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"Farewell, So Long, Goodbye"

"Farewell, So Long, Goodbye" seems to be the theme song that echoes through the halls of Flora Macdonald College as another year comes to a close and graduation rounds the proverbial corner. During this time of year the air is filled with a tingle of sadness, joy, anticipation, satisfaction, and excitement.

Seniors turn their faces toward the future and see the work for which they have been preparing themselves. They also face past and present as they relive the never-to-be-forgotten memories at F.M.C. and experience the thrill of the last

days of being a senior.

Members of the faculty uproot their trunks of knowledge and plan to plant themselves in other fields. They will take also a part of the Flora Macdonald spirit with them.

Rising seniors, juniors, and sophomores look forward to the summer as a time for relaxation and work in a change of scenery. In order to keep alert minds and avoid a loss of knowledge at the beginning of the fall, THE SKIRL suggests that they apply their learning to summer work such as teaching in Bible schools and helping in the communities.

Every Youth

Every youth has a quest to make,  
For life is the King's Highway,  
And a joyous heart is the script we take,  
On the road of Everyday.

Every youth has his gifts to guard,  
As he faces to a far-off goal;  
A body pure, and a mind unmarred,  
And the light of a lovely soul.

Every youth has a task of his own,  
For the Father has willed it so.  
Youth seeks the way, and He alone,  
Can show him the path to go.

Every youth has a lovely Guide,  
From the vale to the mountain crest;  
For the unseen friend who walks beside,  
Is the way and the End of the Quest.

—Mary S. Edgar

Traditions

Capping Becomes Junior-Senior Ritual

by Betsy Fleshman

Graduation is almost here! Commencement exercises will be held May 28-30. There are many traditions connected with this. One of these is "capping". It takes place in the auditorium on Saturday afternoon before the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday. This year it will be May 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Each Senior asks the Junior of her choice some time before graduation if she may "cap" her. The Juniors and Seniors march in together and sit down in the front of the auditorium, the Juniors on one side and the Seniors on the other. They then go up on the stage, coming in from each side, meeting in the

middle of the stage. The Senior Places her own cap on the Junior and then leaves the stage. The Senior mascots also cap the Junior mascots.

After this the Senior Class presents its class history, class poem, prophecy and last will and testament. This is also the time when the class is presented. At the close of this the group joins in the singing of the Alma Mater. They then march out as they came in, Juniors with Seniors. This is a very old tradition here at Flora Macdonald and one that both Juniors and Seniors look forward to each year, for to the Juniors it means that they will soon be Seniors and to the Seniors it means almost the end of their college career.

Highland Hearings

Seniors Plan Full Summers This Year

by Mary Ruth McLean

"Highland Hearings" is devoted to the Seniors in the last issue of The Skirl for this school year. I'm sure that we are all interested in what they will be doing this summer.

Clara Liles, our favorite blonde bomb-shell, plans to "live it up" this summer. Since her home isn't far from White Lake, she'll probably be a familiar figure at that resort. Although she'll be "on the go" most of the time, Clara will get plenty of rest before she begins her teaching career next fall.

Alice Brantley, the girl from "Jones Beach," is the envy of the crowd. On June 29 she becomes Mrs. Junius Jones and will be an army wife for a while. She doesn't know where she will be or what she will be doing, but we all know that where Junius is Alice will be. And who can blame her?

Doris Mazingo, Bowden's pride and joy, wants to be foods manager at a Herald Tribune Fresh Air Camp in New York. "If I don't do that, I don't know what I'll do," she says.

Mary Marries June 19

Mary McCracken is another member of the "bride-elects" club. Mary and Clayton Shelby are to be married on June 19, and they plan to live in Durham where Clayton will attend summer school at Duke University. Mary has no definite plans for the fall.

Lucille Graham, that "whiz kid" on the basketball court, isn't sure about her vacation. She might work at Morris Field in Charlotte, but might stay at home and rest before she begins teaching next fall.

Martha Ann Williford is going to stay at home and wait for Harold. She's expecting him in October or November, and they will live wherever he will be in jet school. Until he comes home, Martha Ann will help with Vacation Bible School and lend a hand around the house.

Betty Lou Lams plans to work with the Atlantic Coastline Railroad in Wilmington during the summer. Next fall she will enter Vanderbilt and Peabody Colleges in Nashville, Tenn.

Joan Hester hopes to be commissioned into the Waves if she passes all her tests.

