

This golden door of opportunity: intramurals at MH

President Kennedy's cry for physical fitness drops off to a low moan on the ears of most people. Regardless of this, however, it might be wise for those students at Mars Hill, even those who think of themselves as being completely physically fit, to take advantage of Mars Hill's most practical and economic offering.

This is the intramural program.

For some reason, whether it be a too stringent emphasis on academic furtherance or an inadvertent disregard of the need for general athletics, intramurals have never held their rightful place of respect on this campus. The interest is a far cry from most four year colleges. UNC, for example, has probably one of the best intramural programs in the nation. At least the best in North Carolina.

Looking back through some old issues of the 37-year-old Hilltop one could find announcements such as this: "Euthalia and Philomathia have organized football teams. Look for game schedule later on the bulletin boards." This was less than a decade ago, showing the loose organization of the program. The program has, actually, been organized for just a few years.

But it has been improved grossly in the past two years.

The program, if actively participated in by students, would be a top notch and enjoyable experience for the entire student body.

Let's face it. Most of us just are not athletes or else we do not have the time to play varsity sports. Even if we were and did there would not be enough room. A football team has only 11 players. There are over 600 males on campus.

The co-rec program introduced this year has been long awaited. It is part of the intramural program worked out by Coaches Jim Fish, and Virginia Hart.

Some old-time battles among campus members would be good for the campus. An old-fashioned rivalry would be a boon to an otherwise conservative school. The intramural program is not a sissified thing, but a great opportunity for flexing muscles and enlightening oneself to reflex and athletic knowledge. After all, the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields at Eaton.

You don't agree, huh?

And so not everybody agrees with everybody else. It might even be true that not everybody agrees with everything in the editorial columns of the Hilltop. And so what can you do about it?

Some organizations believe in wearing white robes and burning torches to show disagreement; others resort to writing up a Black List of all people who have the audacity to question a traditional standard. More rational people discover the wonderful world of Letters to the Editor.

The Hilltop welcomes letters and these letters, if properly signed, will gladly be reproduced on the editorial page of the student newspaper. Those with the energy to write letters and use a stamp may address the letter to Box 486-T, Mars Hill, or letters may be brought directly to the Hilltop office.

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The first known account of the now All-American collegiate pastime of cribbing was attributed to the Roman, Claudius, in 40 A.D. While cramming for finals at Hemlock Normal (named in honor of Socrates), Claude copied the history of England on the mouton lining of his toga. Later he found out there was no England yet and that it was all some crazy science-fiction stuff dreamed up by his roomie, Caesar.

Not to be outdone, he finally graduated in 43 A.D. dentium skinus (by the skin of his teeth), took a job as Roman Emperor, made the first channel swim and established Roman rule in Britain. Upon his return he collaborated with a classmate and music-major,

Antonius Berlin, and wrote the immortal "There'll Always Be An Anglo-Terra," an instrumental for the Lute and Jew's Harp.

Cribbing was introduced into America by an obscure scholar in Professor B. Jolley's 1924 History class as a method of self-preservation. He later won the BVD Foundation Medal for Bravery.

The University of Washington Columns reports that the versatile sport still abounds abroad. When Lord Frederic Hamilton was a foreign attache in India he found that guessing the age of the natives was quite difficult because the lines and wrinkles did not show on the dark skin. Lord Hamilton soon found that the dark skin held other advantages.

"One of the European Examiners of Calcutta University told me that there had been great trouble about the examination papers. By some means the native students always managed to obtain what we may term 'advance' copies of these papers. My informant devised a scheme to stop this leakage. Instead of having the papers printed in the usual fashion, he called in the services of a single white printer whom he could absolutely rely on. The examiner had the papers handed to him early on the morning of the examination day, and he duly set them up on a hand-press in the building itself. The printer had one assistant, a coolie lad clad only in loin-cloth and turban, and every time the coolie left the room he was made to remove both his loin-cloth and turban, so that by no possibility could he have any papers concealed about him. In spite of these precautions it was clear from internal evidence that some of the students had had a previous knowledge of the questions. It eventually appeared that the coolie, taking advantage of the momentary absence of the white printer, had whipped off his turban, pressed his shaven head to the form, and then replaced his headpiece. When made to strip on going out, the printing ink did not show on his dark skin: he had only to press his head on a large sheet of white paper for the questions to be printed off on it, and they could easily be read in a mirror."

