

Time Is Short

Now that your first semester in college is behind you C-I's, you are really in the "swing of things." Forget the bad grades and dare to make better grades this semester. Three semesters are history for the C-II's. Only one more short semester until graduation and greater things in the future. Since time is swiftly passing you should be sure you are making the most of every moment.

When you first came to Mars Hill you planned to make the Dean's list. This is your last chance. Settle down to studying and attain the goals that you have for yourself.

Remember during the first semester that you were here you dropped history. Others of you changed courses thus taking up new subjects. Now is the time to tie all loose ends together and check by the Registrar's office to see what the records say about your graduating; a month from now will be too late to take up new courses; so if you want to be sure—do it today.

You Are The Leader

By now everyone should be settled and ready to complete another semester's work. The recent snow carried quite a bit of significance in that it symbolized a new beginning and a new white slate upon which the new record will be recorded.

Among many changes are those to be found in the Sunday School, Training Union, and the various clubs which have elected new officers. Students of Mars Hill College can be proud of the leadership found in our student body. Because of the many responsibilities to be found in the many activities, everyone has the opportunity to hold a position of leadership at some time during his stay here. Such valuable training should not be taken lightly, for the well being of our society depends upon the persons whom the masses of people desire to follow. It will be up to the leadership to inspire greater achievement. And the ones who will be in demand are those who have trained diligently and are willing.

To the new officers we would say, "Move forward to greater heights for we are looking to you for direction."

Mars Hill Keeps In Step

In one's critical moments everything around appears to be old and out of style—even our buildings about the campus. When one realizes the progress that has been made in the past few years and the projects planned for the near future, his complaining will turn to boasting.

Several years ago a building and improvement plan was outlined looking toward our centennial year. Some pessimists connected with the college (there are always faint hearts) no doubt shook their heads and said "impossible." Now that all except one year of the allotted period have passed, let us check on progress made. First let us consider the buildings that were on the original list. Huffman dormitory was the first of the later group of buildings to be completed. Then the dining hall was built. Last year a sewage plant was provided. Now underway are the library and the men's dormitory. It is expected that these will be ready for occupancy next fall. It is hoped that work may begin early in the spring on the much-needed auditorium. Its spaciousness will provide room for an art department, dramatics, music studios, and radio-TV accommodations, in addition to a large auditorium. While the new church is not college property, one must agree that it is an asset to the campus.

Most C-II's will remember the removal of Rivermont dormitory, which stood beside Rivermont playhouse. Not many seasons ago students found themselves wading through mud from the girl's dormitories to Moore, McConnell, or Spilman. Once it was only a "dirt" street where our favored "circle" is today. The girls' hill has been landscaped and paved quite recently. The boys' hill will be landscaped in the near future. Time will bring more buildings and more improvements. Mars Hill College is in its own way keeping step with Wake Forest, Furman, and other Baptist schools.

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Between The Book Ends

With the coming of a New Year it is only natural that one reflect upon the experiences of the past and begin to wonder concerning the future.

In the Name of Sanity is a recent work of Lewis Mumford and was written to give fresh insight along with hope and courage to those who are disquieted by the violence and irrationality of our times. The author is concerned that our national security has come to rely almost entirely on the power of disintegrating forces—on devices of atomic, biological, and chemical warfare. In an era when hate, fear, suspicion, and violence are norm and not the exception, Mr. Mumford "speaks out" in the name of Sanity advocating a morality of thoughts and action capable of meeting a perilous situation.

As the first Secretary-General of United Nations Trygve Lie occupied one of the most responsible posts in the world. Looking back over the UN's first seven years, he reviews the problems which came before it in his book *In The Cause of Peace*. Writing out of his specific knowledge he places in clean perspective the experiences of this crucial period in UN's history.

The same basic issues continue to divide the world.

Syngman Rhee, The Man Behind the Myth is a recent biography written by Robert T. Oliver, a personal friend of Mr. Rhee for years, who worked with him in Korea and in this country. The life and leadership of this great Korean are set down for the first time stripped of the myths of prejudice that have too often surrounded him. Here is a balanced and realistic portrait of one of the great political leaders of our time.

The Hilltop staff, faculty and students extend sympathy to Mrs. D. E. Richardson on the death of her father, Mr. H. L. Skinner of York, Alabama, who died Sunday morning.

Arrival Of Dawn

I knew when the morning came,
I could feel it—
A soft whisper in the dark
Told me;
And the velvet touch of night
As she slipped into secret
Closet-corners for the day.
The morning came dressed in gray
On happy feet.
She was westward bound, and
wore
Pink plumes
In the back of her bonnet.

