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In First Class Again

Again the *Hilltop* has a first class rating from the Associated Collegiate Press. Maintaining that standing has become a point of pride with successive staffs, since the coveted All-American is, because of timing and publishing complications, just beyond our reach.

Facing temptations to become hasty and careless and opposing the desires of those who would like to use its columns for gossip, gripes, and campus trivia, the staff works to uphold regular newspaper standards. It feels somewhat rewarded by the recognition received and to an extent justified in boasting.

Some comments made by the judges seem worthy of quotation. Supervising judge, Arthur M. Sanderson says "First class ratings have been given only to those outstanding papers which show high quality work in *all* (the italics are his) categories, of coverage, content, and physical properties."

Comments from special judge Wallace Fulton include, "Your paper has a good deal of spirit, reflects an interested staff."—"You do a good job of sustaining reader interest."

Adverse criticisms concerned too many long paragraphs, overuse of passive verbs, and perhaps a tendency to publish too many lists of names. A lack of sufficient tie-in with off-campus events was also noted.

A Courteous Host

Mars Hill is a popular meeting place. Various conventions have met on our campus since the opening of school this year. In addition to the district conventions having met here, the Social Science group of North Carolina Baptist Colleges chose Mars Hill as their convening place. In the next few weeks other groups are coming to our campus. Among them are the District Beta Club Convention and the Schoolmaster's Club. We at Mars Hill feel honored to have these outstanding organizations on our campus.

As host to these groups there are a few courtesy rules we must remember. Mars Hill is noted as being a friendly campus. When you meet a stranger, smile and speak to him. He will remember Mars Hill as being a friendly place and tell others about it. Since we know our way around quite well after being here for two months, it is hard to realize that our guests are not as well acquainted with our campus. If you see someone who looks lost, ask if you can help him find his way. There are the small courtesies, seemingly unimportant, that we often forget. Holding the door open, letting older persons precede you, and not breaking in line are a few of the small things that mean a lot. We should be courteous to our guests, but why not be courteous to each other?

For Our Spiritual Growth

Many opportunities for our spiritual growth are presently at hand. Every one should use these opportunities to the best of his ability. Some have gone to the Baptist Student Union Convention. These students are learning from others. When one has the opportunity he should use the occasion to help better his personality and character, and increase his spiritual growth. One should become a better person from having had these opportunities. Let's hope that no student looks upon the journey to the convention as just a trip, but rather that everyone attending learns facts and lessons from the experience which he may put to use.

By putting the facts and lessons which one has learned to use, one can better his character and form ideals for someone. Reader, apply the principle to yourself. Other people are watching you. Someone may be placing you as an ideal. What you do with your thoughts and education may mean the success or failure of a friend. Would it not be wonderful to know that you had helped someone to be a success?

Classes Are Held In Unique Places

"The mail must go through," shouted the oldtimers in the days of the pony express. As surely as the mail had to go through in spite of the Indians, the classes at Mars Hill must go on in spite of the melted furnace and sudden cold wave.

Everyone has heard of furnaces "blowing up," but few people recall hearing of furnaces "melting down." Nevertheless, that is just what happened to the furnace which heats the gymnasium and Moore Hall. Since English, history, and business classes gather at regular intervals in Moore Hall and physical education and hygiene classes gather in the gym, something had to be done. To the despair of many students, temporary meeting places were found for most of the classes.

As the paper goes to press, classes are meeting in every nook and corner on campus. Latin classes seem to monopolize the galvanized iron building, mis-called the "old tin building" by those who do not know the chemical facts. Many of our group are honored by having classes in the Blue Room in the cafeteria. This room is usually reserved for special club meetings and banquets. The north and south balconies of the cafeteria are the envied meeting places of shorthand and Spanish classes. Those meeting in the cafeteria are especially lucky, since they can be first in line when the lunch bell rings.

The society members who aspire to visit their "cousins down the hall" are having their chance now. The programs this week are somewhat different from the traditional literary type, however.

Competition is "stiff" between the instructors who are holding classes simultaneously in the north and south wings of the auditorium.

Classes must go on! It is experiences like these aside from the daily routine that will be remembered in the years to come.

Between The Book Ends

God's Country and Mine, a declaration of love, spiced with a few harsh words, is the title of Jacques Barzun's recent work. Taking the seasons of the year, Barzun builds his story in an interesting manner. The four parts of his book are "Spring, or Getting and Spending"; "Summer, or Sitting and Thinking"; "Autumn, or Carping"; and "Winter, or Loving."

