

Spring Brings "Outside Activities"

Spring is a busy time for Mars Hill. There are always so many "outside activities" to take one's mind away from studying. When I speak of "outside activities" I mean not only the class and various other banquets, the activities of the Choir and the Dramateers, but also the temptation to sun bathe, go hiking, and just loaf around in general. It seems that spring always tends to make one lazy!

With all these temptations to put one's work aside, it is hard to sit in the room while the rest of the gang is sun bathing, even though we know that rehearsal tonight will cut out study hours; or it is just as hard to sit in the library and work on a chemistry paper while the breezes call to the tennis courts or the "Cascades."

The temptations to "laze" around are just as bad for one person as they are for the next. Everyone has papers, tests and extra activities, including the teachers, and the temptations are just as great to every one.

However, we must remember that we are at Mars Hill primarily to get an education, and for the majority of us this means we have to do some studying. Each of us knows our own capabilities, and from this knowledge we should decide whether we have time for "outside activities" and still keep up our grades. With only four weeks remaining until final exams, it is awfully risky to chance those borderline grades.

On the other hand, it would be a shame to sit in the dorm all day and let the beautiful spring weather pass by without enjoying it or let the opportunity to take part in the extra-curricular activities around the campus slip by and allow a select few to do all the work.

We have to decide for ourselves whether or not we are going to loaf around and forget studying or whether we are going to study and forget to relax and enjoy this beautiful time of the year. I think you will all agree that a happy medium would be a little study and a little relaxing to get the true benefit of spring and also of college.

Peace Corps Demands Careful Consideration

Since President Kennedy first mentioned his Peace Corps in a campaign speech on the west coast, much has been said pro and con about the Peace Corps plan which are taking effect in various areas of the country.

It is the plan of the Peace Corps that Americans who wish to volunteer their services to their country by going to other nations and living with the natives and helping them to help themselves may apply to work with the Peace Corps. The applications will be carefully screened and the few who are accepted will begin training. After training, assignments will be passed out, and from then on the volunteers will be on their own.

The main question which comes to mind is will the Corps do more harm than good? How do we know that Americans will not lower their country's standing in the eyes of the countries who are receiving aid through the Peace Corps? These questions can not be answered now; only time will give the answers. We must realize the importance of the Peace Corps. We must each realize that the Peace Corps is for America and not for personal adventure, as it may seem at first glance.

American prestige needs to be given a boost in some of the under-developed countries of the world, and the Peace Corps is one means of fulfilling this mission. If the proper attitude is taken by all Americans, especially those volunteering for work, then the desired results will be obtained in the end.

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MH Leads State In Listen Fund

Mars Hill College is leading the schools of the state in total LISTEN contributions for the 1960 - 61 year. The total thus far is \$290.15 with \$33.53 having been collected this month. The final collection will be made in May by next year's LISTEN Committee headed by the new BSU Treasurer, Fay Coker.

The BSU greatly appreciates the contributions and interest which the students have shown in the LISTEN program. This year the LISTEN chairmen in the dormitories have been Wanda Walters, Mary Thore, Patsy Bowers, Virginia Webb, Cecelia Rigsbee, Ken Roberson, Bill Deans, and Coolidge Porterfield; and the BSU especially thanks them for their work in collecting the contributions.

Fund Sponsors Missionaries

As a part of the LISTEN mission to send spiritual, medical, technical, and educational aid to needy areas, three students enrolled in North Carolina institutions have been appointed to serve as summer missionaries during the coming summer. James Oldham, civil engineering major at Duke University, from Amarillo, Texas, will participate in a European Work Camp; and Jane Price, a native of Durham and senior at Watts Hospital School of Nursing in Durham, will serve in a Baptist Hospital in Ghana, West Africa. George Grigsby, Jr., from Holly Springs, a pre-med student at the University of North Carolina, will do vacation Bible school and lay church work in Alaska. At the stateside BSU Leadership Training Conference at Wake Forest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, April 21 - 23, the three students will be presented in a special program.

The expenses for sending these summer missionaries, medical supplies, scholarships, food for refugees, and other aid around the world are paid directly by the LISTEN Program; and at the present time total contributions are much lower than the anticipated income of \$4,500.

Plans Revealed For Reorganizing Mars Hill To Senior College

On November 16, 1960, the Baptist State Convention in Asheville gave its final approval to a proposal to reorganize Mars Hill College into a senior college. The decision was based on the results of extensive preliminary studies by committees of the trustees and faculty of the college. According to present plans, Mars Hill College will become a senior college program by adding the third year in 1962 and the fourth year at the beginning of the year 1963.

Communism Is Problem For All

By JOHN JEANNETTE

"We are destroying our nation and unless we take immediate action, we are going to find out too late that we should have done something." If today some one should make this remark to us, we would be prone to question that person's mental stability. But let us think before we pass such a judgment. In the past months there have been numerous attempts to bring to our attention how real the threat of Communism is to this nation and its allies. Late last year, Billy Graham made the statement that Communism is gaining that proportion to the failures of our faiths.

We, as Christians and citizens, have reached a state of dangerous complacency. We have the attitude that surely God will not allow a "Christian" nation such as ours to become a thing of the past. Because of our wealth, we have gained this attitude and given religion a second place. With this attitude we are failing our faiths and, consequently, we no longer see the significance of the oft-quoted proverb, "The Lord helps those who help themselves."

We must face that fact that Russia is active in America! We may call this fact a threat, a challenge, or whatever we wish; but the truth is that Communist activity in America has become a reality, and we must become alert.

Be on the Alert

At this point the questions may be asked, "How do we get on the alert?" or "What are we to look for as Communist activity?" These are reasonable and fair questions, but unfortunately there can be no definite answer as to what to look for, because Communists are very crafty and work undercover. We can only gain very general knowledge about their activities and about what we are to look for. For instance, it is believed that Communists are striving to obsess the youth of the nation with Communist doctrines through the use of publications and activities that are not easily detected.

Staff Apologizes

Editor's note: Due to an oversight of the staff of the Literary Edition the following poem was accredited to Pauline Gibson. The staff apologizes to the author and reprints it with correct credit.

I touch the petal of a rose
And touched the heart of God.
I felt the rain upon my face,
And knelt down to kiss the sod.

I walked today beneath the sun
And watched the clouds roll by.
I saw the smile of God on me,
And bowed my head to cry.

I cried to see the smile of God,
And felt him touch my heart.
I placed my hand in His great hand
To push my tears apart.

SANDY RAGSDALE

Music Offered

The Department of Music at Mars Hill College is pleased to announce the availability of several positions for students in the fall of 1961. The positions are: Major in Music, Minor in Music, and Music Business. The end of the year is on the 15th of the month. Awards are given to the most talented, successful applicants. The positions are available on Saturday, April 22, 1961.

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