government had granted him permission to linger around for six months or so.

Martin Resigns

The resignation of Mr. Martin as manager of the cafeteria came as another bad deal to many students. During Mr. Martin's stay there was plenty of griping about the food, but as our mother used to tell us, that's a healthy sign. When students get too weak to complain, one can safely ascertain the food is bad. Laying aside the feeble attempt at humor we can honestly say that we hate to see him leave. The meals he planned surpassed any we have eaten at other colleges. We wish him much success in his new business.

Mustering up a little cheer it is refreshing to note that so many attended the BSU Convention in Charlotte.

Campus Quips

Mr. Jolley is going to bring up his baby right—by letting him cut his teeth on history books.

The boys up at Melrose study so hard they have road-maps on their eyes.

A lanky girl approached Mother Wilson's door. In she walked and boldly asked, "Can I have late lights?" A small blond in the corner corrected, "May I have late lights?" The lanky girl promptly replied, "What I want is late lights with no grammar thrown in."

Swor Is Optimistic for Future Of Present-day College Students

By Margaret Morgan and Joan Schwab

Those young people who are extremists in self-indulgence may outnumber those who are training in Christian leadership but the latter will outweigh the former when placed on scales of influence.

A statement to this effect was made by Chester Swor in conclusion of an interview with two inexperienced reporters after his chapel talk on Wednesday.

At first Dr. Swor was reluctant to give his opinion about whether the youth, who have turned to riotous living outnumber those who are influences for Christ. He said that many authorities claim that the youth of today are going downhill, basing their opinions on the notoriety given to youth on the front pages of our newspapers. Such offenses as drunkenness, drug addiction, gambling, and juvenile delinquency in general are considered "news" and always receive prominent display in the papers. This is only one side of the picture.

While hastening to add that he does not consider himself an authority on such matters, Dr. Swor did say that in his dealings with many thousands of young people he has seen every day youths that are sincerely consecrated to clean Christian living. Dr. Swor stated that he believes there are more consecrated young people in the world today than ever before.

When asked if this generation would produce good leaders for tomorrow, Dr. Swor said that the religious leaders of tomorrow would definitely be superior to those of today. Asked this same question about politics, he replied that while he could make no definite statements, he had talked to more young Christians in the past few years than ever before who indicated an interest in the field of political science.

Dr. Swor said that for the first time, youth is leading out in religion. Religion used to be considered for adults only, but now the young people are occupying a prominent place in the churches and are also displaying their ability through conferences and conventions which are planned and conducted mainly by the young people themselves.

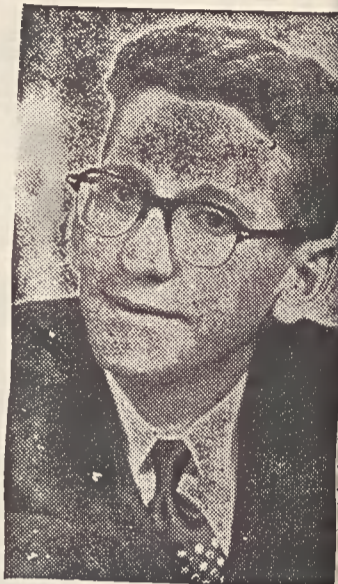
At the close of the interview Dr. Swor said, "I have never had the pleasure of speaking before a more responsive and attentive group of young people than those which I encountered on Mars Hill Campus."

Between the Book Ends

WORLD SO WIDE. By Sinclair Lewis. 250 pp. New York: Random House. \$3. Reviewed by Margaret Morgan.

This, the last novel written by Sinclair Lewis, certainly falls far behind Main Street, the one most critics consider his best, in almost every characteristic of a good novel. Before his death in Italy last January 10, this Nobel Prize winner had published twenty-one novels over a period of thirty-seven years. Since World So Wide made the twenty-second and was his final one, it is unfortunate that this novel should be one of the weakest of all his books.

It is the story of a year in the life of a successful young architect, Hayden Chart, from Newlife, Colorado, who, after his wife's



Alumni Office Has Many Jobs

Holding the secretarial position in the Alumni Office this year is Mrs. Donald Cox. She was a graduate of the '44 class of Mars Hill College. Previous to her present position, she was secretary to the registrar for four years. She was assisted by Miss Kath Wallin. Miss Wallin was a student of Mars Hill in '51.

The Alumni Office is located in the Spilman Dormitory, room 302. Some of the duties of the office are as follows: The records and addresses of all former students are kept on file. Items of interest concerning alumni are clipped from newspapers and filed. Mars Hill College Quarterly, containing alumni news, is published every four months.

The newest and perhaps most active feature of the office is promoting Lions' Athletic Club which was organized July 1951. At present the membership is limited to Western North Carolina but plans are being made to extend it to wherever Mars Hill alumni are located. The purpose of this club is to improve the athletic facilities at Mars Hill. Otis Duck, '37, is president and James R. Cox, '43, is secretary.

The major long term project of the Alumni Association as a whole is raising money for the building of the Robert Lee Moore Memorial Auditorium. Local units are being organized over a wide area and satisfactory progress is being made toward raising the necessary funds to assure the building by 1956, the centennial of the founding of Mars Hill.

death in an automobile accident traveled abroad and remained in Florence, Italy for a year. He was here in Florence that he met and falls in love with Dr. O. Lamond, an assistant professor of history at the University of Michigan. In fact he is serious about the danger of marrying her until a Hollywood professor, Lorenzo Luard, arrives on the scene.

Although this book is inferior to many of Mr. Lewis' other works, it does contain many vivid descriptions of Florentine life, Hayden, and some suspense.