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Beware "Meetingitis"

Since I am not a medical doctor, it is not my place to diagnose conditions. I have daily contact with many kinds of disease and all types of conditions, but there is one condition which you will not find described in the Medical Journal. I refer to the disease of Meetingitis.

This is a rather strange condition. It does not attack one suddenly—it seems to grow like cancer. One is hardly aware of this disease until he has just about met himself to death.

The surest way to know if a person has this disease is to try to spend a few minutes with this person just in friendly conversation. If he has this disease he will very quickly say, "Well, I have got a meeting and I must be going."

The person who is living in the last stages of this disease is either getting ready for, or going to, or coming from a meeting. Just before the victim completely succumbs to this disease, he will have two or three meetings practically every night in the week, and stay in the coma of a meeting most of the day.

Some genius in the days gone by discovered the idea of solving a problem and working out plans in a meeting, but like every good thing that Americans have, they make gluttons of themselves in too many ways. How many meetings have you sat through in the last month that have been virtually useless and a waste of time?

There are several things we can do about this disease. First, if we are in positions of leadership we must refrain from calling unnecessary meetings. Second, we must refrain from accepting positions on every board, committee, organization, club in the land. We can find other more adequate means of quenching the thirst of our egos. Third, we must develop enough courage to express our personal convictions rather than hide behind the "committee report."

Good meetings are a powerful force for good, but nothing can destroy a good cause like a couple of dull and ill-planned meetings.

If anyone wants to start a campaign for fewer meetings, I want to be one of the first to join. I think we ought to have a meeting to consider this further.—By Harold L. Hawkins, Chaplain Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La.

(Adapted from *Charity and Children*)

On Your Own!

Many of you are realizing for the first time that the life of a college student is one of responsibility. You find that you are responsible for getting to class on time with an adequate amount of preparation for the course you are pursuing. If you would rather sleep than appear in class and you indicate that attitude by your absence from class, it will go against your record. You are responsible for the way you conduct yourself because others may be influenced by the example you set. Very definitely, you are responsible for your health. If you are one of those characters who stay up half the night and then sleep through breakfast you should not expect to make the best grades. Your health is in your own hands—so remember that you are responsible for this priceless possession.

Heretofore, there has always been someone close by to guide you in your decisions. All this has changed because you have left home for the first time; however, I do not wish to imply that you will want to throw off the influence of parents and loved ones, for it should be your shield of honor. Neither do I suggest that you should reject the counsel of those who are wiser because of their experience. In reality, their responsibility is to help you become well adjusted to a world that you are seeing for the first time.

Yes, the life of a college student is one of responsibility, and this is as it should be, for there is no better way for a person to grow up than to recognize and accept his responsibilities. In this technical age responsibility lies heaviest on the shoulders of those who are preparing for the tasks that tomorrow will present. Consider your responsibilities, accept their challenges, and be a better person for having done it.

Faith At Work

By NANCY FANT

Another school year has begun at M. H. C. and with it the many activities of all the religious organizations. A special welcome is offered to all you C-Is to join the organization of your choice and get into the swing of things on Mars Hill campus.

The Y. T. C. met Sunday, September 18 on the terrace of Edna Moore to elect officers. Keith Gage was elected to replace Nancy Knight as president. Nancy was unable to return to Mars Hill this year. Shirley Riggan is secretary and Charles Bullard, treasurer. Plans for the year will be made at the regular meeting on the fourth Monday night. Mrs. Vann is sponsor.

A Canadian Sees Americans

After arriving at Mars Hill one week too early, getting unpacked and settled in the dormitory, becoming used to the American slang expressions, and getting acquainted with the American students, Esther Milligan has decided that she really loves Mars Hill.

Esther is a freshman from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and is studying religious education. She plans to become an educational director in a church, preferably in Canada.

Many people have asked Esther exactly why she chose a school this far from home. She had previously planned to attend Baylor University, but changed her mind because she doesn't like Texas. As she jokingly explained, "All Texans are big liars and I figured I was bad enough already." Seriously she was impressed by the Christian atmosphere that prevails on the campus and since she is planning a career in that field, she thought it to be her best choice.

As a rule she thinks the Canadian schools are harder than those of the United States. On a whole, the standard of education is higher. High schools there offer a strictly college preparatory course. Canadian schools are more formal. The students rise when the teacher enters the room and are often thrown out of the class for such misbehaviour as yawning or leaning on their elbows.

They Differ

Canadians are more conservative than the Americans in dress and speech. As Esther explains, "It takes a Canadian thirty minutes to say what you Americans can say in five. You talk so fast I can't understand you." Esther thinks the Americans have really "butchered the King's English." When she first met American teenagers, she had a hard time understanding what they meant because of the many slang expressions used, such as "get off my back, isn't that cool, dig that, and go cat!" In Canada they use the expression "hood" as short for hoodlum just as we use the word "cat." And they do not say, "I'm fixing to do this." They just go ahead and do it. Speaking of fads, the girls up there do not wear Bermuda shorts.

