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## Governor To Speak At Convocation

Governor Dan K. Moore will be the featured speaker at the first annual fall convocation of Asheville-Biltmore College as a senior institution.

On May 10, 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the Omnibus Higher Education Bill; it was this bill that gave Asheville-Biltmore senior college status, beginning July 1, 1963. Dr. William Highsmith, President of the college, acknowledged the importance of this step the same day as he told newsmen: "The action of the General Assembly today gives to Asheville-Biltmore the greatest challenge in its history. We are now charged with the responsibility of developing a senior college of high quality. . ."

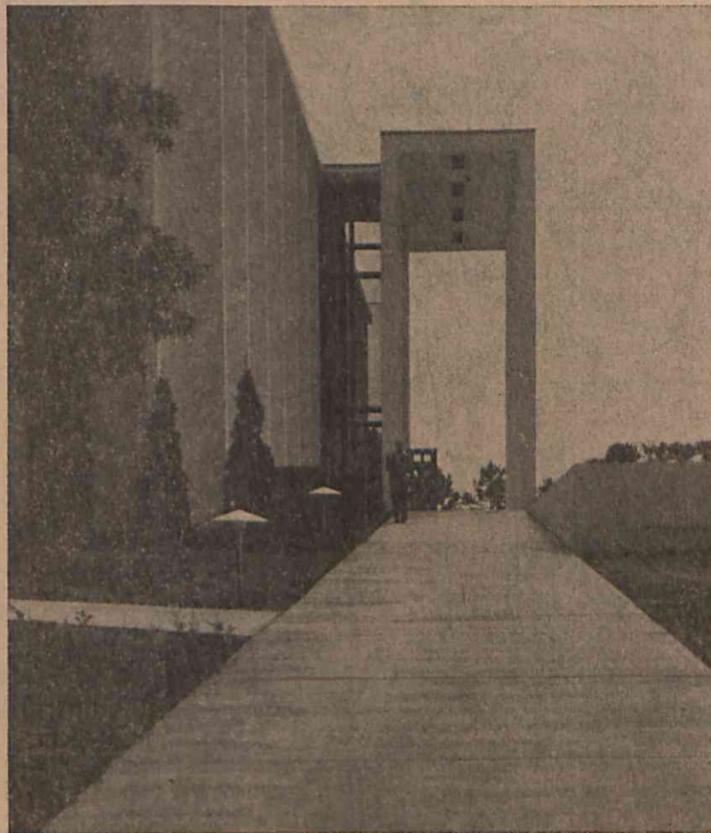
Today's convocation will be a milestone in the history of Asheville-Biltmore College. It will mark the formal opening of the academic year which will see the college graduate its first senior class. A special feature of the convocation will be the dedication of the new D. Hiden Ramsey Library.

At 10:45, classes will be dismissed; there will be a formal academic procession from the Administration Building to the auditorium of the Student Center where the ceremonies will be held. The members of the senior class will be honored by being seated in a special reserved section.

The invocation will be given by Dr. A. Allan Gardner, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville. The principal speaker will be the honorable Dan K. Moore, Governor of North Carolina. Other speakers on the program are: Mr. Manley E. Wright, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College and executive

vice-president of the Northwestern Bank; Mr. Ainsley A. Whitman, college librarian; Dr. W. W. Kaempfer, Dean of the Faculty; Ed Harris, president of the student body; Mr. Anthony Lord, chief architect for the new library and one of the Six Associates; and Mr. D. Hiden Ramsey, former chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education and retired vice-president and general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times. The benediction will be given by the Reverend Walter J. Miller of Central Methodist Church.

