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This Is College

This is college—a life of your own. And you will find it all here—happiness, sadness, sometimes near madness. Each is yours for the asking—and the giving.

There have been and will be nights of indescribable longing of both noble desire and mature need. During these acute first days you will have dreamed dreams of home and perhaps relived those dreams that became realities at home. Tear-stained eyes will tell the story of your lonesomeness and the coldness of an unsympathetic amphitheatre; or your four walls will echo later, with laughter these first days, for the loneliness like everything else, will pass on giving way to things far more admirable, more splendid, and more beautiful, indeed more joyous.

Nevertheless, life is not all roses and sweet stuff. Regret rears its ugly head at every point on this earth. But the chances are it will only stop to say hello to you and then flit away. You will find nights of perfect peace under a perfect sky, and on one fateful evening chances are that the moon may beam its message of love for the perfect co-ed and, come morning, you will grip her hand with an extra special significance. But mostly your life here will turn with the inevitable turning of days and days and more days, dotted with too many classes and too many teachers, till before many months it will all be over.

Yes, this is college. This is Mars Hill. Your days, even your hours, are numbered here. Treat them well. They will return your respect.

Be A Success!

You are here at last! Yes, C-I your dream and the dream of your parents is now a reality. You are attending Mars Hill College. Since you are at college you have added responsibilities.

First, you must think of the debt that you owe to your parents. They have sacrificed much to send you away to school. Your parents are happy to send you to college. They do not wish to be repaid by material means. The only way that you can adequately repay them is to be a success. These are only the beginning weeks of the semester. Nevertheless, it is time to "settle down" and study. Do your best to make good grades. Your parents expect you to make good grades, but they expect you to be a success socially, too. Join a club or society in which you are interested and give your best to it.

Secondly, since you are now a Mars Hill student, you are and will be as long as you live, a representative of the college. You may not represent the college in any contests, but the world judges the college by the types of young men and women that it produces. Mars Hill College is recognized as having one of the highest scholastic ratings among junior colleges. Are you going to lower the world's opinion of Mars Hill College?

You have a responsibility—to your parents and to the college. Be a success.

Our Auditorium

Next year Mars Hill college has a very special birthday, its one hundredth. Few people and not too many institutions round out a century of usefulness and service. Age itself is not always a mark of distinction, but to increase in size and importance with the passing years is an honor worth mentioning. Mars Hill college has grown from the isolated, small school founded ninety-nine years ago on the grass plot in front of what is now Moore Hall into a junior college known far and wide for its high moral standards and excellent academic work. Alumni of the institution are scattered all over the world.

As we plan for our centennial celebration, one project is uppermost in our minds; that is the building of the Robert Lee Memorial Auditorium. The project is sponsored by alumni from all classes, but the two classes now on the campus have a special personal interest in seeing the building become a visible reality, C-II's will be returning to the campus as visitors throughout next year in much greater numbers than ever afterward. The present C-I's are the class of 1956, the first we hope to graduate in the new auditorium.

Let's join the alumni in pushing the campaign for funds to build our auditorium!

Make A Choice; Join A Society

"Is life worth living? Of course it is when you are in Mars Hill Society Life."

"Yes, I know. That is just the big problem. Which of the two societies will it be?"

It surely is a shame that we have to make choices in life, isn't it? Well, at least it would be simpler not to have them to make. But sooner or later you will find your place and then life really will begin.

Driving out to Mars Hill from Asheville the thing that caught the eyes of many was a series of signs reading, "Non-Eu — MHC," or the sign on the curve reading, "Clio-Phi Welcomes You. What on earth could this mean? Now we know that behind these signs lay one of the greatest experiences of college life at Mars Hill. Yes, it was for four outstanding Literary Societies that many C-II's gave up a few days of vacation to come and prepare the friendliest possible welcome for all the C-I's.

At the pep rallies and the meetings this week, didn't you feel that you were experiencing the greatest thrill of your life? And surely you thought you were supremely happy when you sang to the girls on Friday night with one of the groups.

Don't miss out on the great opportunity of joining a society because it is up to you to make your days ahead count for the best, and the way to make them count is to become fully a part of the great adventure of college. Therefore be it resolved in your heart to join with the Hall of Black and Gold or with Blue and White and make a contribution to "Society Life" at Mars Hill, as well as to your own development.

Dorm And Library Are Being Built

On Mars Hill campus there are presently two major construction projects underway. There has been speculation in the minds of many new students concerning the new buildings.

The building under construction down the hill to the right of Melrose dormitory is a new men's dormitory. The Interstate Construction company which is in charge of the building project has announced that the new dormitory is sixteen percent nearing completion.

The new library which is also under construction is located in the valley between the men's dormitories and Marshall highway. The foundation is nearing completion.