Esther is sold on this country, especially the South. She thinks the Southerners are extremely friendly, and that Americans as a whole are more complimentary than Canadians, and have a better sense of humor. To her, Canadians are more serious-minded, Americans more happy-go-lucky. "The American boys, especially the ones at Mars Hill, are very well-mannered, much more so than the Canadian boys; and they act more like gentlemen while in the presence of ladies."

Volunteers for Christ held their first meeting of the year on Monday night, September 19, in the Owen Building with 65 persons present. Jo Ellen Bradley, presiding officer, read the most important parts of the constitution and introduced the officers. Following the business meeting a very inspiring program entitled "As a Volunteer" was presented under the direction of Martha Barnett. The spirit of Volunteers was represented by Jane Blake; Sarah Ellen Dozier gave a brief talk as a Volunteer.

Charles Bentley, president of the Brotherhood, president at the opening dinner meeting held Thursday, September 22, in the Blue Room of the cafeteria. Bob Murphy presented the devotion, "Necessity of Working Together" and Pop Lance, guest speaker, spoke on the "Value of Christian Laymen in Saving the Lost." The Brotherhood added approximately twenty new members at this meeting and urges all other C-I boys to attend their next dinner meeting on October 12.

Group Welcomed

Dr. Robert Seymour extended a welcome to all who attended the first Training Union Assembly of the Centennial year on Sunday, September 18. Under the direction of Miss Evelyn Underwood the Training Union officers are seeking to enlist every student for training in Christian service. Training Union has a new appeal this year. In an effort to unite and better acquaint the townspeople with the students, couples from town have consented to work with the separate unions as counselors. This will give the students an opportunity to know the people of Mars Hill.

The Mission Council has begun good work for the year as they make trips to Oteen and other places. A group conducted services at Walnut, N. C. on September 14. Judson Rotan was the speaker; Gerald Hewitt, music director; and Andy Ham, pianist. All students who are interested are urged to volunteer to go to Oteen Veteran's Hospital.

Baptist Magazine

Have you subscribed to *The Baptist Student* yet? Again this year this wonderful little magazine features outstanding writers from all areas of life, but this year they will be giving more profound, more provocative, more practical assignments on Christian living, campus relationships, personal responsibility, civic opportunity, world crises.

The first general meeting of the Young Woman's Auxiliary was held in the auditorium, Monday, September 26, with Sandra Hickman, president, presiding. On Friday night, October 23, a "Ship Wreck Party" was given in the gymnasium for all the girls. Dr.

As I Nibble My Cheeses

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! It certainly is good to have you on the campus with me just be honest with you and you that the life of a mouse is very exciting when the stars aren't on the campus. I had a terrible time finding enough food to keep me alive.

Since all of you are beginning to settle down again, you like to know just how funny of you looked when you were in. Honestly, I thought I was in a furniture store all of you started coming in you leave anything at home? lamps by the dozens and chairs tables and chests of drawers rugs and stuffed animals all kinds of things. Bet the merc back home were glad that you going away to school.

One afternoon I went out to do some shopping. I saw some of the girls that were up here year. They were on their way to the show. I knew that they were eating some pop corn, went along. They met a new and he greeted them with "kids." Didn't he know who was talking to? I would give my last bit of cheese if had said bah bah.

I went over to the Owen Building one night to get a little sleep. Before I settled down for the time, I heard an awful noise crawled out from behind the door and saw a room full of girls. I heard one of them ask a girl if they were lost. You should have seen that girl when they her that they were looking their chapel seats. She said, "you're C-II's." I'll bet she as big as I am.

The *Hilltop* staff, faculty and students wish to extend sympathy to Miss Edith Swann in the death of her mother, Mrs. B. B. Swann, and to Miss Mildred Bingham in the death of her father, David Bingham.

Seymour was guest speaker at party.

Each girl on campus is cordially invited to visit Y. W. A. You would be glad to have you join us in learning more of the mission programs and in serving Christ.

This year Howard Seymour is doing an excellent job with Morning Watch. Attendance during the daily period of devotion and prayer has been encouraging with an average attendance for the first week of 108. During the week of September 19-24, the theme was "People Worth Remembering." Each morning a different speaker brought a devotion thought on some notable Christian character. For this past week the Listen Fund committee of the B. S. U., with Don Midkiff in charge, has had charge of the services. All students are urged to start their day right by attending Morning Watch.

The motto for Listen Fund, "a penny a day or a meal a month speaks for itself." Mars Hill has led N. C. Baptist colleges in contributions to this fund since it was first instituted in 1953, the total donated last year being \$402.60. Through the money received, summer missionaries were sent to Jamaica and Corn Island, and one half carload of dried milk was sent to India.