Lord Hamilton made a very sage conclusion: "The Oriental mind is very subtle."

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Miss Tricia Butte, a former Mars Hill student, was recently a runner-up in the Miss Florida contest. Now attending the University of Miami and studying interior decorating, Trish was a previous runner-up in the Miss Miami contest and winner of the talent division. From time to time Trish contributes cartoons to the HILLTOP. Besides her other talents, she sings, plays the guitar and models and, upon occasion, has been back up guitar player for such artists as the Everly Brothers and Santo and Johnny.

Letters...

Please permit me to use the columns of the Hilltop to convey a message to all the students.

To returning students, who have been so nice in the dining hall, I'm glad you are back and I am proud of your accomplishments.

I welcome you new students, too. Already you have been so nice in the dining hall that I am looking forward to working with you the rest of the year. I feel that we are going to have a good year.

What a great challenge you have in helping make this year a good one! What a joy it will be to be able to say "I was a student at Mars Hill College in 1962 and helped make the first year of its four-year program a good one."

If I can help you in any way, please call on me.

Your friend,
"Miss Julia"
Hostess in the cafeteria

In the Civil Wars t Hill

Jesse James and Cole Younger were negative products of the bellicose disaffection between the states. Having learned famous trades while riding with raiders, the two returned westward where they made names for themselves with six-gauge dynamite.

Probably no other engagement was as among stranger and odder circumstances than the Civil War.

Both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson were born in Kentucky. Major Robert Anderson, commander of the forts in Charleston, was also a Kentuckian. The war burst upon the industrial north and the agricultural south, Kentucky became a neutral state.

Fort Sumter, after its surrender by the Confederates, was never held by the Federals again. One month later, on the very anniversary of its surrender.

The man who attacked and seized General Beauregard, had enrolled in the military school in Louisiana. The superintendent of that school was William Sumner. He resigned when the war broke out. Sumter was not the sight of the first shot, Jan. 8 at Pensacola Bay, Fla., some troops fired the first shots at a group of secessionists.

When the Merrimac (Virginia) rammed the Federal ship and outfought two other ships in the entire world that could give her a battle at that time. The British French each had an ironclad. After the Monitor, the Merrimac (Virginia) sank another Yankee boat, but her presence kept the Federals out of the James River.

The South's two most famous women were close friends to northern governors. Rose Greenhow was probably the most important woman in Washington society. Her friends included Secretary of State Sewell B. Tilden, Senator H. Wilson, chairman of the Senate Committee on military affairs. Louisa Buckner, niece to Montgomery Blair, postmaster of the Confederates she was called "The Lady."

Next to the last state to join the Union in 1789, North Carolina was the last to ratify the ordinance of secession in 1861. Andrew Pickens, president of the United States during the war, was a native of North Carolina.

The last regiment to surrender was the 7th North Carolina at Johnston's which gave up near the end of the war. Sherman's terms of surrender were liberal and he even gave the Rebels 10 days rations. Johnston never forgot the generosity and 26 years later he died of pneumonia after standing hatless at the funeral of Sherman.

Same old problem

It's the same old problem, over and over again: this question of stealing. Some people encourage the fact that in an institution where freedom is advocated, moral integrity, student not to be sure that they will have an adequate raincoat or book when they return from school and meals.

Already those responsible have been reading this dissertation, and rightly so. Even moral degenerates do not desire further degeneration. Nonetheless, stealing and other bad habits and practices, must be stopped.

Now just why people heist things which do not belong to them is an enquiry reserved for trained psychiatrists. Perhaps thieves steal in order to procure a feeling of accomplishment. Or else they do so to prove the existence of their craftiness, which some mistake for intelligence. And then there's the possibility they are preparing for "bigger and better" such as another Brink's robbery. It is the people in Brooklyn that they are of records—even bad ones, such as the New York Mets' affinity for losing ball games. It has further been stated that "no publicity is good publicity." Can it be that our thieving students think along such lines? Do they realize that stealing is an accomplishment, that it is a demonstration of independence and originality of thought?

Regardless, it would be well for the students to carefully identify and care for their own property, since our Christian community might be unduly tempted—poor fellows.

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