Mary Ella Mize will work for the Red Cross Water Safety program in her home town during the summer. Next fall she begins her work at the First Presbyterian Church in Valdosta, Georgia, as D.C.E. there.

Jean Becomes Mrs. Mattison

Jean Morris becomes Mrs. Mattison on June 5. She will live in Bethlehem, Pa., where her husband is pastor of a church. Jean plans to teach school but she doesn't know just where yet.

Christine Maloney plans to stay at home during the month of June. Then she will take over the job of D.C.E. and secretary at the First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, N. C. The Old North State must be mighty good after all!

Marjorie McNeill, that "quiet girl" on West Second, is going to stay at home and help her family on the farm this summer. Next fall she will teach school, but her plans for teaching have not been completed.

Betty Teaches In Bolivia

Betty Jo Gore, "Miss Lucky" 'cause she lives near the beach, is going to teach in Bolivia next year. Her roommate says that she will probably stay at home this summer.

Shirley Willis will spend her vacation at Gambel's Community Center in Richmond, Va. She hopes to go to the Assembly Training School next fall.

Ellen Williams will have a short vacation. Beginning June 6, she will be the D.C.E. at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, N. C. "Of course I'll go to camps and conferences during the summer, too," she says.

Flossie's Follies

Trunk-Packing Time Arrives At FMC

by Becky Williams

Time has come at last when we can take down our curtains, store our books, and pack our trunks. Some of us will be deciding what to take home for the summer, and what we can leave here for next year. For the seniors, it will be pack everything, for it's all over!

Pack everything! You know our minds too are just like trunks. I wonder what is in your trunk? Yes, book knowledge plays an important part, but really, it is the little things that you tuck in the corners that mean so much. Remember the week-end of the dance that you spent in the infirmary, or the time you walked to the Milk Bar in the rain for hamburgers?

How you did scream for a candle when the lights went out. (Too bad you weren't dating that night!) You'll never forget our big mid-night party when the proctor walked in on us.

You thought you would die the night you crammed for a test and crawled into bed only to find it short sheeted. Remember the time your clothes disappeared from the tub room and the night you ran into the night watchman with only your P.J.'s on?

Why is it that when you had just washed your hair, your boy-

friend came unexpectedly. How did you ever finish your May Day costume when you only started it the day before?

How quickly week-end, chapel and church cuts seemed to vanish. All those things belong to any F. M. C. girl — all these and more.

Calendar Shows

Busy Last Week

May 27, 12:00 Noon, Practice — Processionals for Commencement.

May 28, Alumnae Day; 11:00 A.M., Business Meeting; 12:00 Noon, Buffet for Students; 1:00 P.M. Alumanae Luncheon; 4:30 P.M., Senior Exercises — "Capping"; 3:15 P.M., Annual Conservatory Concert (Informal).

May 29, 11:00 A.M., Baccalaureate Sermon; 6:00 P.M. Supper; 7:30 P.M., Senior Vespers — Dr. Gwynn.

May 30, 10:30 A.M., Commencement Exercises; 12:30 P.M., Dinner (Last Meal); 3:00 P.M., Dormitory Closes.

Societies Choose Eight Marshals

Marshals for the coming years of 1955-1956 for Flora Macdonald College were elected in the two societies, Zetesian and Epsilon Chi. The election took place in the two society meetings.

The marshals came from the rising Junior class. They were elected by a majority vote. The chief marshal, Jean Sessoms, of Suffolk, Virginia, was selected from the Zetesian society this year. Societies take turns in selecting chief marshal each year.

The Zetesian marshals are Frances Williams from Emporia, Virginia; Martha Stepp from Marion, North Carolina; Peggy Graham from Wananish, North Carolina, and Mary Willie Thompson from Yanceville, North Carolina.

The marshals from Epsilon Chi are Barbara Arrington from Rowland, North Carolina; Myra Lewis from Fairmont, North Carolina, and Ann Turner from Mayesville, South Carolina.

Students Dedicate Chapel

On the afternoon of Sunday May 15, service of dedication of the new Prayer Chapel was held in Vardell Court. A brief history of the chapel was told by members of the Christian Association Cabinets of recent years.

Highlighting the service was the laying of the cornerstone by Mr. E. Glenn Overton. The chapel was presented to the college as Mary McLean, present president of the Christian Association presented the keys to Dr. Woodson, who accepted the symbol and closed the service with a prayer of dedication.

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