

Hiccups, Leisure Mark May Queen and Maid

Susie Merriman and Elaine Sitton, May Queen and Maid of Honor respectively, looked well their queenly roles as they relaxed in an informal discussion which took place in Elaine's room. According to Elaine, she and her roommate, Paula Hoskins, decorated the room with red curtains and red bedspreads because they wanted it to be a "room of cheer."

Susie, a sophomore from Fielddale, Va., expressed her astonishment at being chosen May Queen. Having spent a sleepless night, she consumed two alka seltzers trying to adjust herself to her new status. She says one usually thinks of a queen as possessing grace and dignity.

"I sure did not appear very graceful when I fell out of my seat the other day."

Even as Susie, who is known for her sense of humor, said this, as a result of a soda pop she had drunk, a big hiccup emerged.

Daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Frank Sitton, Elaine hails from Mt. Airy. An English major, she plans to teach school. When asked her opinion of the desirable characteristics in a husband, Elaine gazed at the wall at the figure bedecked in a football uniform—her fiance Larry Bruce — and included "a faith to live by, a purpose to live for, and self-respect to live with." Susie, who has no special beau, added a "desirable character which embodies all aspects of being a father, lover, and Christian."

The two girls, each outstanding, are alike, yet different in many respects. Being physically different, Susie stands 5'7" tall and is a brunette with blue

eyes, while Elaine is 5'6" and has brown hair and blue eyes. Although both girls attended different high schools, they have similar records. Each was an honor student. For two years Susie was co-chief cheerleader and for three years Elaine was chief. Both were vice-presidents of the student council and both were Homecoming Queens. In addition, Elaine was chief marshal her junior year.

Both Susie and Elaine intend to further their education at Wake Forest. When speaking of their evaluation of Mars Hill, both say they feel it is superior. Most impressive to Elaine is the caliber of the students and their friendliness. Susie is impressed by the experiences derived from her adaption to "dorm life." She is an advocate of self-education and dorm life has enriched this advocacy.

Elaine enjoys relaxing with her family and dating Larry who comes up on these occasions. Elaine believes that her engagement to Larry is the highlight of this year.

Susie and Elaine, two lovely, deserving coeds, intend to strive to be worthy May Day representatives.

Futile Poems For Valentines

There was a young man of the Yard
Who made a Valentine's Card
He made it of leaves
His lover did sneeze
And scattered his kiss on the yard.

Mr. Vernon Remains In Hospital; Girls Have 'Marry' Month

Mr. Vernon of the dramatics and speech faculty is still confined to Room 104, Mission Hospital in Asheville, where he has been recovering from a fracture of the spine suffered in a fall Jan. 5. Doctors have fitted him with a brace which he must wear for approximately 6 months after he leaves the hospital in a week or so.

Related congratulations are due to band director John Sumrall, who has captured the heart of sophomore Suzanne Brown of Erwin, Tenn. The couple has announced plans to be married soon.

Similar good wishes are in order, too, for Joan Wilkey, secretary in the registrar's office, who returned from the Christmas holidays wearing a handsome engagement ring.

The third finger, left hand, of Miss Ann Brammer of the science department, is also sparkling. Her fiance, Durham Bell, visited the campus last week.

Dean Lee is one of three Madison County residents named to serve on Confederate centennial celebration committee. The appointment was made by the county commissioners at the request of state officials in Raleigh.

New president of the Asheville Art Museum is Mars Hill's artist and teacher Joe Chris Robertson.

Richard Nelson, sophomore from Grand Island, N. Y., and Walter Smith, publicity director for the College and advisor for the Hilltop, have a something in common these days — "expectant-father nervousness." Mrs. Nelson, secretary in the public relations department, and Mrs. Smith are expecting babies about the same time in February.

The fact that there is a new hostess in Stroup is not news to the girls who live in that dorm, but to many others on the campus Mrs. Maria L. Starnell of Spartanburg is still a stranger. Mrs. Starnell succeeds Mrs. Tom Walters of Ridgecrest, who was forced to resign because of illness.



A typically feminine room—simple and well-kept—is that of coeds Jane Shaw (left) and Audra Gossett, Edna Moore residents. Here the pair spin a few of their favorite platters as they enjoy a leisure hour.

Neat Girls May Avoid Beatings Later On

Hostesses — better known on our campus as "housemothers" — are a familiar part of college life on the campuses across our nation. Those at Mars Hill, like those at other schools, have their problems and their rewards. Concerned over personal problems as well as housekeeping among their "sons" and "daughters," the dormitory hostesses have established a wide recognition for themselves as important persons in the college family.

Typical of the type of women engaged to serve as housemothers at Mars Hill are Mrs. Elsie Teague and Mrs. Cora Charles.

Mother Teague, housemother for Edna Moore Dormitory for the last four years, is well pleased with the way her girls have kept house this year. She says they have displayed a more than average maturity in their attitude and a better spirit of cooperation, which have resulted in better housekeeping.

Mother Teague believes the more simple the room, the better — neat, but not crowded.

Housemother in Huffman, Mrs. Charles never had any girls of her own. She really gets a kick out of having "daughters." She is as proud as can be of the way her girls are keeping their rooms, because it signifies an interest in their future homes.

She jokingly tells her girls they should get into the habit of keeping their rooms clean so that later their husbands will not beat them for being poor housekeepers.

According to Mrs. Charles, home training reflects itself in the rooms of the girls; neatness at home shows in neatness at school. Most of her girls seem very mature in their attitudes. Since the beginning of school study habits have improved greatly. She tells her girls that they should work when they work and play when they play.

Mother Charles desires a happy life of health, spirituality and good scholarship for her girls. The girls live in the dorm as "sisters" in a high degree of cooperation, but Mrs. Charles is quite concerned with the decline of attendance at church

and prayer service, a problem of equal concern for the other members of the college family.

Social relationships among the young women and young men on the campus are a subject of vital interest to the housemothers. Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Teague, like the others, strive to help and encourage their "daughters" to develop and maintain wholesome and enjoyable relationships on the highest level.

Joe College Hungry, Strange and Wild

(ACP)—With tongue in cheek, the girls at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, set out to describe the collegiate male. Here is the result, from the *Fournier News*:

He is a strange compound of wolf and cherub, beatnick and stockbroker. (The proportions vary widely in the individual members.) He frequently mixes, but rarely dances. He eats (when the food is free) as if he had just returned from a 40-day fast in the desert.

Generosity flows from his soul. Quite willingly will he teach you all he knows about politics, cars, sports, love and women. He expects to be chased and admired, but scorns girls who flirt.

If he is handsome, he is conceited. If he is smart, he is too smart. And if he is sweet, thoughtful and witty, he is engaged.

"Joe College" likes girls, parties, beer, Marlboros, girls, Ahmad Jamahl, Fridays, girls, his alma mater, football, the Kingston Trio and girls. He dislikes blind dates, work, crowded mixers, work, weeping women, work, Mondays, work, 12:00 p.m. curfews and work.

He is a combination Troy Donahue-Gardner McKay and a charter member of the Mickey Mouse Club. He is the despair of the older generation and the hope of America's future. He is what every philosophy professor dreads, and what every college girl dreams of.

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