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Trying The Impossible

Lincoln said "You can please all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot please all the people all of the time." In the modern world today the executives realize the truth in Lincoln's words. Here on Mars Hill campus one finds these words ringing true. The question that seems to evolve from this is "Why should one desire to please all of the people all the time?" One should take his stand for the right and forget the ridicule of the majority should it be against him. One frequently finds the majority to be wrong.

There must be warnings echoed to those who would seek to take their stand for the right in the modern world in spite of the sure opposition. First, one must know that his stand is right. One should make his choice without fear of consequences. "To thine ownself be true—" Second, one must take his stand favoring the laws which govern him. The individual by voting, chooses one to represent him in law making. Since it is necessary to have state and federal laws for happy, orderly living, it is the duty of each citizen to abide by and stand for the laws of the nation. Third, one should take a stand which benefits mankind. Again, one need not agree with or please the majority, but steps should be made toward any measure that is for the good of all. The rising opposition may not see that your ideas are worth anything to them, but if the ideas are worthwhile, time will prove it. Who wants to do the impossible and "please all the people all the time?"

Efforts Recognized

Those of you who have labored on campus will be recognized before the student body Monday morning. Students ranging from the Baptist Student Union executive council through the tennis team will be given a vocal "pat on the back." Some may say "I have not done anything, but study." If one's studying has been successful he will be recognized by the Dean's list. Surely, there are many to be congratulated—but what about those who will not be honored? Is it fair to say that some students have not done anything worthwhile? If there be one who after analyzing his activities, finds that he has not done anything commendable, he should think deeply on the question—"What happened?" Every man has the same amount of time; each day has twenty-four hours. Success or failure depends on how the individual uses his twenty-four hours. One may find consolation for the lack of recognition in the hope of another opportunity to do something worthy of recognition, to contribute a bit to the life of Mars Hill and to the world. May each person strive to see his name written on recognition day in the future.

Taking Inventory

Maybe it is an odd season of year from a business point of view, but for us now is a good time to pause and take inventory.

First, how about your courses? Are some of them on a doubtful basis? Better see that particular teacher and find out what you can do to put yourself on a solid foundation. Just seeing him will help. He will at least think you are interested, and he might be able to give some helpful suggestions.

Then, examinations are coming up in exactly thirteen days. A good time to begin reviewing is now. Oh yes, we know it is more fun to sit in the sunshine with that special friend, but after all you will either see a lot of him (her) in the future or, more likely, nothing at all. Passing work is important, and those permanent records are depressingly permanent.

And finally, how about definite summer plans? Perhaps you have a job lined up. If so, you are one of the lucky ones. Try combining with it a little unselfish service to others. Maybe you ought to come to summer school. Maybe you can just stay at home. The idea is to make yourself useful and the summer profitable.

Council Members Enjoy Hospitality And Learn Much

Old and new BSU Council members who were lucky enough to make the trip to Lexington had a rare time of it. The girls especially were treated with all the grandeur that they could wish. You see, Mr. Philpott, superintendent of the Sunday School, and a furniture dealer, took his family to their summer home on the lake and turned over the keys of his luxurious mansion to Dr. Pierce and the six girls from Mars Hill. As though the television, the carpets thick as dormitory mattresses, and the beautiful Cadillac parked in the driveway were not enough, the Philpotts left their butler to serve the girls eggs, bacon, sausage, and grits from silver platters. Oh, yes, on Sunday morning they all climbed into that Cadillac and went to church with the Philpotts. The boys got only occasional tastes of this unaccustomed luxury.

Naturally there were meetings and meetings! What else is a conference for? Some were higher lights than others. Robert S. Denny, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, pictured the thrills to be had by joining a group of students on a plane trip culminating with attendance at the World Alliance meeting in London, July 16-22. The trip includes a six weeks guided tour all over Europe—well, practically all over anyway. Paris, Italy, the Alps, Germany, London, the Shakespeare country, and Scotland are on the itinerary. If you have the time and funds, why not plan to join the merry group?

Mars Hillian Elected

At times we are burstingly proud of Mars Hillians. Election of State BSU Council members was one of those times. Ken Freeman, who was training Union director here last year and who is incoming BSU president at Wake Forest, was elevated to the office of State president. Ruth Bramlett, YTC president here and 1955-56 BSU president at Appalachian, was chosen social vice-president for the State organization. Doris Phillips, music director on the new Mars Hill council, is also sharing her talent statewide in the same capacity. The new state president of the Y.W.A., Gail Fulbright, the first one for that organization, will represent it on the State Council.

Many helpful things were learned during the retreat. The theme for the conference was "Our Heritage" and subjects discussed in workshop groups, panel discussions, and from the rostrum illustrated it.

