

# Students, Wake Up!

A sparkling reminder of youth these days is shown in the vitality of students returning to Mars Hill and the new students with their wide-awake look of being eager to learn new things. It is this youthfulness that enables the college student to climb hills and still have breath left to talk to someone. It is this vitality and sparkling youthfulness that encourages the homesick freshman to stay in college.

This sparkling energy is also manifested in the enthusiasm of the new students as they stand in the necessary lines at Mars Hill, as they meet new friends and renew acquaintances. These are the sparkling years of today. These are the years that should be made to count for good. There are opportunities of genuine service on this campus in the form of religious activities, in doing our classwork well, in participating in events where our talents are needed and wanted.

To each freshman may I say sincerely "Welcome to Mars Hill College." This is your home for a few months. Make the best of whatever opportunities come your way. Get into the stream of activities that help to make this college the wonderful one that it is and has been through the years. Become a part of the place you call "home" now. Cooperate, do your work well, support your class and teams. Support your religious organizations. Each campus activity can use some of you in some way. Check the bulletin boards, **The Hilltop**, the **Announcer** for announcements that involve you as a group or an individual. Make a point to know what is going on around this campus. We welcome you and trust that this college will be a better one because you have come here to live, to study, and to grow as a Christian student.

A welcome back to returning students where hugs and happy reunions are much in evidence these days. Set the example for the freshmen and new students. Take a look at your life here last year and try to make it better now. Help keep the spirit of Mars Hill alive and vital on campus.

The **Hilltop** staff welcomes your comments in letters to the Editor, in articles you wish to write, and in constructive criticism. Feel free to come by **The Hilltop** office during its office hours. Help make the newspaper a live and vital part of this school year.

—Mary Mattison

# I Wanna Go Home!

All around the world people are facing problems and new situations. Russia has Red China, Kennedy has Wallace, Hawaii has frost, and our college freshmen have Mars Hill College. The problem is not what you are here for. Each of you know what you are here for. Some of you because you want to learn; some because your parents want you to go to college; some of you girls to find a life's partner, and some of you boys just to have a high time of it all. No, you know what you are here for. It is the other problems you face that get you confused.

The homemade food that doesn't taste homemade. Twelve-hundred faces around and not a familiar one in sight. A roommate you just can't seem to get along with. The long lines that never seem to end. Your monthly allowance that was spent last week. Your first class under a teacher labeled "terror." Getting scalded after some unseen person forgot to yell "watch the water."

Some of these problems are quite serious, while others can be laughed at. Though some of them can be laughed at a couple of months from now, however, doesn't make it any easier now. Nothing is more serious in one's life as adjusting to a new place, people and environment. It takes a sense of humor, a special kind of courage, and a lot of determination.

You miss home, your friends, and your town. Mars Hill is not your home and it does not claim to be. It is, however, as nice a place to live besides home as you will find; IF YOU WILL LET IT. You will sometimes be miserable, but you will live through it. Don't give up. You came here to find something and don't leave until you find it.

—Sally Lee Osborne

# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



# Campus Groups Begin Fall Term Activities

Dramateers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Dramatics Auditorium, Fine Arts Building, Room 144. All interested students who wish to do acting, play writing, or technical work back stage are invited to join the club at this time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, head of the drama department, has announced that **The Diary of Anne Frank** will be the major fall production. Tryouts will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 22 and 23, in Room 144. There are 10 parts—five for men and five for women. Freshmen and sophomores, as well as upper class members, are urged to try out.

Philomathian officers for the coming semester are John Reagan, president; Ben Reed, literary vice president; Reid Potter, anniversary vice president; Ralph Snider, secretary; John Steen, censor; and Delbert Lawton, chaplain.

First meeting of the year will be at 8:30 p.m. next Friday (Sept. 20.).