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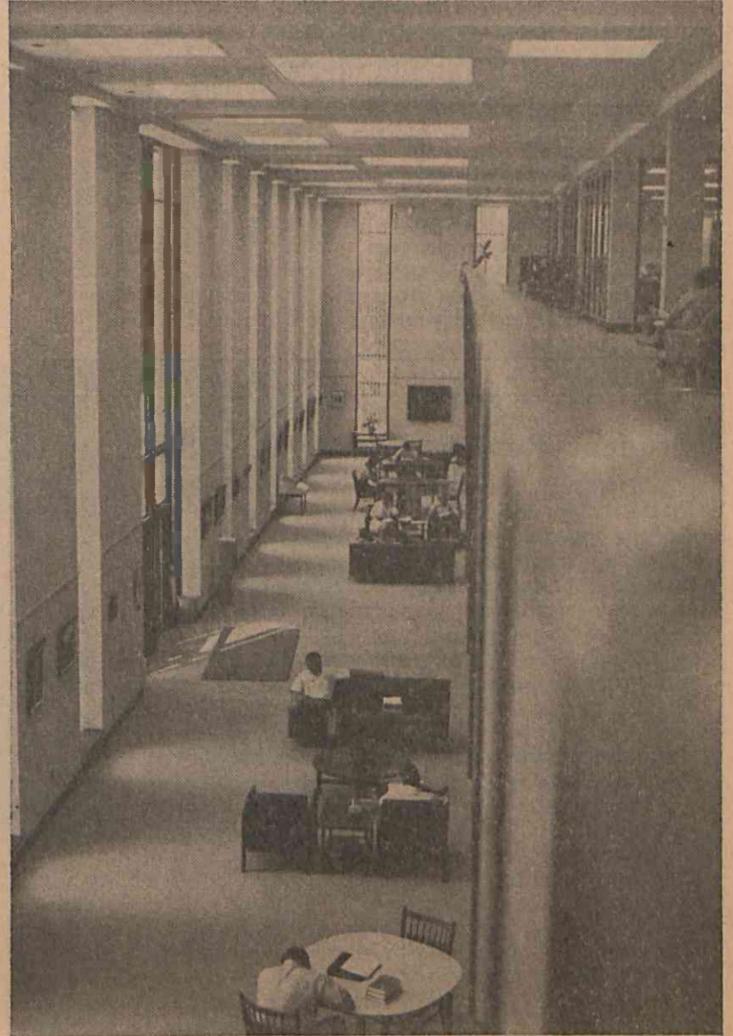
## Asheville-Biltmore College Gets New Constitution

On Friday, September the third, the student body of Asheville-Biltmore College approved a new constitution and set of by-laws for the Student Government Association.

As the 1964-1965 academic year progressed, it became evident that the constitution then in effect was inadequate; several important items were left out, a few conflicts were evident, and the by-laws contained ideas which belonged to the constitution proper. It was decided by members of the new Executive Council that rather than attempting to revise the existing constitution, it would be better to propose a completely new one.

In a series of meetings during July and August, the members of the Executive Council, the chairmen of the standing committees, and a few members of the senior class wrote a new constitution and set of by-laws, using as their guide-lines *Roberts' Rules of Order* and a model constitution in *College Student Government* by Gordon Klopff (1960).

In addition to restating ideas that were unclear in the old constitution, the new constitution contains the following major changes: (1) The governing body is reduced from a legislature and an executive council to only an executive council to whose membership was added the secretary-treasurer of each of the three classes (Article VI, Section 13); (2) There must be at least one meeting per term of the entire Student Government Association and special meetings may be called by the executive council or by petition of 5% of the members of the Association (Article V); (3) A Publication Commission was added to the standing commissions, with the responsibility of coordinating campus publications



and handling publicity for the Student Government Association (Article VI, Section 5-A).

The new constitution went into effect immediately, following its ratification by a simple majority of the students voting.

## Chemistry Dept. Gets Grants

The regular chemistry program at Asheville-Biltmore College has been implemented with three grants which have been received by the department.

In January of this year, Dr. Squibb, head of the Department of Chemistry, applied for a matching funds grant from the National Science Foundation for the purpose of purchasing scientific equipment for the department. This was deemed a vital part of the department's plan to provide students with a working knowledge of the tools available to today's chemist and make possible student research on the undergraduate level. Last spring the National Science Foundation approved the proposal and awarded Asheville-Biltmore College a grant of \$9,800.00 which was matched by school funds. Equipment purchased under this grant includes an ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer, a gas chromatograph, and a polarimeter.

In addition to the matching funds grant, Dr. Squibb and Dr. Remington, Assistant professor of Chemistry, have received indivi-

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## ELECTIONS HELD FOR CLASS OFFICERS

Election of class officers was held on September the thirteenth, the third Monday of the term, as prescribed by the newly adopted student constitution. Runoffs were held on the following Tuesday and Wednesday. Nomination and acceptance speeches had been given at individual class meetings held on Wednesday, September the eighth.

The nominees for the senior class were as follows: President—Ralph Moss, William Plyler, and Stephen Swearingen; Vice-president—George Bryan, unopposed; Secretary-treasurer—Carole Carson and Larry Nix.

Junior class nominees included the following: President—Sally Straine, unopposed; Vice-president—Carolyn Baldwin and Jim Day; Secretary-treasurer—Lenda Edwards, unopposed.

The slate of nominees of the freshman class included: President William Grady, Rita Edmonds, Eddie Gunn, and Roy Shipman; Vice-president—Jerry Grant and Dennis Moore; Secretary-treasurer—Charlotte Arledge, Mary Campbell, and Linda Owens.

The elections were held from 8:00-2:00 in the lobby of the Student Union. Lack of a majority necessitated runoffs on Tuesday for president of the senior class, president of the freshman class, and secretary-treasurer of the freshman class. A tie in the runoff for secretary-treasurer of the freshman class forced a third runoff on Wednesday.

The final results of the elections are as follows: Stephen Swear-

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