

# Wonderful Season To Be At Your Best

The most enchanting and wonderful time of the year has once again arrived . . . Christmas. Along with it comes thoughts of home for many Mars Hillians. In just a few scant days the entire student body will vacate the campus for the holidays.

Many students will be going home for the first time since coming to school in early September. Everyone will have many new, glad, strange, and exciting things to tell the "folks back home" about college life, friends, and Mars Hill in general.

As a part of Mars Hill College we, the student body, will represent the college and its ideals even while we are away from the campus. When we leave for home we will be taking a part of Mars Hill with us. People will judge Mars Hill by what they see in us, just as they judge us by our actions, and as they judge our families by what they see in us.

We represent ourselves, our families, and, as students of Mars Hill College, we represent it also. So, during this holiday season, even while we are away from "the hill" let's first to our own selves be true; to our families be worthy; and to our school be loyal. Let's keep our ideals high.

A very merry Christmas to you all . . .

# Students Should Not Lightly Regard Dishonesty On Campus

The students as well as the faculty and administration of the college have been amazed in the last few weeks about the appalling amount of stealing which is being done in the student center and elsewhere on the campus. This is a grave situation and reflects on the integrity of the college as a whole.

From past experience the students have learned to lock their doors, especially during the weeks preceding the Christmas holidays, because of the disreputable scavengers who would like to find a few easy "Christmas gifts" for the folks back home. It is a very degrading factor to the college and an insult to the students when it becomes necessary to have a "room search" throughout the dorm. As yet, this has not been done this year, but in the preceding years it has been necessary; and the results have proven to be most embarrassing to some individuals.

Everyone will agree that something must be done about the dishonesty on campus. Yet, it is another matter entirely to decide just how to abolish it. The student center could be watched over with an "iron eye" and the rooms could be locked each time they were vacated; but these procedures would not solve the problem itself. The individuals who make these procedures necessary must be corrected in some manner. If the persons who present these problems have no incentive to correct themselves, then it is up to the conscientious students to take a position in regard to the matter.

Many students after leaving Mars Hill find themselves in a school which bases its law enforcement on the honor system. In succeeding years this may be desirable here, but at present the students will have to be content with the existing conditions of regulation and enforcement until such a time as the maturity of the average student warrants a change. This change will not come about as long as the prevailing conditions of dishonesty are overlooked by the student body as a whole.

# A Christmas Thought

Any custodian of a planetarium can tell you that about the year 6 A.D. the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars crossed paths in such a manner as to make them appear, to the people on earth, as one great star.

We like the other version . . .

Bob Considine

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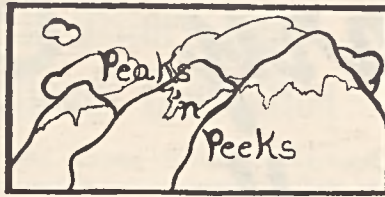
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"They're rounding the home stretch now! Numbers 19 and 25 are neck and neck, and 19 is gaining. He's ahead by a nose, by a length, and he's over the line! And the winner is December 19, the day that Mars Hill students go home for Christmas holidays!

Yes, Christmas is coming, after our impatiently waiting for a year, it is approaching faster than books can be read, papers written, and last minute preparations made by anticipating students. Just the same, it is being received with open arms.

Something else that has been received, although with mixed emotions is called by a four-lettered word, SNOW. Students have once again discovered the joys of snowcream, snowballing, sleighing on cafeteria trays, sliding on ice, and getting bruised, well bruised!

Packing as well as this last snow fall did, the snowballs made wonderful weapons. Several members of the faculty discovered this, much to their chagrin. An item of interest to the person who threw the snowball through an open window of Mc-

### Suspicious Snowman

Another highlight of winter's snowy fling was the building of a snowman in front of the Music Building which held a suspicious looking bottle bearing an even more suspicious looking label.

In order to get a better look at the world bathed in snow, four ambitious and daring lads decided to climb Mt. Bailey one night. Just what they managed to perceive in the darkness is not known, but it is suspected that they received runny noses, cold hands, and half-frozen feet. Another expedition has yet to be planned.

