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A Time For Change

A transition time has come. Yes, the cycle of a semester revolves again. With it comes the consequences of examinations, students leaving, new students enrolling, and registration for second semester.

This time can well be a time of self-evaluation as the semester ends and examinations are begun. Each one comes to realize that this is his last chance to improve or impair what he has done during the past semester. The grades will be made and will be a standing part of your record from this time forth. A word of advice (that which we all give so freely and seldom heed) is think clearly, keep calm, and study hard during the few remaining hours before your "Waterloo."

To the thirty-eight new students we say "Welcome." May you soon get into the spirit of Mars Hill. To those students leaving we wish the best of everything in life. We apologize for not being our best to you at all times. We are glad that we have known you and will cherish your friendship always.

Registration may mean only a long while standing in line or just a lot of trouble. It is not being fair to yourself if you have such an attitude. Why not think seriously? One should not choose a course because it is thought to be easy. One should not seek an easy course, rather seek one that offers a challenge.

All of this is a part of an old semester's ending and a new one's beginning. Do your best in the future. Profit from past experiences.

Are You Fighting?

(Editor's Note: This editorial is published as a part of the March of Dimes campaign. It is from the Public Relations Department of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.)

The value Americans place upon the life and dignity of each individual is not just a civics course platitude. It is a genuine and unique characteristic of our society.

Those of us who have traveled abroad—as tourists or servicemen—know that in many lands the sight of the miserable and ill, huddled in alleys and doorways, is so common that it passes almost unnoticed. In the United States the life or death of a single person may become a matter of national concern . . . a young girl lost in the woods, a kidnapped baby, a child trapped in a well.

We do not attempt to put a price on a single life nor the value of mending it. We know that here we are dealing with the priceless.

Similarly, we refuse to accept the inevitability of disease and suffering. We band together and fight them. An outstanding example of this is the fight against polio through the March of Dimes.

In this fight millions of men and women, believing in their individual importance and in their collective strength, have joined hands in typical American fashion. They move forward with unfailing determination, buttressed by the knowledge that today's research is pointing the way to tomorrow's victory.

For the fight against polio . . . for the task of mending lives . . . give to your 1955 March of Dimes.

Take Inventory

A new year, a fresh start, another semester, and, yes, more resolutions are all part of our experience this season. To be sure, everyone looks forward to the time when a backward glance can be taken to the glorious past and a renewed effort can be made for a brighter future. All want to feel that they have a place where they can begin again and aim just a little higher.

In considering your record for 1955, take unto yourself a little efficiency and move out in the right direction. Be consistent in your undertakings. There will be no demand for drifting students; so look ahead right now and see where you are going. Set some goals for your daily accomplishments—of course you want goals that will hold meaning and purpose for your life.

Your goals will be only dreams unless you form a plan for reaching them. Yes, this plan will call for following good directions with wisdom, but also, you must be willing to go all of the way.

Why not resolve to increase your friendliness toward others? What greater injustice could you impose upon yourself than to undermine

Cupid Claims Campus Lovers

Cupid gained seventeen of our Mars Hill College students during the Christmas holidays. Five of the college students took the final step into "the greatest happiness gained by mortals." Mary Seel and Charles Jenkins of North Charleston, South Carolina had "the knot tied". They honeymooned in Florida. Beverly June Connell, a C-II, who was married during the holidays plans to join her husband in Germany at the close of this semester. Peggy Roberts and Carolyn Thomas have dropped out of school because of married interests elsewhere.

Mars Hill was used by cupid for the setting in the romance of Mouise Simpson, a C-II from Charlotte, and Rodolph Dixon, C-II, from Greenville, South Carolina. Their romance blossomed last spring as Mouise and Rodolph worked on the Junior-Senior Banquet together. One never knows how and when romance will blossom at Mars Hill.

Edna Moore, whose beautiful fireplace has so often played the leading role in Cupid's plays, has six girls who received engagement rings during the holidays. Five C-I's who received "shining sparklers" are Louise Banks, Betty Bryan, Dorothy Wiltshire, Helen Ray, and Marian Ward. Joyce Allen, C-II, received a diamond from a former Mars Hillian, Dean Guffey.

Huffman had four girls who received the prize-gift. Dot Russell is engaged to Max Burgin, a former Mars Hillian. June Lee, one of our foreign students, received a diamond from a friend who is in Michigan at present. Mary Ann Hunter and Timna Smith also were lucky.

