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Sinclair's  
Recital

Congrats  
Freshmen  
Officers

## "Freedom" Is Phi Anniversary Theme

As their theme "Land of the Free" from the patriotic song, the members of the Philomathian literary society at Mars Hill college gathered in the campus auditorium on Thanksgiving night, November 27, for the annual anniversary program. Centering around the American ideal of liberty, the program commemorated the founding of the society in 1890.

John Stanton was Phi president, and among the guests were the desk officers of the Non-Philomathian literary society and a large number of Mars Hill students. Lanny Cross, the invocationist, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, and a reading of Captain Eddie Moore's "I'm Glad I'm an American" by Allen Glad. Doyle rendered the oration "Oh Freedom You See," and last term David Pruce, offering "The Quest," by Rudyard Kipling. The Phi chorus under the direction of Van Ramsey. The selections presented by the group were "America the Beautiful," "Stout-Hearted Men," and "Hymn of the Republic."

High point of the program was the debate based on the query "that the United States defaulted in its position as a leader." Speaking for the affirmative were Larry Harris and Sydlette, while Stanley Jackman and Nelson Tunstall supported the negative position. Reviewed before the debate, representatives from both sides.

## Dramateers Give "The Other Wise Man"

A chapel program in Owen Hall on December 10 and in the auditorium on December 11, the Dramateers will present "The Other Wise Man," dramatized by Ruth Culver from the story by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The play concerns Artaban, a wise man who, against the wishes of his family, has neglected his property and sold his property to a jeweler and journey with three magi to seek the Victorine who should be born king to help a sick man by the bedside. Artaban is delayed because of the time appointed to meet his companions, but learns from a black man that the king is to be born in the East.

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Freshman class officers, left to right, are John Stanton, president; Ann Woodall, treasurer; Stan Jackman, vice-president, and Doris Jacobs, secretary.

## Clio Literary Society Holds Reception At Wall Tonight; Theme To Be "The Quest"

Clio Literary Society is holding its annual reception tonight in the Society hall, adjoining rooms of the Wall science building. Theme of the program, which consists of two plays, is "The Quest."

"East of the Sun," the serious portion of the program, has its setting in Greece. A girl is given a black pearl with one small spot of white showing. The pearl represents indifference and love and darkness and light. Through the realization of these things the lives of the characters are transformed. The characters in "East of the Sun" are Loretta Millsapps, Doris Wilson, Faith Danielson, Sally Rigsbee, Becky Atkinson, Anna Greene, and Soyle Moore. Greek decorations add greatly to the effectiveness of the drama.

"West of the Moon," a humorous fantasy, concerns a falling star in the kingdom of Old King Cole. The play includes also the man in the moon, with moonbeams highlighting the action. In the cast of thirty, leads are taken by Sue Campbell, Linda Canipe, June Hendricks, Marcy Fitzjohn, and Brenda McCorkle, with Sandra Thorne as the white rabbit.

The lobby setting is that of the fairytale land over the rainbow—east of the sun and west of the moon. The heavenly portals are represented by columns fading into a backdrop of sky and soft pink, blue, and white clouds. There is a sparkling fountain, and two pots of incense cast a glow of greenish-blue. The highlight of the backdrop downstairs is a flying candy horse. On the landing is a candy tree, found "west of the moon."

Forming the receiving line in the Bible room were Clio officers, Joyce Anderson, president; Meg Collier, reception vice-president; Betty Early, literary vice-president; Sally Rigsbee, secretary; Melissa Yelton, censor; Philomathian officers. The scene represents a heavenly hall. A Greek porch is crowned by a bowl of pink punch. Other refreshment is in the form of a huge tiered cake with columns supporting each tier.

Clio honors their brother society, Philomathia. In addition to present members of the two societies, former members, "homecoming" alumni, faculty and staff are guests. Receptions and Anniversaries are highlights of the society year and outstanding social events of the fall semester.

## Sinclair Presents Recital On Dec. 1

On December 1, the MHC Department of Music will present John Sinclair, pianist, in a faculty recital at 7:30 in the college auditorium.



