

Happy 80th Birthday ACC!



George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," which opens tonight in Howard Chapel, shows how impossible it is to live up to unrealistic ideals. Jeff Batchelor faces the problem when he has to decide what to do about the flirtatious Patti Fahling. (Photo by Jeff MacLennan)



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"Arms and the Man" Opens Wednesday

"Arms and the Man," one of George Bernard Shaw's most successful plays, will be the final production of the season for Stage and Script of Atlantic Christian College. Performances are scheduled for April 28 through May 1, in Howard Chapel, on the college campus.

Shaw, who is considered one of the most brilliant satirists in the theatre, takes aim at the romanticism of war and war heroes. In this play nothing works as the romantics say it should.

The leading man, Captain Bluntschli played by Bob Poole of Fayetteville, a professional soldier considerably more interested in saving his skin than

being a hero, carries chocolates instead of bullets in his cartridge belt.

Raina Petkoff, the heroine, played by Diane Schuermann of Andrews Air Force Base, Md., has noble bearing and a thrilling voice, but she is an unconscionable liar.

The cliché romantic hero, portrayed by Jeff Batchelor of Rocky Mount, is a fool in practical situations. Although he pretends the loftiest love for Raina, he makes love to the servants whenever he has the opportunity.

Also appearing in the production are Robin Lee Sellers of Fayetteville, and Frank Allen Silverthorne of Washington, as

Raina's parents; Patti Fahling of Sims and Hugh Johnston IV of Wilson as servants in the Petkoff house; and Artonyon Ingram of Fremont as a Russian officer.

Shaw's rapier-like wit exposes the foibles of these delightful creatures and gives them the opportunity to realign their lives on a more practical foundation.

Paul H. Crouch directs the production, with sets and lights by designer/technical director Dennis L. McDowell, while Sue Arnold is responsible for costumes.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, on the college campus. Tickets are available at the door.

80th Anniversary Celebration Planned

Atlantic Christian College celebrates its 80th anniversary and Founders Day on May 1.

A reception sponsored by the Atlantic Christian College Second Generation Club will be held at 10 a.m., in Hardy Center.

Special dedications of the Atlantic Christian College Memorial and Commemorative Gifts Book; 25 years of Service Awards; and the Freedom Shrine, by the Wilson Exchange Club, will begin in Hardy Center at 11 a.m.

The Founders Day picnic will begin at noon in the fountain area. There will be a birthday cake cutting for the school's 80th birthday. Mrs. Charlotte Weyer who was a freshman at ACC in 1902, will cut the cake.

The band, "New Vision," will perform at noon.

"Play Day" will begin at 1 p.m. on center campus and will consist of games and contests.

"Arms and the Man," sponsored by Stage and Script will begin at 8 p.m. in Howard Chapel.

The 80th Birthday Ball will begin in the Hamlin Student Center at 9 p.m. with music provided by Camelot Music with DJ Tommy Newman.

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Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. will be the speaker at commencement exercises Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. Baccalaureate services will be at 10 a.m. that same day. Dr. Alan Sharp will officiate at the service.