

Four Years In Retrospect

We have seen many changes in the four years we have been here while our college has gone through the transition from a junior college to a senior college. Most of these changes have been academic. We commend the administration and faculty for the changes, for they are necessary in order to make our name as an established institution. We urge a continuation of this academic growth.

The academic life of a student, however, is not his only life. There is also a social life which has not been developed in our past few years. We feel this has been the biggest shortcoming. As students we have been taught the value of constructive criticism. We hope the administration will take this as such.

First, dating rules for underclassmen should be more liberal, for these are young ladies and young men and not mere girls and boys. They are old enough to know when to study and how to study. Those who do not should be weeded out anyway.

In the last four years we have had relatively few entertainment groups who have appealed to a majority of the student body. We realize a limited amount is budgeted each year for entertainment, but we feel this amount could be apportioned more suitably. The students should have more voice in the selection of the entertainment.

One solution to the social needs could be fulfilled through a more adequate athletic program. We urge the student body as well as the administration to give a more whole-hearted support to athletics. This is a good way to develop spirit, enthusiasm and unity in our college family.

As Kenneth Galbraith, professor of economics at Harvard University, recently stated in *Parade Magazine*, "Students that do not cause a problem for an administration are not worth educating anyway." We do not urge students to cause problems, but to stand up and be heard.

—C. B. Coleman

Ah, Springtime!

Spring happens to most of the world at one time or another, but it seems to come more tangibly to the university campus than to any other spot on the globe. Those of us who are older, but incurably romantic, insist that age alone is not the reason. Perhaps spring is to the winter-weary college mind what adrenalin is to the inert muscle. And it must be admitted that, on campus, even the blindest must stumble into, through or over springtime in the shape of a flower, a tree, a mutually absorbed couple standing in the middle of a sidewalk . . .

Yes, spring has come to the Quadrangle! It has been coming to this particular spot, in this particular arrangement of trees, buildings, bells and monuments for years . . . But its coming should be proclaimed each year about this time as seniors of the university prepare to leave the ivied walls and as freshmen begin to realize that the winter of first-year college did finally end with the fresh, green, grand flourish of spring.

—Katy Stokes
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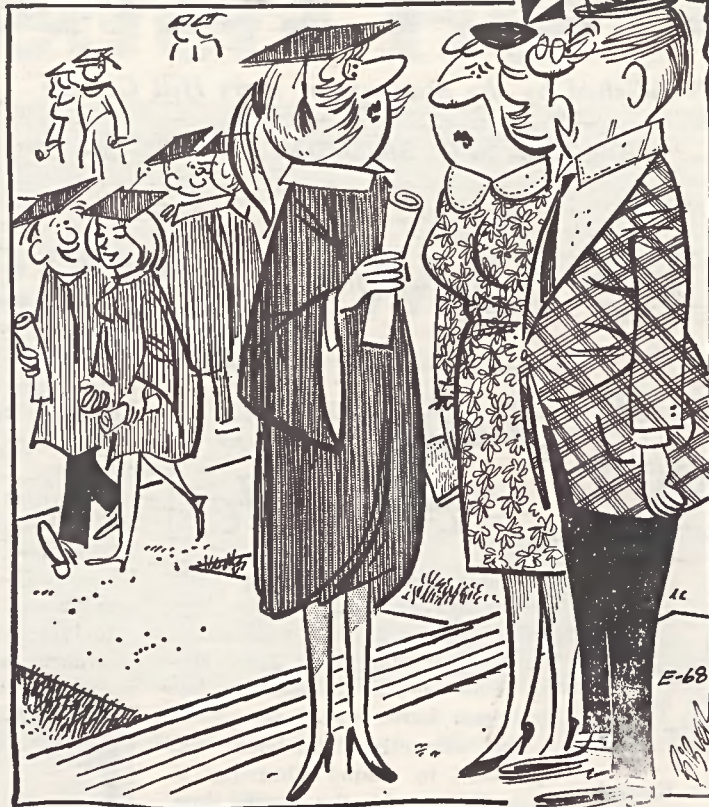


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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"HOW COME WE'VE WORKED FOUR HARD YEARS TO GET THIS COLLEGE AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO SHOW US AROUND?"

Scratchpad Scribblings...

Sophomore Jimmy Wilson of Garner has a special look of pride about him these days. His best girl recently won the "Miss Garner" title.

Norman Garrison has been admitted to the Graduate School at Wake Forest College and awarded an assistantship.

Roberta Gunnett is accepted as a medical student at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia.

Several friends of Laurel Editor Allen Hayes entertained him at a bachelor's supper at Buck's Red Carpet Room last Friday night. Among those reminding Allen that his "days are numbered" were Glenn Ragsdale, Jim Wilson, Douglas Justice and Jerry Ellege.

New president of the Science Honor Club is Mrs. Judy Woodward Halyburton. Others elected to serve with her during the 1965-66 fall term are Sarah Lee Bird, vice president; Anita Walker, secretary; Kenneth Hale, treasurer.

Two Mars Hill graduates have been admitted to med school in South Carolina, Bob Clyde of Furman and Philip Stevenson of USC. Phil has just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

We understand the South Carolina sea coast was blessed with a mob of Mars Hill students on the recent Mother's Day weekend.