The June issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT will feature in "B. S. Views" glimpses of Mars Hill during Christian Focus Week.

We express gratitude to all those students who at considerable sacrifice of their time and effort have represented Mars Hill so admirably in many ways at many places.

Faith At Work

By NANCY FANT

Are you one of the unfortunate students who has been missing morning watch? This is an inspirational service and a wonderful way to begin the day. It is especially nice now that we can meet outside and worship God in the midst of his wonderful creation. Three of the topics for these next few weeks are Measures of Man, Considering Scripture Passages, and Labels. The average attendance has been only fifty-five and we have been missing you. Won't you join us in these last few services of the year?

Nancy Knight, newly elected president of Y. T. C., is making plans to increase the membership of this organization. Mrs. Vann is to sponsor the group next year and has suggested that the meetings be held in her home.

New officers of the Mission Council were installed Wednesday, April 20, as each became a link in the Mission Council chain. All the council members enjoyed a buffet super given by Miss Birmingham in Huffman playroom on April 26. Joe Mamlin is proving himself a capable and worthy leader as he leads the council in plans for mission work next year and in promoting evangelistic services for the remainder of the spring term.

Ministerial Conference

For the past two weeks the Ministerial Conference has had the pleasure of listening to guest speakers at their regular meetings. Dr. Robert E. Seymour spoke on April 14, using for his topic, "How to Prepare a Sermon." Miss Evelyn Underwood and Harley E. Jolley spoke on April 21. Miss Underwood, speaking on Islam or Mohammedanism, and Mr. Jolley, on Catholicism, presented the beliefs of these two religions in such a way that the ministerial students might better understand them.

Volunteers for Christ held a called meeting on Tuesday, April 19, to elect officers. Martha Bannette was elected first vice-president; Doris Cade, second vice-president; Caroline Good, third vice-president; and Nancy Fant, secretary-treasurer. The regular Volunteer meeting was held on Tuesday night April 26 in the Owen Building. Elections were continued and the following officers were chosen: Sue Tuttle, publicity chairman; Mary Lee Welborn, chorister; and Janice Hightower, pianist. The program following the business meeting was on the local church and home missions. The new officers will be installed on Tuesday, May 3, following which they, under the presidency of Jo Bradley, will replace the present officers. Pat Thomas is the retiring president.

Methodist Movement

The Methodist Student Movement, composed of students of all denominations on campus except Baptist, has been having different youth leaders speak to them at their meetings. The M. S. M., under the leadership of John Jackey, is making plans for next year to attend a Methodist Church in Asheville once a month.

The B. S. U. Council was in charge of C-I chapel program on Wednesday, April 27. At this time with Steve Blackwell, president, presiding they presented an example of a council meeting. Howard Seymour gave the devotion and Joan Adams, recording secretary, called for reports from the council members. This program better enabled the student body to understand how the council operates.

Soviet Student Editors Tour United States On Thirty Day Visit

Eleven Soviet student editors are on a thirty-day tour of the United States, visiting American colleges and universities, mid-western farms and factories, art museums and public libraries.

The editors, who are coming to the United States to acquaint themselves with American student life, will visit twelve colleges and universities from New York to California. Among the colleges they will visit are Columbia University, Tuskegee University, Michigan State College, Howard University, and the University of California.

Details of the thirty-day program have been worked out by the Institute of International Education in cooperation with the academic institutions which the Soviets will visit.

The tour, designed to show a cross-section of American higher education and student life, will take the students to a Sunday night buffet at the Williamsburg Inn, to dinner in the Members Room of the San Francisco Museum of Art, to a barbecue with Stanford students, to lunch on the Warner Brothers lot in Hollywood, and to visits with American families in Albuquerque and Chicago.

Students To Work In Summer Missions

Five Mars Hill students have been appointed to work as summer missionaries under the Home Mission Board for ten weeks this summer. Those appointed and their fields of work are Faye Taylor, San Antonio, Texas; Dave Britt, Louisville, Ky.; Mary Long, Tampa, Fla.; Paul Gillespie, St. Louis, Mo.; and Pat Thomas, Columbus, Ohio.

The students will be doing various types of work, including working in Vacation Bible Schools, good will centers, and doing general mission work. They will be under the direction of the regular missionaries of the Home Mission Board. Work will begin June 12.

Other Mars Hill students are planning to work with the Tent-makers, which is also a phase of the Home Mission Board summer mission program. These students will be employed in secular jobs and will also do mission work.

The General Y. W. A. officers, Sandra Hickman, president, and Sara Scruggs, corresponding secretary will be installed on May 6 in a Y. W. A. meeting.