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## Positive Action

United States students generally are not aware that students in other nations, especially in the more under-developed areas, play a significant role in the national lives of their respective countries. While young Americans have become used to being regarded as immature and presently incapable of intelligent action at a responsible level, university students in foreign lands are causing trouble for shaky government cabinets, stabilizing young nations, and leading the surging movement for political and economic independence.

The Cominform has certainly realized the importance of students and their powerful influence in great areas of the world. The Communist-dominated International Union of Students and other Soviet-directed organizations have concentrated heavily on attracting young intellectuals of all countries to their banners. Naturally, their principal focus of money and men has been in the underdeveloped areas.

The way to counteract the bad faith spread by Soviet agents and, more important, to assist as free agents in resolving the problems faced in the e areas, is certainly not to let both the Communists and the problems gain ground by default. To do nothing is to do more than that: it is to retreat from positive responsibility. The good faith of American students will be proved only by working together with students from many countries in the common bonds and for the common aspirations we share with them as young people—the free development of the educational community and the individuals who comprise it, the widening of international understanding and good will, and the promotion of conditions where men and nations can live with freedom and dignity in a world at peace.

Adapted from an Associated Collegiate Press article by William T. Dentzer.

## A Clean New Year

The year 1953 is past history for the world, our nation, and our school. Many very important events have taken place in the past year for us, as a college and as individuals. Mars Hill has seen some of its dreams materialize in the assurance of a new library and a new men's dormitory. These buildings, so important to the growth of the college, have been the prayers of faculty and students for years. In addition to these, the drive for the new Robert Lee Memorial Auditorium is well underway. This drive will extend into the new year.

Parallel with the college's physical growth is the growth of its student body. The past year saw a substantial increase in enrollment. One of the largest C-I classes in the school's history arrived on campus to begin work with the returning C-II class. Throughout the rest of the calendar year, co-operation was a byword.

Although the beginning of the new year is time for a retrospective glance, it is also a time to look to the future. We must evaluate our past mistakes and try to remedy them. First, to the C-I class, we advise that you make the most of every opportunity put into your hands. It is up to you to develop your talents and abilities, for now you are the followers, but tomorrow you will be the leaders. To the C-II class, we admonish that you continue a fine job of leadership; soon Mars Hill will be a past experience for you. The fleeting shadow of time moves on. You must think about what awaits you after graduation. May your choices be wise ones.

The slate of life is clean again. Whether it remains so is up to the individual. Let us all strive to maintain our ideals through the new year.

A college education is a marvelous thing. Here are some of the errors that turned up when a general information test was given at the University of Oregon:

Fjord—a Swedish automobile.  
Iran—Bible of the Mohammedans.  
Nicotine—the man who discovered cigarettes.  
Scotland Yard—two feet, ten inches.

(Adapted from the Associated Collegiate Press)

## Citizens-Times Sponsors Atomic Energy Exhibit

Flashing lights, harsh buzzes, and strange electrical crackling noises made Asheville's City Auditorium a weird place during the three days of January 5-7. The occasion was the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Exhibit, sponsored by the Asheville *Citizen-Times* Company, and attended free by approximately 8,000 people from Asheville and surrounding areas.

Those entering the doors at one end of the huge, rectangular basement room were conducted on a tour of the various exhibits by student guides from Asheville's Lee Edwards High School, Mars Hill College, and several other schools. Each student was stationed at his or her particular exhibit and explained its operation to the viewers as they passed around the room.

First on the program was a simplified lesson in what an atom is and how it is split. Large diagrams equipped with special lights aided the guide's brief explanation, and prepared the audience for the rest of the exhibit. Samples of ore from which uranium 235 is produced, and a large block of the latter were on display, along with a world map showing known deposits of each.

High points of the exhibit were devices such as the Van de Graaff generator, the Wilson Cloud Chamber, a miniature atomic pile, and several Geiger Counters. Members of the audience who had the nerve were invited to "join hands" with the Van de Graaff generator while it built up a tremendous voltage. A mirror was placed behind the volunteer's head so that by turning, he could watch his hair literally "standing on end." The exhibit proved to be the most popular of the show.

Demonstrations of the operation of radioactivity in war and peace were also interesting. A student guide explained the workings of a proposed atomic furnace, while another, using a dummy patient, traced a thyroid disease with the Geiger Counter and radioactive iodine. An actual atomic pile, in which atoms were being split, was exhibited along with devices which registered its inner functioning. Radio-active dimes with a half-life of 22 seconds were made for those who wanted them, and a sound movie on the story of atomic energy completed the program.

## During The Holidays

During the Christmas holidays, the students of Mars Hill College made good use of their time.