Cupid doesn't forget the faculty! Walter Smith, who is in charge of public relations, and Pat Janicke, a Texan, were married on December 20.

Many of us remain in the same "untied" status that we were in before Christmas. We feel confident in the fact that "Where there is life there is hope."

Mother Charles Returns To Dorm

What has been wrong with the Huffman girls lately? They all seemed so blue and downhearted. Maybe they have missed Mother Charles since she had to go to the hospital before Christmas.

Isn't it wonderful to have her back? The girls missed her warm smile. She is always ready to listen to their problems and complaints. Not only was she missed by the girls but also by the male visitors in the dormitory. When that inevitable hour rolls around, she smiles and says, "All right boys, it's time to leave."

Yes, Mother Charles, it is good to see you back with us again. We give you a great big bouquet of welcome.

While we are giving away bouquets, we must remember Miss Hattie Edwards who was with us during Mother Charles' absence. To you, Miss Hattie, we say thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

your friendships? Perhaps a little more preparation for classroom recitation would improve your outlook as well as increase your knowledge. But most of all, turn to the greatest source of inspiration and guidance for clearer vision. Seek to make your Christian experience the motivating factor of your every thought and deed.

Faith At Work

By Shirley Bradley

Another year has dawned, and it is time to finish all the we left undone in '54, resolve to work harder in '55, choose a mate, begin to attend morning watch and vespers, make some friends, read 2 Timothy 2:14, and pray.

Yes, we have a brand new year in which to make good. When you get on the bandwagon by attending Sunday School and tomorrow? J. Edgar Hoover said, "The Sunday school cannot be no other institution can . . . a moral, ethical, and spiritual training for the future, in guaranteeing the permanency of democracy, there is no more vital in our nation. The Sunday school can become our guarantee for tomorrow!"

Student Poems Are Accepted

Two students of our college have written poems which have been accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry. These students are Shirley Oakes and Leon Rooke. This Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women of America, representing every section of the country. Selections are made from thousands of poems submitted. The students are to be congratulated on this honor.

The poems are reprinted below.

Servant Of The Night

I am a servant of the night;
Of the lonely hour
When unknown voices decree unknown 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 darkness,
When the earth
Makes me a servant of the night.
Leon Rooke

Apollo, My Apollo

Apollo, my Apollo! Autumn came
On flaming wings and knelt before Thy throne
An hour ago. Shall one whose heart has known
Time's varied fantasies of ice and flame
Forsake her joyous ways and follow Thee
Across a barren waste of dreams long lost?
Could she but pause, but stop to count the cost
Exacted of Love's soul, but look and see
Beyond this present hour, would she not turn
And flee the wanton magic of Thy voice?
E'en as before, would not her final choice
Erase the darker shadows of concern
And, once the balm of Time its work had done,
Restore at last her world of song and sun?
Shirley Oakes

Elections

Elections will be held at Sunday school and Training next Sunday. There is a right son for each office and it is imperative that the "right" be elected. Be praying.

Chapel programs were given the B. S. U. January 5. Each student was given a challenge to do his best during "Fund" this year. It is in its importance and in it. Won't you give "a-penny-a-

Ministerial Conference

The Oscar E. Sams Ministerial Conference resumed its principal meetings Thursday night, Jan. 6, in Phi Hall. Tony Stof provided special music. Mr. Powers presented the evening message which centered on the theme, "Putting God First in Your Life." Vernon Wood gave helpful comments to the conference. Let's each make a prayer for Ernest Ferrel leaving this semester to Wake Forest College. His service as the ministerial conference representative to the B. S. U. Council, and as a leader at the vespers services have proved outstanding and very valuable.

Mission News

Mission Trips to Swannanoa have been discontinued. Mars Hill conducts services Oteen each Sunday, it was decided that some other college should have the opportunity to direct mission work to Swannanoa. You haven't already been to Oteen plan to go next Sunday morning. Just sign up in the Student Board on the B. S. U. Bulletin Board. Attend the special Sunday school class taught in the church at 7:30 Sunday morning and you will get full credit attending Sunday school.

The social given by the Methodist Student Fellowship during the holidays was a great success. Interest was shown by the large number of students who attended. The M. S. F. is now working on another project. Plans are being made for the members to attend Sunday morning services one month at the Central Methodist Church of Asheville. The members of Central have already made transportation plans. This project should go into effect soon.

Yes,
The new year stretches like a waiting field,
Made broad and white with fallen snow, beneath
Its smoothness stones and stubble are concealed
. . . Guide well, O God, the way my feet shall go.