

College Celebrates 106th Birthday

Founders Day, the birthday of the college, is observed each year on or near October 12, the birthday of Edward Carter, one of several far-sighted local men who brought the school into being for the purpose of educating their children according to their own faith. This year's celebration will mark the 106th year of the institution. The dedication of a handsome, much-needed, long-awaited auditorium and fine arts building will add special significance to the observance. It will be an incentive for reverent remembrance of the sacrifices that have brought us to this momentous occasion, sacrifices that have been freely made in our behalf. The names of men such as Edward Carter and Dr. Moore and Dr. Blackwell will rightly be praised, but we should also pause a moment in thanksgiving for those whose work and devotion and love have not been as spectacular but have, nonetheless, blessed our lives.

Welcome Change In Cafeteria

A great number of changes were made on our campus this summer but one of the more welcome ones was an addition to the management of our cafeteria.

Those of us who were here last year still well remember the line breakers who often caused the rest of us to stand in line sometimes for more than an hour. Also well remembered are the general "rough house" activities that prevailed during meal time.

We don't know who conceived the idea of having a hostess in the cafeteria, but we would certainly like to commend them. True, the lines are longer in the cafeteria this year but that is because there aren't twenty or thirty people "jumping" into the front of the line. The line may be longer, but it moves faster. The entire cafeteria runs much smoother this year, and we believe that a lot of the credit should go to our new hostess, Mrs. Julia Tilson. Congratulations on a job being well done.

—Richard Ergenbright

Journalists Needed

There are still plenty of assignments on the Hilltop staff for anyone who is eager to work. Greatest need is for reporters, but there are also openings for anyone who has had experience in copyreading and layout.

Newcomers and those already on the staff are requested to check with the advisor each Monday after publication to receive an assignment for the next issue and to sign the work schedule. Copy goes to the printer on Monday, proofs are returned Wednesday, page dummies are made up Wednesday night and sent back to the printer Thursday morning, page proofs are returned from the press Thursday afternoon, final corrections are made by telephone Friday morning, and copies of the paper are distributed Saturday morning.

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All Honor Club Meetings Planned Tuesday Night

Honor clubs will hold their first meetings next week and, adhering to a recent decision of the honor clubs council, all will meet on Tuesday night.

The French Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Nona Roberts. Officers are Jerry Jordan, president; Annemarie Nussbaumer, vice-president; Nancy Hannah, secretary-treasurer.

The German Club will meet at the home of Mr. Farkas at 6:30 p. m. Ann Dowdy is president; Judy Woodard, vice president; Mary Sue McIntyre, secretary; and Millard Griffin, treasurer.

Election of officers will be one of the chief items of business at the meeting of Logothia at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mr. Kendall. A program on the different versions

Anthologies Seek Poetry

Competition for poetry to be included in two yearly anthologies, the College Students' Anthology and the College Teachers' National Anthology has been announced by the National Poetry Association.

Any college student may submit his verses. There is no limitation as to form or theme, however, shorter works are preferred by the board of judges because of space limitations.

Each poem must be typed or printed on a separate sheet and must bear the name and home address of the student, as well as the name of the college attended.

There are no fees or charges for acceptance or submission. All work will be judged on merit alone.

Those interested should send their manuscripts to the Offices of the National Poetry Association, 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles 34, California.

The closing date for students to submit manuscripts is Nov. 1, 1961; and the closing date for manuscripts by college teachers and librarians is Jan. 1, 1962.

of the Bible will be presented. Current president and vice-president are Martha Hunter and Rosalyn Skelton.

The meeting place of the Business Club will be announced in the departmental classes. Officers are Judy Ferguson, president; Hamp Queen, vice-president; Mary Ann Messer, secretary; Hazel West, treasurer; and Jeanie Brown, reporter.

Stroup parlor will be the meeting site for the International Relations Club of which Morris Wray is president. Other officers are Pat Bowers, first vice-president; Suzanne Brown, second vice-president; and Juanda Hamrick, secretary-treasurer.