The recent meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science in Chapel Hill heard a report on "Some Fishes from the Lake District of England" by Mars Hill's Dr. L. M. Outten.

Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem has selected Ernie Jones to be a research technician in its biochemistry lab.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Letzring in the birth of a son earlier this week. Don is a rising senior ministerial student, and until recently Mrs. Letzring was employed in the office of buildings and grounds.

The National Science Foundation has announced the award of a grant to the college to assist in the purchase of scientific equipment for the biology labs and reference materials for the library.

Dr. Blackwell had a new experience on May 13 as he tossed

out the first ball at the Mars Hill-Emory & Henry baseball game. His presence must have inspired the Lions as they outslugged the Wasps 12-11 in the season's finale.

The recent class elections proved once again that one vote can swing an election. Carroll Reed defeated Norman Eller 139-138 in a hot run-off for president of next year's sophomore class.

It seems Jerry Stroupe has gotten the idea his Plymouth is an jeep. The other day during a mountain-climbing outing behind boys' hill, the ole bus couldn't quite make it up that second slope and slid off to one side. After an hour of vain efforts by him and his roommate to get the car back to civilization, a walk back to campus to get more recruits was required. Among the good Samaritans were Bill Fowler, Charlie Hoffer, Randy Henry and James Kiser. Another hour and a half and the episode came to a happy ending with the retrieval of the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lance, who are retiring this year, were honored at Horne's Restaurant in Asheville recently with a smorgasboard by the members of one of Mr. Lance's math classes. Last Sunday Mr. Lance's Sunday School class awarded him with a gold plaque in appreciation of his devotion to the class.

At the last ministerial conference meeting of the year, new officers for 1965-66 were elected. Serving as president will be Charles DeWeese. Glenn Davenport is the vice-president, while Bob Mills is the new secretary. The conference, following tradition, made Fred Steen, this past year's president, janitor for next year. Jimmy Fox was elected reporter to finish out the slate of officers.

The Young Democrats Club elected officers Monday night, choosing Ben Floyd as president for the coming year.

Others include Jim Whetstone, membership vice president; Diane Freeman, program vice president; Martha Mills, secretary; George Bridges, treasurer; Betty Staton, reporter.

Publications Offers Great Opportunities

This year for me has been one of mixed emotions regarding the students of this college. Until second semester, when I was named editor of the *Laurel*, I believed most Mars Hill students to possess some strength of character and determination. As a whole, I still honestly believe this and look to my classmates as competent and dependable people; however, after hearing over and over again the gripes of students concerning certain aspects of this college and people who would almost die for its purpose, I find it hard to believe that those who are in earnest.

The major gripe seems to concern there being nothing to do while one is a student here. This is the farthest thing from the truth of the complaints. Perhaps there aren't any conditions which suit everyone and maybe there are certain social drawbacks, but there are ways of opportunity for students to get involved in the functions of the college.

The main ones I am talking about are student publications, the *Laurel* and the *Hilltop*. Since I became editor of the *Laurel*, I have found that I don't have enough time to even write about what to do with myself. Along with the staff I have worked and seen others work, I try to reach a goal that, at times, seemed impossible; but through diligent effort and a longing to see the end result of a completed book, one that is student directed and student published — a noble task has been achieved.

I have also seen the *Hilltop* staff put in long hours of work and exert a great deal of effort in putting out a fine paper. At times students who are not involved do not realize just how much work actually goes into these publications. As a result, their efforts to comment have often turned out to be harsh criticism of the persons who have put their entire selves into the publication.

I was fortunate to be editor of the annual yearbook, and I have considered it a great honor. Even though at times I felt like throwing up my hands and quitting, I can truly say I enjoyed every minute of it and would not have traded this semester for any others I have experienced at Mars Hill.

If you would like to work and, at the same time, have fun, join one of the student publications and get ready for a world of opportunity along with a world of rewarding labor.

—Allen Hayes

Book's Dedication Excellent Choice

"The senior class along with the 1965 *Laurel* staff, proudly dedicates the 1965 *Laurel* to Virginia Hart." These words rang out Thursday morning during the chapel hour in which Coach Hart was honored with what is probably the highest award a faculty member can receive from the students of Mars Hill College.

Miss Hart, an energetic woman nearly always accompanied by her dog, "Goofy," has demonstrated her allegiance to Mars Hill by her never ceasing devotion to all campus activities. Applause vibrated for an endless moment as she pulled out her bobby sox and tennis pump-clad honoree to step forward for the award.

All year long when there has been a need for something to be done she has been there to offer her assistance. "We need a bus for the game . . ." Coach Hart saw to it that there was one. "When are we selecting the homecoming court? . . ." She conducted the election in an excellent manner. "We want a square dance . . ." Again it was Coach Hart who planned and executed the event. There were skating parties, banquets, pep rallies and cheerleaders elections. All of these would have been virtually impossible without her full support.

Miss Hart is the picture of true devotion to a group of students who seem to call on her endlessly. She is more than willing to lend a helping hand to all student affairs.

Her Sunday School class has been perennially the largest in the Mars Hill Baptist Church. She is only one more example of her diligent labor for Mars Hill students.

The *Hilltop* staff agrees 100 percent with the selection for this year's dedication. We are sure that no better choice could have been made.

—Chris Pappas