

RatWeek-Homecoming Earn Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS! . . . to the Student Government Association, WRA, the cheerleaders, faculty, administrative staff, upper classmen, and especially the freshmen for making Rat Week a success! Special recognition goes to each individual who supported this innovation in campus life. Lest the Hilltop overlook anyone who deserves praise for campus activities lately, including homecoming, let this editorial serve as a word of thanks.

Mars Hill College is undergoing countless changes these days as it seeks to improve the academic and social life of its students. Unless those in charge receive the support necessary, tradition will not make way for new ideas. Rat Week was successful because students and others supported it. Upper classmen were not overbearing on their "lower" students. Freshmen seemed willing to join in the spirit of their initiation as they carried trays, umbrellas, books in laundry bags and wore the signs that pointed them out in particular. We upperclassmen have a group of freshmen to brag on now. They have come through with flying colors.

Thank you, Freshmen, for proving yourselves capable of and willing to make yourselves a part of a great institution. You have made a place for yourself your first year. May this same spirit carry you through your entire college career.

Congratulations also to those who had a part in the homecoming activities. To each person who served in Fox Dormitory in any way goes a special "thank-you." To members of the administration and staff who served so faithfully in getting Fox ready for its occupants we say thanks. The long hours of planning and staying up late to be sure everything was in order were not in vain.

To mention one name for special honors would be to slight too many people who did many things for a successful weekend, so to each individual may a "thank-you" be sufficient for a job very well done.

A note of congratulation is due also to "Daddy" Blackwell, who has served Mars Hill College as president for a quarter of a century, and to Mrs. Blackwell. Thank you for your keen insight into our lives, for your many prayers in our behalf, for your wisdom and guidance through rough years, for your faithfulness in each task performed. May you both continue your service in the light of new days and new ideas.

With congratulations for jobs well done comes a reminder that there is still much to accomplish here on "the hill." The Student Government cannot operate alone, nor can any other campus organization. Now is a good time for each of us to re-evaluate our work and examine the responsibilities that are ours. May these words of encouragement for well-done jobs serve to spur us on to greater victories and accomplishments!

—Mary Mattison

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



JUST THE WAY IT READS: "IF _____ OF _____ WHAT _____ IS _____?" IF YOU HAD READ THE ASSIGNMENT THE QUESTION WOULD BE PERFECTLY CLEAR."

Letters to the editor...

Dear Miss Mattison,

The Sept. issue of *The Hilltop* reached my desk this morning. As usual, I enjoyed reading it. Your sending it is considerate.

As an alumnus and as a trustee I want to commend you — and especially Bill Deans — for the article, "The Lion's Den." I knew nothing of behavior at the game but heartily commend the kind of thinking expressed in the article.

Sincerest best wishes for a progressive year.

—Elwood Orr
Forest City

Dear Editor:

I would like to express some ideas relative to Sally Osborne's editorial in the Oct. 12 edition of *The Hilltop*.

My thoughts are directed to those who condemn Sally for the content of her editorial. The days that came before this recently past weekend were filled with "do" and/or "don't" until many of us began to dread those days in which we were to be forced to participate; however, we continued our preparation with smiles on our faces and hope in our hearts.

Now the events are behind us, and I do believe that the majority of us enjoyed the coming home of our friends and the events that took place. The chapel service was quite interesting, we girls survived through twelve hours of high heels, the fellows did not choke to death because of their ties as they had expected, and the meal lines were not any worse than we had expected. Yet, to spoil the fun of the weekend, bitterness crept into my mind when I heard a fellow student condemned for stating her opinion before us, for telling one and all that she felt that homecoming was not ours.

Though I received much enjoyment as I helped my Edna Moore family prepare for the alumni, I must reiterate my belief that those who did not find the same spirit of fun and fellowship should not therefore be condemned. I believe that a more careful read-

ing of this editorial would convince the offended that they have become a bit excited over something that was written in sincerity and meant to wound the pride of none.