The Orpheon Club — officers of which are President Ken Denton, Vice-President Margaret Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer Carol Moore — will meet in Spainhour Hall on the ground floor of the new fine arts building.

The Science Club will meet in the parlor at Edna Moore at 7:45 p. m. New Officers, elected last spring but not previously reported by the Hilltop, are Merle Love, president; Gary Carter, vice-president; Janet Owens, secretary-treasurer, Larry Rogers, chaplain; Henry Davis, social chairman.

A vacancy in the office of treasurer will be filled at the meeting of Scriblerus Club in Huffman parlor. Other officers are Helen Brown, president; Mary Ann Price, vice-president; Judy Sitton, secretary.

The Spanish Club will gather at the home of Mrs. Fish. Officers are Larry Farrell, president; Jayne Tomlinson, vice-president; Nancy Stackhouse, secretary-treasurer.

Art Exhibit

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ton, Greenville, S. C.; and Tim Murray, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Students and others are invited by Mr. Robertson, head of the department, to visit the gallery and view this exhibition.

Do Cereal Box Readers Stay In College?

Reprinted from the East Carolinian, student newspaper, East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.

What happens to college freshmen? College enrollment has hit an all time high and will continue to increase by leaps and bounds in the coming decade. With this increased enrollment we are told that the calibre of the high school student entering college is higher and better . . . yet in this otherwise 'bright' picture there is a dark blot.

The blot is this: *The dropout rate of college freshmen.*

According to Harold G. Ridlon, assistant professor of English at Tufts University, Massachusetts, whose article "Why Freshmen Fail" appears in this month's *Atlantic* magazine: "Even for those who ultimately do survive, the first term of college can be a harrowing experience. Though admission officers tell us that the new freshmen are better and better in the ways that are measurable, many of us have a lurking suspicion that the battery of tests and other data college administrators depend on fall far short of revealing student originality, inventiveness, or capacity for intellectual growth under the demanding stimuli of the first weeks of college."

Why do freshmen fail? Failure is not derived from the active participation in group activities . . . the College Union, campus publications, or student government, nor is it caused by dating or social life.

High school graduates coming to college have not learned two fundamental and essential devices for success in higher education . . . how to read and how to listen. The importance of reading in college is basic. All of us know how to read, of course we do. But as freshmen or upperclassmen have we acquired the speed and flexibility essential in mastering college material?

High schools fail to teach us the benefits of quickly scanning not so difficult books, and flexing our reading habits when we study a difficult science book. Instead they usually let us fall into rigid patterns of reading. As Ridlon says, "Many entering college students read the back of a cereal box with the same rapt attention they give to a chapter in a physics book."

To overcome this handicap the high school graduate could go on a self-training program. He could force himself to read each day for a given length of time some rather easy nonfiction book at a much more rapid speed than is really comfortable for him. This type of 'Self-improved reading habits' has been advocated by Professor Robert Bear at Dartmouth College.

The other essential device . . . how to listen . . . is even more nonexistent in high school teaching than the previously mentioned skill. High school graduates have not learned at all to listen constructively and analytically. Instructors' remarks made in the classrooms often reappear on test papers in such distorted ways as to confirm this.

Students need to develop a sincere interest in what the professor is saying and hunger for knowledge before their listening habits can be improved.

The age-old dropout problem continues. Consider these, perhaps, seldom mentioned points . . . there may be something you can do . . . prevent a college dropout . . . your own.

Letters Welcomed By Editors

In an effort to stimulate interest in the student newspaper and to be helpful to the student body the Hilltop staff would like to start a "Letters to the Editors" column.

It is hoped that such letters would be brief, not more than 250 words, and would be on some subject of special interest to Mars Hill students. No anonymous letters will be published, but the staff will withhold the name of the writer if requested to do so for a legitimate reason.

We hope that this column will provoke laughter and stimulate school spirit as well as air complaints. In fact, we specifically request that all complaints be accompanied with constructive suggestions for improvement.

As Mars Hill moves toward senior college status the student body should rightly expect new and greater privileges and responsibilities leading to maturity. We sincerely wish that such developing maturity would be reflected in your letters.

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