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Protect Our Beauty

How many shrubs have you torn up lately? Have you been breaking branches off the budding spring flowers? Have you been walking across the grass? Well, if you can answer yes to these and similar questions, you are keeping Mr. Tilson pretty busy. Many of our students do not realize how much work it takes to keep our grounds in good condition, especially in the spring of the year. Each day something else has to be done in connection with the upkeep of the grounds. Shrubs have to be replaced, grass cut, and flowers looked after. Grass seed has to be replanted, and what grass we students haven't trampled under foot has to be fertilized.

This is only one phase of Mr. Tilson's work. Each day he is being called to repair a broken chair, replace a worn-out piece of furniture, or do some other small task that is forever requiring someone's time.

One probably says at this point, "Well, what does this have to do with me?" Students, this has a lot to do with you. It is up to each of us to do our part to keep Mars Hill campus beautiful. Now it is known as a college having one of the most beautiful campuses in the South. With the improvements that are being made, it should become known as the most beautiful junior college campus in the South. This job is going to take a lot of co-operation from all of us. Let's remember not to cut those flowering shrubs which are just beginning to bloom, even if it is tempting to use some of the branches to decorate our rooms. Let's be considerate of the small shoots of grass which are starting to appear as the days grow warmer. The result of our co-operation will be a more beautiful campus of which we can be proud.

Senior College, Next Step

If you have been thumbing through catalogs of various universities and four year colleges, if you have any intentions of continuing studies following your graduation here—then you should want to get acquainted with all the objectives of obtaining higher education.

It has often been said that the future belongs to those who prepare for it. A few years ago the majority completed high school; the minority received a college education. Greater and greater increases in college and university enrollments show that the majority today is demanding to be college graduates. This means that competition among applicants for the positions of tomorrow will be on a higher intellectual basis.

Some persons have the belief that tomorrow's world will be a "push button society" where little knowledge will be required save that needed for the operation of automatic mechanisms. Others are disgusted at the thought of studies dealing with anatomy and science. Medical drugs, they feel, in the atomic age will cure all the world's ills and make present medical procedure outdated. There is fallacy in both attempts at analysis. Essential for either of the above conditions will be a sufficient quantity of well-trained scientists, research workers, lab technicians, engineers, and contractors. Advancement in particular fields can only be acquired by perpetually adding to the store house of knowledge.

Just how much opportunity lies ahead for you who do push further on in your college careers? The June 15, 1956, issue of the *U. S. News and World Report* presented indications that the outlook for college graduates with professional training is the best in peacetime history. "Jobs compete for takers." According to the article, the greatest possibilities for growth lie in the fields of "medical care; most branches of science, economic research; teaching and engineering.

In teaching: Prospects are the best on record. Salaries have jumped 8 per cent since 1953 in most cities and are headed upward. In engineering: Demand strong for all types of engineers. . . . Need more be said? Wherever your interest lies, there is a corresponding need inviting you to prepare yourself and serve.

Doctor Lists Commandments As Aid For Student Days

1. Thou shalt not be afraid; neither of visiting team members during Religious Focus Week, nor of the Board of Trustees, nor of anything that is in the Heavens above or the Earth beneath or the Waters under the earth — caring neither for a lazy, casual, hit-or-miss student life nor for public praise, but only for sound and thorough learning that will enable you to do useful Christian service in whatever business or profession that you undertake.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image of the President of the College, nor of the Dean of Men, nor shalt thou bow thy knee too deeply before the pressures of Society. Rather thou shalt keep an open mind and remember the teachings of the New Testament in considering thy studies and preparation for life.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain; but thou shalt include religion and high ethics in thy preparation for life.
4. Each semester shalt thou labor while in Mars Hill — thou, and thy fellow students and thy faculty, and when thou undertake thy chosen profession, thou shalt continue to study and keep abreast of progress; at no time shalt thou make a carnival of the works of thy predecessors or of thy successors.
5. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's University, nor someone else's equipment, nor to have the greatest number of unread books in your library. Nor shalt thou envy a successful fellow student, nor his grades in chemistry or biology, nor the love that other students have for him.
5. Thou shalt not kill the intellectual and scientific curiosity of either fellow student or teacher by substituting lackadaisical attitudes and efforts for the excitement of devoted learning.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery, but to thine own institution, Mars Hill College and its ideals and distinctive function shalt thou be true. Thou shalt not tolerate degradation — neither of admission standards, faculty, nor the course of study.
8. Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's notes, nor his books, nor cause him to falter while in school; neither shalt thou steal anything from him after thou hast completed thy course of study.
9. Thou shalt not forswear thyself — not with fellow students, nor with faculty, nor with sweetheart or wife; but thou shalt perform thy oaths to pursue faithfully the way of truth and love.
10. Thou shalt honor sound learning and moral ethics, and shalt attack shoddiness and pretension that thy name be remembered at Mars Hill College and by all whom thou shalt serve in the years ahead.