"Christmas is coming

The geese are getting fat . . ." and so were, they decided, a group of girls in one particular dormitory. The girls formed a club for moral support and decided to buy a present for the girl who loses the most weight before Christmas. Noticed any shapelier misses lately?

All the emotions concerning the seemingly impossible amount of work to be done before Christmas was overheard being summed up in a few short words after Dr. Pierce's English class the other day. "I'd rather be a ditchdigger than a dead scholar," said one bewildered young man.

### Christmas Tea

Mother Sparks' annual Christmas tea was its usual success last week. The guests crowded into Spilman parlor to enjoy the punch, cake, and above all, Mother Sparks' warm hospitality.

It was great to see all the many familiar faces of last year's alumni back on campus in recent days. A warm hush fell over the cafeteria and quite a few eyes became misty as former touring choir members sang a blessing Thanksgiving day.

As the Christmas trees keep being put up and one by one the days are being marked off

# Why I Believe In Christmas

By Sandy Ragsdale

An open fireplace cast forth a faint glow with its own brilliant glow of a gaily decorated green which lay a mountain of gifts.

Outside snow covered the ground and made a fair handiwork of God. The chilled air was quiet — occasional laughter of children playing on their sleds a snowmen, the crunch of snow beneath hurrying feet a mas carol above the church steeples.

# Ron Kellar Presents Library With Books

We share the personal letter from Ronald Kellar, a library student assistant the past two years. He was one of our most capable assistants. He wrote, "I am now serving my two-years active duty in the Naval Reserves and am on a six-month's Mediterranean cruise. Our ship, the U. S. S. Vogelgesang, left Charleston, South Carolina, September 21. I am enjoying my Navy duty very much, as I am seeing many ports of the world that I might not have otherwise ever seen.

There is not a day that passes but what I think of my two years at Mars Hill. Enjoying my cruise as I am, frankly I'd love to be at Mars Hill right now visiting with my friends. I feel sure that after my Navy duty I will be ready to put everything into my future college and life's work.

It was in Siros, Greece, that I thought of purchasing these two books, one being the famous Russian novel, *Dr. Zhivago*, and the other one a work of Charles Dickens. Both are written completely in Greek. It occurred to me that they might be of some interest to the students of Greek as far as being a challenge to read them. You may have no place in the library for them, yet I am sending them in hopes that you do. Give my regards to . . . I hope to see you all before the 1959-60 year is out."

We are certainly proud of these two books and will welcome any others from our friends.

### Student Gift

Our latest student gift is an album of French records and their textbook, from James Everhart. We will profit greatly by his generous and thoughtful gift. Something special for which you can look forward in January is an art exhibition of Joe C. Robertson's paintings in the Audio-Visual Aids room. Watch for the announcement of the date.

You will have a happier Christmas if you settle your library debts before you go home. A wonderful Christmas to you — from the Library Staff and student assistants!

the calendar, students everywhere are either thinking or vocalizing "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays."

This Christmas remember that there are happier things than "T'was the night before Christmas and Santa Claus died." There is mistletoe! Need more be said.

This all is a story of what Christmas means but still it is more than butterflies in the air. college students who receive letters saying their whole family will be home and awaiting their Christmas; it is the beat of half excited gleam in the boy's eyes as he sits on the knee; it is the churning in the chest over a clear, still night; ecstasy you know when the smile on the face of the person you have barely met simply by singing up to friends, candy, Christmas on the mantelpiece. But most of all, in our surprises, fireplaces, Christmas Himself. Wm. Wendell of Christmas and all that come to my eye the member the Christ on this day in a lowly set up become the Saviour in the Prince of Peace more. Yes, these are the days to believe in Christmas. Dick Young has a lot of things to say, I would like to hear him. With happiness and gifts of which you ever want. May all your friends be happy. With sentimentality. To add a world of food is to multiply your God bless you with courage to pursue each noble will be. By far your happiest. May all the ornaments lights Upon the Christmas tree Reflect the peace and fort of Your loving family. May every moment of life Seem wonderful And in the year away May all your dreams true.

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### The Hilltop

this opportunity everyone a happy son. May your filled with bright your journeying be safe and pleasant very best wishes yours.

We, of the Hilltop press our sincere Jean Yoder upon her grandmother.