**The Hilltop staff extends deep sympathy to BSU president Dan Keels, whose father died unexpectedly Wednesday.**

# Letters...

A warm welcome to every student: freshman, transfer and returning student. Our purpose is to serve you in any way we can. If you are homesick, we will try to help you to become adjusted here and fall in love with Mars Hill. If you have problems, we shall be glad to listen sympathetically and try to help you to help yourself to creative solutions. If you need anything which we cannot help you to get, we will try to show you how you can get along without it. Welcome to Mars Hill College.

—William L. Lynch  
Dean of Students

Nonpareil officers for both the C-I and reception terms are announced by Miriam Jones, president.

Faye Crutchfield will serve as first vice-president and Brenda Stallings will assist her as second vice-president. In charge of the reception is Dianne Haviland. Mary Ann Shearon, secretary; Linda Mills, censor; Diana McElroy, chaplain; Mary Ann Holland, chorister, and Patty Sue Cummings, treasurer round out the roster of officers chosen in elections last spring.

To promote interest in chapel programs this year, the Baptist Student Union will show the development of Negro spirituals and the contribution of this authentic American music to American culture when the BSU takes over the chapel service on Sept. 26.

Included on the program will be a number of Negro spirituals and a selection from **God's Trombones**.

Becky Youngblood, president of Clio Society for C-I Term, 1963, announces the following officers for this year: Dorothy McIntosh, vice president; Freda Hill, secretary; Jane Mosely, Censor.

The first meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Hall.

Clio-Philomathian activities will include a "Hootenanny," at 7 p.m. Monday, and a pizza party tentatively planned for Sept. 28.

**WANTED: Hilltop staff members.**

See Mary Mattison, editor, in **Hilltop** office (located in the faculty building). Watch for notices of staff meeting next week.

Publication dates for the paper for 1963-64 are as follows: Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, 23, Dec. 14, Jan. 18, February 8, 22, March 7, 21, April 18, May 2, 16.

Organizations are encouraged to have representatives responsible for getting news to the staff at least one week prior to publication.

# Dear Freshman

I appreciate your taking time to write me a letter during these first few days. As a freshman in college I know you must be on the run all the time; it reminds me of my first year! I guess by now you are settling down to lessons and getting into the swing of college life.

Jerry, I do not write this letter as an exchange of news. These thoughts of mine are an aftermath of our discussion a few days ago. You asked me a question then, which has stayed with me for quite a while. After some thinking I feel that as a friend it is my opportunity as one who has experienced college life to try to help you in some way.

If you remember, Jerry, you asked me a question every college freshman asks himself: "How can I really know what course to major in while going to college?" I know how you felt the morning after your graduation. Suddenly you realized more keenly than ever you were no longer a high school senior; there would be no more games, parties, dances—no more of that never-to-be forgotten high school fun. Your name was then on a college registrar's list. Looming in front of you were four years of higher learning and a decision to make: what to study.

This question of yours came so unexpectedly that I could not find the right thing to say. But I have thought about it and know you will agree with me that the question is a lot deeper than it appears. You see, beyond your decision as to what you want to study is the matter of what you want to be—a public accountant, an electrician or whatever it is. When you know this, you will know what to study. Do you really know what you want to be? Suppose you decide upon an electrical career. Why did you make this choice? For money? Because you were interested in it?

Well, we are a long way from our original question, aren't we? To get to the center of my thoughts, Jerry, the matter becomes personal and spiritual in nature. To have a home, to be secure, to be interested in one's work—all this is a quest for happiness. You and I are Christians, Jerry, and realize that real happiness is not found in these ambitions and attainments. Our happiness is founded upon a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At one time in our lives we reached a state where nothing mattered except to experience peace with God. To serve in love Him who first loved us (who deserved no love) became our very life and breath. In faith Christ not only became our Saviour but also our Lord—our Leader. Our lives are now his to use.

Here, I think, is the answer to the question Jerry. If God is our Leader, certainly He will lead us into the right course to study—if we let Him. It may not come as handwriting on the wall; it may not be perfectly clear. But I sincerely believe that it will all work out for His glory and our happiness, if we are yielded to His leadership. We can then have no fears and excuses when we stand before Him and the Book of Life is opened.

Here's wishing you the best for the next four years.

—Bill

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