John Sinclair

First on the program will be Schumann's "Fantasiestucke, Opus 12," which will be played in its eight separate parts by Mr. Sinclair. The eight selections include "Des Abends," "Aufschwung," "Warum?" "Grillen," "In der Nacht," "Fabel," "Traumes Wirren," and "Ende vom Lied."

Secondly, Mr. Sinclair will render "Six Etudes" by Chopin. These etudes are "Opus 10, No. 7," "Opus 10, No. 12 (Revolutionary)," "Opus 25, No. 1 (Aeolian Harp)," "Opus 25, No. 8 (Sixths)," "Opus 25, No. 7 (Cello)," and "Opus 25, No. 12 (The Sea)."

Liszt's "Sonata in b Minor" will be the last number on the program, immediately following the intermission.

## John Stanton Elected Frosh President; Stanley Jackman Gets Veep's Position

John Stanton has been elected to head the freshman class for the 1958-59 school term as a result of the elections held November 14. Also serving as class officers are Stanley Jackman, vice-president; Doris Jacobs, secretary; and Ann Woodall, treasurer.

John, a ministerial student, is from Greensboro. Already active in campus affairs, he is a committee chairman for the Phi anniversary, a member of the Ministerial Conference, and recently appeared in the play "Caesar and Cleopatra."

## Mars Hill Debaters Enter Tournament

The Mars Hill College Debating Team participated in the Maryville College Tournament at Maryville, Tennessee recently. There were five colleges and universities that took part in the meet. Mars Hill was the only junior college represented.

The Mars Hill debating team is coached by Gentry Crisp and composed of the following people: affirmative, Ron Geiger, Margaret Helen Smith; negative, Claiborne Hopkins and Cynthia Schryver.

There were three rounds of debate, the negation of Mars Hill winning over the debaters of Maryville College and Lincoln Memorial University.

Arrangements are being made as the Hilltop goes to press for the Mars Hill debaters to meet the forces of Furman University. They will also participate in a tournament at Appalachian State Teacher's College at Boone, on December 4-6.

This will be the first varsity debating tournament in which the Mars Hill team has participated. The Maryville tournament and a tournament at Wake Forest several weeks ago were both novice affairs.

## MH Public Relations Department Covers Wide Field Of Service For Collegians

by GERALD MURDOCK

Housed in the Montague Building, the large stone building next to the Music Building, is a department of the College that many Mars Hill students are unaware of, the Public Relations Department. There are four members in the Department, Fred Brown, Walter P. Smith, Mrs. Walter Smith, and Miss Kathleen Wallin. This group also keeps up with Mars Hill alumni.

Mr. Brown is engaged in public relations in the various high schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Brown travels to these schools representing the College in College Day programs. He will act as business manager for the touring choir when they take their annual tour in the spring.

Mr. Smith works in the publicity side of the Department. He collects and writes news stories about campus life, student activities, faculty functions, and various other aspects of the college, for newspapers. Mr. Smith does his own photography for these stories. He develops, prints, and enlarges his pictures in the darkroom in the Montague Building. Photography for the Hilltop and the Laurel is included in Mr. Smith's activities and he also teaches a class in journalism.

Miss Wallin works with the Alumni office of the department. She maintains a current mailing list of former students, collects information about former students, and prepares material for the college Quarterly. The Quarterly is mailed twice a year, in August and December, to 11,000 former students. Miss Wallin is also responsible for mailing notices to former students regarding Homecoming and the Alumni Banquet.

Mrs. Smith works both with Miss Wallin in the Alumni office and with Mr. Smith in the Publicity office. She is responsible, among other things, for keeping a record of contributions to the Robert Lee Moore Auditorium Fund. She records gifts by names of donor, amount given, and the amount contributed by each class.

The Public Relations Department is also responsible for electronics equipment. P. A. systems, tape recorders, film strip projectors, and slide projectors are available to faculty members and various organizations. Mr. Smith is in charge of these.

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