Rephrased from Dr. Dale Gramley, President, Salem College, January 1953.

(The above commandments were used by Dr. Robert P. Crouch in one of his lectures during the recent Christian Focus Week on Mars Hill campus.)



By FRANCES GILLESPIE

Hello, you happy people,

Just two more weeks! Have you decided yet what you'll do during spring holidays? The faculty also will be enjoying a few days of bliss away from us. Many teachers have already made their plans. For instance, Miss Garner is going to sit down away from everything and not move. Mrs. Vann plans to visit in Alabama and in Roanoke, Virginia.

Gene Roberts, 1950-51 editor of the *Hilltop*, now employed by the *Goldsboro News-Argus*, visited the campus recently with his bride. Mr. Roberts was quite amazed and proud of the improvements on the campus since he was a student here.

Mr. Wood says that the only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions.

Chicken every Sunday!! Well, at least it looked that way at Myers Dorm recently when one budding poultryman received 100 baby chicks in the mail.

The Wooden Horse, from St. Petersburg, Florida, gives a perfect example of an American tragedy:

He read the textbook,
He studied the notes,
He outlined both.
Then he summarized his outline.

Then he outlined his summary on 3 x 5 cards.

Then he reduced the card outline to one single card.

Boiled the card down to one sentence.

Boiled the sentence down to a phrase.

Boiled the phrase down to a word.

Entered the exam.

Analyzed the question.

And then,

Forgot

The

Word.

Live and Learn

Never let it be said that MHC students lack the ability to learn. She had never used a washing machine before. But, alas, college brings many new experiences, and laundry days do come. She went into the laundry room, and began reading the directions written above the washing machine. Inserting the quarter as directed, she pushed the button. She waited until the water stopped running and, as directed, added soap. So far, so good. Then she sat for half an hour wondering when to put the clothes in.

For days the new student had wondered about the long cases attached to the belts of many of the boys on campus. Curiosity kills us, you know, so she inquired of a nearby student as to just why

Students Feel Spring Spirit In Atmosphere

Many optimists a few weeks ago were saying, "If Winter Spring cannot be far behind," today a carefully tuned in ear might catch this springtime groan by C. P. Cranch under the breath.

"If there comes a little thaw Still the air is chill and raw Here and there a patch of snow Dirtier than the ground below Ankle-deep you stick in mud In the meadows while you sing 'This is Spring!'"

Even though spring has not completely established her presence here at Mars Hill she has slipped ahead quite a few ideas, attitudes, and some general notions. A cautious analysis of the following will possibly reveal her influence.

The art class has taken to the out-of-doors of late. Many bookworms have dusted off the tennis racket and put the balls back into his tennis balls. Students seem to be resuming the distinctive and extreme roles of the bumblebee and the drowsy cuckoo — the bumblebee in the library, in the student center, the cafeteria. In short, everywhere except in the classroom where he instantly becomes a drowsy cuckoo.

Richard Hovey said, "Spring made new!" Not a few could agree that he certainly had the right idea, especially since he offers them both argument and justification for the latest fashions — hair-dos, frocks, and slippers.

One thoroughly confused student admits, "It's easy to say in the winter but not in the spring." One of love's fools already here in March!

Perhaps lacking in college line but wholly appropriate in context is Cowper's phrase, "Spring hangs her infant blossom on the trees, Rock'd in the cradle of the western breeze."

Could all this be the "tassel-time of Spring?"

those boys carry around their knives. After the student's laughter had subsided, he informed her that they were merely slide rules.

In a list of definitions of college terms, the ACP gives an example of college progression in answering a professor's question:

Freshman: I don't know.

Sophomore: I am not prepared.

Junior: I do not remember.

Senior: I don't believe I can add anything to what has already been said.

Congratulations to the faculty cast of "The Neighbors" for wonderful performance. Everyone enjoyed the play immensely.

Overheard: If we had studied together, I would have made an A.

An article on "How to Win Professors and Influence Grades" recently appeared in *The Furnace Hornet*. We understand that few students are in the process of memorizing the good advice.

If you think you have trouble remembering the tea kettle; it's up to its neck in hot water; yet it continues to sing.

Here's wishing you a most enjoyable spring vacation! So long for now.