—Jo Denton

Under These Skies

Under these skies, snows have lain
In silent splendor. Stately pines
Have valiantly fought each icy
chain
Of winter days, and whispered
signs
Of other seasons have crowned
again
Their top-most boughs with vic-
tory;
Under these skies, all things
remain
Shrouded in a sudden, twisted
destiny
That teaches one, in but an hour,
Gentle ecstasy and cruel despair.
By Shirley Oakes

The Hilltop staff would like to extend a welcome back to the campus to the Editor, Gladys Stamper, who has been confined to the infirmary for several days. Her management of this issue of the paper was missed by the staff members.

Faith At Work

By Shirley Bradley

Here is a very special welcome to each new student at Mars Hill College. We hope you will enjoy this semester and make "one of us."

Mars Hill College is an example of "faith at work." Each person takes part in the religious organizations to train him to work for God.

The Methodist Student Fellowship is for all the Methodist members of other denominations who wish to join. The M. S. F. meets each Sunday night in the church at 6:45. The M. S. F. is now planning to send delegates to a conference at the First Methodist Church in Hickory, on February 5 and 6.

The Ministerial Conference is made up of young men, who are giving themselves to the ministry. If you are a ministerial student, this is the place for you. One of their projects is to supply ushers for the Sunday night preaching services.

Anyone who has dedicated his life to full-time Christian service may become a member of Volunteers for Christ. It meets every fourth Thursday evening.

Join YWA

Y. W. A. is the Young Women's Auxiliary. Besides a general meeting each month, the circles in each dorm meet for a very interesting program about world conditions in the light of Missionary work.

Brotherhood helps the boys to learn about Missionary work. If you are interested in this field, join one of these two.

The Youth Temperance Council, part of a national organization is interested in promoting the principles of temperate lives. It meets each month in the old church.

Almost everyone is a member of the Baptist Student Union. To be eligible for membership, all you have to do is join everybody in attending Sunday School and Training Union.

This is just a brief summary of the religious organizations on campus. Won't you visit with the organizations and see what a great work they are doing?

Religious Focus

Don't forget to pray for Religious Focus Week, February 14 and 18. "Christ Surmounts Today's Crisis" will be the theme for the week. Such outstanding speakers as Dr. Bruce Whitaker, State Secretary of B. S. U. Work; Mrs. Agnes Pylant, Director of Church Recreational Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and Bill Cody, associate director of the B. S. U. work in the Southern Baptist Convention will be here.

The college choir will take part in a statewide conference on evangelism at the First Baptist Church in Greensboro on February 8. On March 2, it will appear in Burlington at the Hocutt Memorial Church, and on March 15, it will sing at the State Women's Missionary Union Convention at the First Baptist Church in Asheville. January 16 was the day for electing new officers for Sunday School and Training Union. Support your new officers by prayer, attendance, and co-operation.

Campus To Be Modern "Newlook"

By Ann Collins

A complete transformation is taking place of the south campus. A new dormitory is under construction scheduled for completion this summer. The dormitory named for Mrs. Elizabeth Myers and the late Myers of Statesville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers have been active on the board of trustees. Mrs. Myers was appointed to fill the band's unexpired term after death in 1950, and was elected to a term of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are the college.

The building will house students, and will have a parlor for the hostess, a laundry room. It will be a story building made of limestone, and steel.

Also under construction is the Marshall highway is a story completely modern structure was made through the generosity of an anonymous donor, and called Memorial Library, expected to be completed the summer.

During the summer B. Cottage, the wood frame located at the side of the Building, will be torn down thirty-foot boulevard will be built beside the Memorial Library, leading to the men's gymnasium. The roads will be re-routed. Eventual plans call for the of the roads. Some 10,000 yards of dirt will be moved behind Melrose and Brown and placed behind the respective Robert Lee Moore was forty-torium and the Memorial L. Champ o

A lot of planting is being done at the present time. Around the new buildings will be planted trees, shrubbery, and flowers. Some several hundred have been planted in various on campus. Miss Snelson and Caroline Biggers are planning a rose garden to be located south side of Huffman in a plot next to the entrance to Dean of Women's office.

In the near future one will see Japanese cherry trees and cantha bushes on the hillside front of the cafeteria and school building.

Around the Cascades a number of beautifying changes are taking place. Landscaping has been on the banks of Gabriel's Creek. A more satisfactory and modern sewage disposal unit has been constructed. A picnic area is planned for the Cascades in the future.

Constant minor changes are being carried out making the campus even more pleasing to the sight. One of the dreams for the future is the building of a park and bell tower in the area occupied now by Rivermont theatre building.