

# Display Your Talents! Try Original Writing

Among the eleven hundred students enrolled in Mars Hill College there are surely a great number of persons who enjoy writing and who would be interested in having their talents displayed to their fellow students. The *Hilltop* staff tries to keep this idea in mind as we select the articles for the literary edition which is published every spring.

Heretofore each student has been required to write an original paper in English class and the teachers have submitted the best papers to the *Hilltop* staff. The best and most original of these papers have been used in the literary edition. This year the *Hilltop* has decided to change its policy, chiefly because we feel that material submitted has not been as good as students at Mars Hill are capable of writing. Perhaps one does better writing under inspiration than by assignment! Previously papers have been too often just another English paper to be graded and given credit. This type of work is not what the staff is looking for. We want original papers that were written because the authors want to write and enjoy doing them.

The *Hilltop* is looking for variety and originality. The entries which are submitted can be poems, short stories, editorials, original jokes or chuckles, or any other type of literature. They must be relatively short, because of limitations of space. Deadline is February 20. When you get exams off your mind, see what you can think of that you would like to see in print.

# Exams! Not So Bad As They May Seem

Droopy eyes! Fingernails gone! Frantic looks on faces! Yes, these are all signs of exams, which are upon the students of Mars Hill once again. Freshmen are feverishly worried about the hygiene exam — the one course they thought would be a crip, but found out differently. Sophomores are wondering if they will be able to scrap up enough hours and Q. P.'s to graduate, and teachers are wondering if they will ever get all the papers graded before exams.

Everyone is wondering if he will ever find time to study everything before the final hour. During exam week everyone finds he has more time on his hands (out of class), but all this time must be used wisely and constructively. With careful and thoughtful planning, each person will find that he has plenty of time to study, with a little left over for short bull sessions. Keep in mind that exams only last five days (less for some of us), and then once more we can relax.

Exams, which are thought to be so much harder than they really are, which are talked about so much more than they are studied for, which are dreaded so much more than they should be — exams — they are here — Good Luck!

# Live For Today

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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# LISTEN FUND Aids World Needs

The LISTEN (Love Impels Sacrifice Toward Every Need) campaign is a program of missionary education and concern originated by North Carolina Baptist students seven years ago. During these years emphasis has been placed on learning more about technical, medical, spiritual and educational needs of peoples throughout the world. Students have also emphasized developing genuine Christian concern through which they can help meet some of these needs. A few of the needs in thirty-five countries and territories have been met with the \$22,773.79 given by students through LISTEN.

This year the LISTEN budget calls for \$4,500.00 which will be spent for summer missions, a skin grafting machine for an African hospital, rice for one hundred children in Hong Kong, education in India and several other projects. Summer missionaries will be sent to Alaska, Illinois and the Fort Bragg area, and students who are interested in these programs can secure applications from Dr. Ella J. Pierce.

At Mars Hill this year the treasurer of the Baptist Student Union, Sam Beard, is the campus-wide LISTEN chairman. There is a LISTEN chairman for each of the dormitories; these chairmen are Wanda Walters, Huffman; Mary Thore, Stroup; Virginia Webb, Edna Moore; Cecelia Rigsbee, Treat; Ken Roberson, Spillman; Bill Deans, Myers; Coolidge Porterfield, Melrose; and Richard Williams, Brown. On the first Wednesday night of each month these chairmen are responsible for making a LISTEN collection in their respective dormitories.

This month's collections amounted to forty dollars, which brought the total for this school year to \$201.16. By the end of the year we hope to exceed the \$292.00 which was collected last year.

# Students Receive Faculty With Enthusiastic Appl...

The annual faculty play, "George Washington Slept There" presented on the Saturday night of January 7 in the auditorium. The delightful comedy of a family trying to fit the colonial past into the livable present was well received by the student body. The characters of the play were well played by Mr. Pegg playing Newton Fuller, and Mrs. Jim Cox, as his heroine, did a very fine piece of acting. The nice thing about the play was that they did not seem very conscious of their acting; rather they were living their parts and enjoying them.

# MH Moves Toward Four Year Status

Plans for converting Mars Hill to a four year college move steadily forward. The administration and faculty are working toward the necessary on-campus adjustments. The State Baptist Convention will call this spring a special session to make plans for financing expansion in the Baptist colleges.

### Lee Makes Statement

Dean R. M. Lee, in an official statement says, "The Baptist State Convention in session in Asheville on November 16, 1960, approved recommendations of the general board for Mars Hill to convert to a senior college. The committee responsible for the planning of the program is working constantly on the curriculum and taking other steps necessary to the new setup.

"Present plans call for the addition of the third year of college work in September, 1962, and the fourth in 1963. These plans would enable present freshmen to become the first graduating class.

"The faculty of the college has been divided into committees. Each committee is charged with the responsibility of setting up a certain portion of the four year program. When completed, all plans will be presented to the central committee for approval."

# Sparklers on their Fingers Put Stars in Ten Girls' Eyes

Christmas is the season of love and happiness. This year ten girls took advantage of this fact by declaring their love and making ten girls happy. Each of the ten returned to Mars Hill with sparkles in her eyes and on her hand that would make the brightest Christmas tree decorations look dim.

Girls who received engagement rings are Patsy Clark, Lynn Mesnig, Virginia Webb, Judy Swift, Janice McGrady, Ellie Moore, Ruth Lairscey, Ruth Ann Carter, Barbara Wells, and Bette Kelley.

Two of the girls inherited the family stone of their fiances. Barbara Wells and Judy Swift each received a stone which has been in the young man's family for three and four generations respectively.

Benny Candler and William Whitaker are two Mars Hill boys who are responsible for the sparkles in the eyes of Lynn Mesnig and Virginia Webb. Ruth Carter is engaged to Max Lennon, who attended MH last year. Bette Kelley is also engaged to a Mars Hill boy who is now attending Carson-New-

man, Warren Rice.

The stones vary in size and shape, but the majority of the girls have solitaires. A few of the girls are planning June weddings; however, most have not made definite plans. They agree that it is better to wait until they finish school.

Of course the remaining Mars Hill girls are not "old maids". Many are going steady and some are pinned. The latter state is often considered a temporary engagement until a ring can be afforded. Many Mars Hill boys are probably engaged to girls back home or at other schools. However, it is not as easy to learn the status of the boys as it is to look at the third finger, left hand of a girl and see the story.

Sandy Nolan, Esther Thompson, and Sandi Rhodes have an advantage over the ten girls who received rings for Christmas — they have been engaged for a longer (three months) time.

When one girl was asked the particular significance of her ring, she answered, "It means that I am in love and he is too."

# Mr. Pegg, enth...

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# T.V. Concert Opens 4th

The popular "New York Philharmonic People's Concert" series, under the fiscal direction of Leonard Bernstein, starts its the CBS Television Sunday, January 15, 8:00 PM, EST.

The January concert, "The World's Greatest Musician" is the world's greatest music coming from the Carnegie Hall City. The second concert on CBS-TV February 1, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, EST, is a salute by the 60th birthday of the American composer, Aaron Copland. On that number on the of his most famous SALON MEXIC

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