—Melva Hailman

Dear Associate Editor:

I have just read your editorial "Heels On — Chins Up!" and want to congratulate you. In spite of the freedom of speech which, technically, all Americans have, I think there is reason to call yours an act of bravery. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Margaret Mitchell

Dear Editor:

I think "Heels On — Chins Up!" by Sally Lee Osborne was one of the best editorials yet in the *Hilltop*. This truly expressed the views of many. . . .

—Lew McNeill

Happiness Is:

- One night and no tests tomorrow.
- A three-people couch with two people.
- A bridge game at 1:00 a.m.
- A "yes" at the right time.
- Six questions and five omits.
- No classes until ten.
- Thirty-minute chapel service.
- A letter from anyone preferably the "someone."
- A surprise party that you come out of alive.
- A passing theme.
- A door that isn't locked.
- A water fountain that works.
- A long weekend and a round-trip ticket.
- Rat Week with a lot of freshmen.
- A long line with yourself at the front.
- A check from home.
- November 26, December 19, etc.
- A drawer of ironed clothes.
- Noon Saturday through 8:00 a.m. Monday.

Editorial Arouses Faculty and Students

"Heels On — Chins Up!" my editorial in the sun last issue has been widely commented on, bldown on pro and con. The pro has come mostly fr science students; the con has been expressed to her, Mr. personally by several members of the facu class n and administration. e hot a

First, let me say the editorial was not meant and to be malicious. It was not meant to offend y.o anyone — certainly not the alumni — and des." anyone did take offense, I am sorry. Secovery est ly, it was not intended to criticize Rat Wes Hill is or the bon fire as anyone can see by read card. L on Page 3 of the same issue the feature praxception ing Rat Week in general. and an

The editorial was written for one purpo plays a to express what I believed (and still belie plus life was the opinion of a majority of the studeomend of Mars Hill College prior to homecoming. 'itor of t weekend turned out to be a success and m design of us did enjoy ourselves, but I still firmly keent con lieve the negative approach to homecomingurers in not the best approach. Telling college studeions also precisely what to do and what not to do gibe biolog them little opportunity to grow and to matu in the

We did as we were told, but should we h Rev. an denied our real feelings and pretended to h are pro felt some other way than we really felt ab William it? Should the student newspaper not h day (O ave you West's our rec or who ek?

—Sally Osborne

Academic Desire Creates Enthusiasm

Academic enthusiasm is not limited to through ard that ann mad t summe group, major or intelligence quota. Nor it imply intellectualism (the word has b corrupted); but, it does not disregard hon and sincere intellectual pursuit and the fr dom to pursue. The pursuit cannot be tentious; pretention will destroy its birth a has in the past. There will not be a dyna change in the image nor a recognition of change, if. . . . But the reward will be obvie in the attitude and ability of every student.

Enthusiasm can no longer maintain itself we are to relegate it to a "have to," a "get b and a diploma spectrum. Learning can be joyable if we relieve ourselves of our drudg complex.

But individuals are not enough; enthusia in learning and its application is lost or, least, lessened each time delight in learning quietened by an indifferent environment when there are negative sanctions on the ba of disagreement.

Academic interest and enthusiasm are bov in trust that the college and faculty acc their responsibility in providing the means a equipment for education and that the stude accept their challenge more diligently to cu vate this environment.

Education is a bilateral responsibility!

We feel it is time for us to become m aware of our obligation and become m aware of the necessity for a greater enth iasm in our education, or else the institut is a farce.

—Adapted from Pfeiffer News

School Spirit! Here

School spirit seems to have reached anot low ebb in spite of the efforts recently to g Mars Hill a spirit that may be felt among s dents and faculty. During Rat Week eve one was conscious of a spirit of fellowship, something happened. What and why?

Mars Hill has an alma mater which, it see is learned only to be written on the handb test. The alma mater was sung in chapel Tuesday and very appropriately so after history of the College was well given. W wait until some special occasion to sing t alma mater? Let's sing our school alma ma more. Maybe this will help to create or bring back the spirit that once was here fo least a week.

—Mary Mattison