Jacques Barzun is a Frenchman by birth but gained American citizenship in 1933. A regular contributor to many major periodicals, he concerns himself in his writings with those phases of thought and culture that he feels are dominant in the modern world. He is a man who accepts his times and loves his country, writes wisely, wittily, and dramatically about the experiences, common and uncommon, that a mid-century American encounters on our soil. Here are the challenges, stimulations and deep satisfactions that make him call America "God's country and mine."

Faith at Work

By Shirley Bradley

No matter which way you turn, someone asks for money. fact is realized, but cannot be helped. This time it is the mission wagon. Could you dig down in your pocket and find a few cents to help pay for insurance on the station wagon. It is vitally needed, the Mission Council is doing great things. Can't we help them?

Collections for the "Listen Fund" were taken up last week in the dormitories. Mars Hill College led the campuses in the state with its gifts to this campaign. Why don't we make it our goal to do it again this year? Just put a penny-a-day in the little bags that were given you. You won't even miss it!

Y. W. A.

"Oh what is it that is calling,
In the mountains, by the sea
In the night time, in the day time,
Ever calling unto me?"

Oh my soul, can it be
It is God, and he is calling,
Ever calling and a-calling
Ever calling unto me?"

This question was predominant as the picture of Japan's needs were presented to the Y. W. A. on Friday evening, October 29, in the lower auditorium of the church. Each girl found herself asking God, if He was calling her into some realm of missionary work. May our prayer be to hear and answer this ever pleading call to His will and for His glory.

Join Brotherhood

Men need to learn missionary responsibility, too. Fellows who believe that brotherly love can help the present world conditions get together in Brotherhood to eat, share fellowship, and try to orient themselves for Christian living. Don't you want to be a member?

Volunteers for Christ met October 19 in the new church with about 50 people present. A meditation and program on prayer were presented. Jane Blake was elected third vice-president and will be in charge of devotions for the meetings. The next meeting will be a joint meeting of Volunteers and Ministerial Conference on November 18.

M. S. F. Plans Activities

The members of the Methodist Student Fellowship is busy making plans for their year's activities. Twenty-three members are enrolled in M. S. F. and Miss Helen Hopkins is their advisor.

The Greater Council met last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the church. This council is made up of all persons holding any religious office. They discussed plans for the year and talked over various problems.

The theme for the B. S. U. Convention at Salisbury this weekend is "Toward Twentieth Century Discipleship." Let us pause for a moment to pray for not only the Mars Hill delegation, but each college represented. Some outstanding speakers are participating in this convention. Among them are two former Mars Hill students, Jim Greene and Paul Stouffer, summer missionaries to Jamaica.

Plans are underway for Religious Focus Week to be held February 14-18. Mr. Bill Cody, associate director of Baptist Student Union work, visited our campus last week and got things organized for this week. Com-

Historic Mistake Caused By Name

(Ceicle Vaughn, Mars Hill) now representing us on the campus of the University of South Carolina, is apparently having an interesting time if one can judge from the following item from a university paper.—Editor's note

History was made Tuesday night at the halls of the Euphradian Society on the third floor of Preston. For perhaps the first time since the society was founded in 1805, a woman took part in society's debate.

Miss Ceicle (pronounced Ceicle) Vaughn, a junior who transferred this semester from Mars Hill Junior College, received an invitation to a Euphradian smoker. The invitations were placed in boxes of all male students, but Miss Vaughn's name apparently baffled the invitation committee.

The history major from Greenville took the stand of the Conservative Party in upholding the action of the state Democratic Executive Committee in nominating Edgar A. Brown for senator.

Miss Vaughn, who was once a member of the men's dormitory at Mars Hill, appeared and enjoyed the meeting.

First Snowfall

The earth itself lies quiet and still;
Tall pines bend low on evening hill.
O that the world might know the whispered call
Of peace brought by the first snowfall!

—Shirley Oakes.

The world is not a "prison house" but a kind of spiritual kindergarten, where millions of bewildered infants are trying to spell God with the wrong blocks.

—E. A. Robinson.

Committees were appointed and meetings were held to make plans. Mr. Cody explained what Religious Focus Week is, in chapel, and he also spoke at the Sunday night service, October 24. More will be heard about this later.

Guest speaker for the fall revival which will begin tomorrow evening, is Dr. Forrest Feezor who led Christian Focus Week last year. Let's try to fill the church each evening to hear this great speaker. None of us is so busy that we cannot give one hour to God every night for one week. Let's all come and have a great time together.