The progress of the buildings now under construction depends upon the mildness of the winter season. It is definite that the buildings will be ready for occupancy by the fall term 1955-56.

Plans are being made for a new auditorium on which construction is to begin in early spring. The auditorium will be dedicated to Dr. Robert Lee Moore, whose vision and courage helped to build Mars Hill College.

Anybody and Everybody

Come to Hilltop staff meeting Monday night, September 27, at 6:30.

Faith at Work

By Shirley Bradley

The new school year has started off by a bustle of B. S. U. activities. By now almost everyone is acquainted with the various religious organizations, so get in the swing by participating in at least one of them.

The B. S. U. Council held chapel September 15 and 16. Jack Powers, president, presided. Each member of the council explained or her particular office and plans for the year's activities.

The Listen Fund, which is our opportunity to help spread the Gospel to the people of Europe, is being established again this year. Last year Mars Hill had the distinction of giving a greater amount than any other college in the area. So, when a representative comes around your room one night, give just a little. You won't regret it.

The Ministerial Conference had its first meeting September 16, with seventy members present. Bob Grey, the president, presided. Some of the C-II's gave testimonies concerning their summer work.

Sonnet

Eternity is not so vast or deep
 Once Youth has known the
 magic of this place
 And found its creed the building
 of a race
 Whose minds and souls and
 hearts are sworn to keep
 The statutes of their God. Here,
 hearts are free
 To venture far beyond the
 troubled bounds
 Of worldly cares, and no alarm
 sounds
 A startling knell to dreams the
 years will see
 Made real. Here, flames of faith
 are caused to burn
 And are reflected in the tran-
 quil calm
 Of each new day. Here, Life's de-
 corous psalm
 Is one of growth, and manifest
 concern
 In all that elevates the human
 soul,
 Like sunlight, permeates each
 youthful goal.
 —Shirley Oakes.

Night Thoughts

I am a servant of the night;
 Of the lonely hour
 When unknown voices decree un-
 known meanings,
 When darkness seems almost light.

I am a shadow in the night,
 In the lonely hour
 When strange thoughts focus
 vague fears
 And phantom figures walk on
 padded feet through a mass of
 moonlight.

I hear a whisper, a breeze, a sound
 stirring in the lonely hour
 With a language languid and
 sad—
 At night, at the lonely hour
 When day hovers beyond the dark-
 ness;
 When the earth
 Makes me a servant of the night.
 —Leon Rooke.

Attention!

Students who would like to send the Hilltop to their pastor or other friends may enter their subscription at the Hilltop office, 13 Spillman Annex. Off-campus subscriptions are two dollars per year. The advance in price has become necessary because of rising costs in materials and printing. A personal subscription to the Hilltop is included in the general fee paid by each student.

Hilltops will be mailed to commuting students. If any student does not receive his copy, he should come by the office to verify his address or make whatever adjustment is needed.

Volunteers for Christ had their first meeting of the year Tuesday night. A meditation and program were presented on the theme "Working Together with God through Volunteers." This was part of the general theme for the year, "We are laborers together with God." Following the meeting a brief social period was held.

The primary aim of the Youth Temperance Council this year is "Temperance in living and thinking." Deputation teams will be sent out for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Christ and Christian ideals. Two study courses will be offered this year. One will be available to all students during the B. S. U. study course week. The other will be taught during the regular Y. T. C. meeting.

Y. W. A. held a Campfire Circle on the athletic field Wednesday evening, September 15. An inspirational devotional was brought by Miss Helen Hopkins, the new Y. W. A. counselor. After a hike back to the cafeteria, hot chocolate and doughnuts were served to the group.

A playlet was presented by the Y. W. A. Council on Friday evening, September 17. Those taking part were Shirley Hicks, April Flowers, Vadna DeLoach, Joan Barron, Martha McLeod, Jean Myers, Suretha Knott, and Ada Lee Deacon. A prayer service is held by the Council each Saturday at 12:00 noon in the B.S.U. room.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship is opening its doors to all Methodist or other denominational groups on campus. It meets each Sunday evening during Training Union hour.

The Mission Council had its first service at Moore General Hospital September 12. Ward leaders were Mimi Devine, April Flowers, and Sylvia Corliss. Calvin Kirkman and David Britt were speakers in the two wards. Soloists were Jim Otis, Shirley Coppedge, and Doris Wright.

Your co-operation is desired to make the Mission Council, as well as the other organizations, have the best year yet.

Up to date attendance in all religious departments has been splendid. Plans are being made for a fall revival to be held in the near future. Also, Training Union study courses are being planned. It is hoped that the attendance will remain high. There is much ahead. We urge you not to lose your enthusiasm when homework is extra heavy.

"Choose a Prayer-mate" was the theme of the B. S. U. chapel program held Wednesday and Thursday in C-I and C-II chapel. Everyone was urged to live a richer life by choosing a prayer-mate.