

A TRIBUTE TO OUR BENEFACTORS

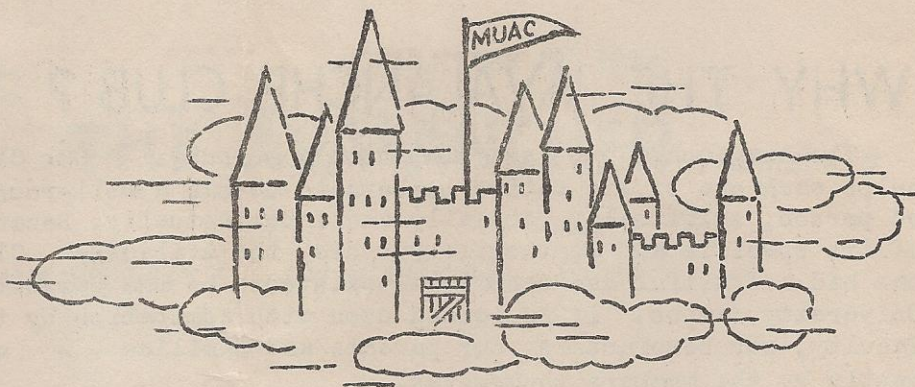
Have you ever taken time out to ponder the question: "Who is responsible for Maryhill becoming a reality?"

Undoubtedly our moderator deserves the most credit, but then who else is there? Certainly the University was a big factor, by purchasing the land and by expressing its confidence that the Avalanche Club could operate and improve Maryhill. Along with the University are the many faculty members who have aided us with their support, advice, and actual backbreaking work; the job would have been next to impossible without them. The same is true of the batteries of M.U. students, our fellow members who have already done their share at Maryhill, and are now pursuing lifetime projects of their own.

Foremost, however, is that special and unending group of friends and benefactors to whom the Avalanche Club will be forever indebted for their services, weeks of work, advice, tools, equipment, transportation, furnishings, information, criticism, sweat and callouses, frozen fingers and wet feet rendered. With few exceptions, almost everything at Maryhill, in the Club office, and at the garage, are the results of some one of these person's generosity.

Many donated articles, which were thought by some to be of little value, immediately found their places as useful and lasting assets of the Avalanche Club. The tow system is an example of this. Donated motors, used telephone poles, inherited ropes, and abandoned automobiles, were combined with technical advice and assistance and many hours of grueling toil, to produce a workable tow system.

The Avalanche Club can never fully express its thanks for the many gifts it has received. We hope, by continuing to pursue our objectives of friendship, recreation and progress, that we may justify the faith expressed in us through the thoughtfulness of our friends and benefactors.



MARYHILL IN THE FUTURE

In her few years of existence, Maryhill has witnessed tremendous strides toward a better and more adequate site for the ever-increasing activities of the Avalanche Club. By no means has there been a slackening of the pace of these initial years, for many projects for the future have been discussed that are well in keeping with the magnitude of previous accomplishments. Some may seem impossible at present but all good Avalanchers have forgotten that word.

Among the plans for the near future are completion of four permanent and dependable tows. Considerable work has been done each year maintaining and remodeling the tows, and soon they will need no more than minor repairs each season.

In order that the facilities of Maryhill may be utilized to the fullest, an elaborate lighting system is under way and should be completed by the end of the year. The lighting will make possible more night skiing, picnics, and other activities. The system is so designed that additions to it may be easily made without disturbing any of the completed work.

Lumber from the garage behind Johnston Hall will find use in the larger tow shed at the top of the hill. The shed will be large enough to house all the tow ropes during the summer months. A large combination garage and tool shed will some day replace the present tool shed. This structure will provide ample protection for our recently acquired tractor.

To combat the effects of poor winters, a permanent snow machine has been discussed. This, of course, would require installation of a water system on the hill. The water system would find extensive use the year round, supplying the snow machine in the winter and aiding in watering our smaller trees during the dry summer months.

Other plans include a tennis court, golf greens, a badminton court, grading of the area at the bottom of the hill, a large buried gas tank at the top of the hill, a permanent shrine to our patron Mary, completion of our new two-level picnic area on the hill, and many more.

Not last, and by no means least, are the plans for an adequate chalet. This structure will have a huge dance floor for square dances, a heating system, practical kitchen, first aid room, and numerous other facilities.

The future certainly holds many challenging projects for the members of the Avalanche Club. There is virtually no end to the possibilities of helping our Maryhill become even more beautiful and more useful. And it is through the cooperation and friendship of her young friends that the influence of Mary's Hill will help to produce in us, true Christian men and women of the future... and that is the real goal of all our endeavors.

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goodness, steadfastness, and proper motives, ... and because our Club is so well grounded, there is no doubt that its traditions will carry on for years to come.

Avalanchers have reaped bountiful benefits from the

endeavors of Father Hochhaus. He has put much of himself, and his unselfish and persevering spirit into the Avalanche Club -- and thus shall it be that the Club shall carry on this spirit, and thrive because of it.