Ruby Hodges made a very interesting trip to California. There she saw many radio and television shows. Among them were Art Linkletter's Breakfast Club, Tennessee Ernie's radio show, and Curt Massey's radio show. While touring the city, Ruby saw Jeffrey Hunter, Van Johnson, June Allison and Gail Storm. The most exciting event was the Rose Bowl parade and football game at Pasadena.

Rex Robertson, a resident of Mars Hill and a member of the C-II class, made a trip to Raleigh to inspect North Carolina State College, where he plans to enter in the fall.

Mary Ruth Johnson spent her holidays riding her pinto horse, Calico.

Katy Katasarka visited the beautiful, historic city of Charleston, South Carolina. She stayed at the home of the pastor of the First

## IS THIS THE JOB FOR YOU?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Students interested in journalism as a career, or those who are casting about for a vocation on which to build their plans, should be interested in the following remarks, summarized from an address by Dr. Norval Neil Luxon, dean of the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina, on January 2. We are indebted to the Asheville *Citizen* for the information used.

Speaking on "Training Tomorrow's Newspaperman" before the Midwest North Carolina Press Association, Dr. Luxon stated that he wants good students who can be developed into top-notch newspapermen as badly as a football coach wants good players. He expressed his confidence in the job being done by professional schools of journalism, and asserted that journalism teachers should have supervisory or executive experience on actual newspapers.

In speaking of the School of Journalism at the University, Dr. Luxon invited newspapers and press associations to continue their close co-operation with the School. He declared that he had not been on the job long enough to discuss definite plans for changes in the school, but described new courses on the legal aspects of journalism and on the functions and responsibilities of contemporary journalism. Both will be taught next year.

The new dean came to North Carolina December 1, after twenty-five years at Ohio State Uni-

Baptist Church of North Charleston, which seven Mars Hill students attend.

Many of our ministerial students preached while at home. Kenneth Small and Donald Holland both spoke several times. Curtis Porter preached at a Youth for Christ meeting in Virginia.

Gordon Ripper, Augusta, Georgia, handled a package being sent to President Eisenhower, who was spending the Christmas holidays in Georgia.

Doris Norton received an engagement ring during Christmas holidays.

Dorothy Russell, a Miami, Florida student, enjoyed her Christmas vacation by swimming. Fred Girvin, Gene Allen, and Jose Arias enjoyed the mild Florida weather with water skiing.

Miss Patsy Vaughan of Mullins, South Carolina, became the bride of Thomas White of Mullins, on January 3. The couple resides at 303 Smith Street in Mullins.

## Between The Book Ends

"Verree Teasdale, star of stage and screen presents:" — that is how the introduction to the latest comedy hit on the library shelves reads. *Aren't People Funny* will give you a laugh a line! It contains twenty-one monologues written by Miss Teasdale, who, in her charming portraits of the inhabitants of our quaint world, captures the absurdities and foibles of all of us.

Pick it up, glance through it and you know you'll be in for an hour of really delightful reading! Read it, and you'll roar at the antics of the people you meet every day—and probably manage a grin at yourself.

You'll get the inside story of a husband trying to fill out an Income Tax Form, with the help of Milady; of Mother trying to acquaint Junior with the facts of life; of a typical woman in a shoe store; of Daddy helping Junior with his lessons; of Christmas shopping—in June; of the bride's first dinner; and sixteen other hilarious situations.

Don't miss reading *Aren't People Funny*. If you're the type who believes the whole world is wacky, read it to prove your point; if you're depressed, read it to lighten your spirits; and, if you are the type of guy who loves people, read it for its educational content.

For whatever reason you read it, you'll enjoy it. You'll find it on the shelf in Montague Library.

## TREES

If we could grow as trees grow,  
Unconsciously, quietly;  
If we could but expand and bud  
and bloom,  
Lift up our souls, take in the sun  
and air,  
Bend to adversity as trees bend in  
the wind,  
With no protest save a soft rustling;  
If we could hold the snows of life  
With faith that Spring would  
come again;  
If we could meet defeat with scarlet  
let challenge,  
Let loose the dead leaves of the  
past,  
And wait in patience for new life  
and leaf,  
Then we would not deface God's  
image,  
But take, serene in faith and patience,  
The very little life may bring to  
us,  
And lift it, heaven-lit, to the stars!

—Virginia Musselman.

University, to replace the retiring head of the School, Oscar Coffin. The University's former Department of Journalism has recently become a School of Journalism, with the power to confer bachelor's degrees in that subject.

## The Lion Says:

Don't try  
last minute toil  
And burn  
the midnight oil;  
Do your studying now  
—don't cram;  
There's still a while  
before the exam!