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## Academic Dean Chosen

Dr. I. Newton Wilson Jr., Dean of Students at Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, has been appointed Dean of the College at Montreat-Anderson College. The announcement was made by Montreat-Anderson President Silas M. Vaughn on behalf of the Montreat-Anderson College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wilson is presently Dean of Students and Chairman of the Department of Christian Education at Belhaven College. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1975, and received an M.R.E. Degree in Pastoral Counseling from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1970. In 1966, Dr. Wilson was awarded a Bachelor's Degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1963 from Belhaven College with a B.A. Degree in Biblical Studies.

Prior to becoming Dean of Students at Belhaven College,

Dr. Wilson was Chairman of the Department of Christian Education and Associate Professor of Christian Education. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and from 1966 through 1969, he served as Pastor of Ellisville Presbyterian Church in Ellisville, Mississippi.

He is a member of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the Southern College Personnel Association, the Mississippi Personnel and Guidance Association and the Mississippi Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors.

In a statement to the Montreat-Anderson College Search Committee Dr. Wilson outlined his basic philosophy concerning the role of the Christian college. "Christian higher education," he wrote, "provides a viable channel through which the church can exercise a redemptive influence upon society by offering an alternative to secular educational

philosophies. The Christian college is able to justify its existence by making a distinctive contribution in education which state and private non-sectarian institutions cannot and do not wish to make. The Christian college is under obligation to offer education from a biblical perspective because of its conviction that all truth resides in a personal God and that all true knowledge is consistent with God's revealed truth. Christian higher education should be excited about the privilege of educating men and women who will be able to articulate God's truth in every discipline of life."

Dr. Wilson will fill a vacancy at Montreat-Anderson College created by the death of the late academic dean, Dr. Hoyt Evens of Asheville, who died in an accidental fall at his home last October.

Dr. Wilson will assume the position of Dean of the College at Montreat-Anderson in July. He and his wife will live in Montreat.

## Awards

One of the highlights of Montreat's schedule is the annual awards banquet held this year on Tuesday, April 25.

At this ceremony, a variety of awards ranging from academic to sports to recognition of leadership are presented.

With Dean Wilson as Master of Ceremonies, the program began with an invocation and a few songs. The main speaker for the evening was the former Yankee second baseman, Bobby Richardson, now a resident of Asheville.

In the area of academics, an exceptional number of awards were given varying levels of achievement. These were followed by several service awards including the Faculty Service Award which went to Rex Hoffman and the faculty chosen Teacher of the Year that went to Mr. Don King. Eddie Blanchard was given the Campus Life Service Award, the yearbook dedication was presented to Mrs. Martha Evans and the Student Activities Committee, the Student Government Association, the Honor Council, and the General Assembly all recognized their outstanding members. The remainder of the awards were athletic.

The Best All Around Athletes going to Ivan Diggs for the men and to Carrie Wolfenden for the women.



Photo by Van Kornegay

Carol Marks enjoys the April mountain showers.

## Graduation Approaches

by Karl E. Peters

Mixed emotions are beginning to surface now with graduation fast approaching. The graduating sophomores beg in preparations for their future while many of the others go home in anticipation of another year at Montreat.

Speakers for Montreat's graduation ceremony of 1978 include the Reverend Charles Parker Wright and Clarence William Legerton Jr., M.D. Reverend Wright, born and raised in Pennsylvania, is a graduate of the Kings College in New York and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Since ordination in 1961, he has held four

pastorates and is presently serving as the senior minister of North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He also serves on the Council of the Atlanta Presbytery and as a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee. Mr. Wright is married to the former Margaret Burton Sweet and has five children. Dr. Legerton was born in Charleston, S.C. and graduated as second honor graduate from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a Captain with some time in Korea as a Battalion Surgeon.

Dr. Legerton is presently Professor of Internal Medicine and Director, Gastroenterology Division, Medical University of South Carolina. He has served in many capacities in both education and church work including moderator of the Charleston Presbytery and Chairman of the board of Trustees for Montreat-Anderson College.

Graduation ceremonies will be held Sunday, May 7, 1978 with the baccalaureate address by the Rev. Wright at 10:30 a.m. and the commencement exercises by Dr. Legerton at 2:00 p.m.

## Election Champions

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Election time has passed by once again for Montreat Anderson College, and it is time to say farewell to the old but very much loved officers and welcome the new. The new officers are: Joey Shore, S.G.A. President, Kenny Kuhn, S.G.A. Vice President, George White, S.G.A. Treasurer, Miriam Turner, S.G.A. Secretary, Don Redman, President of Honor Council, Tricia Watson, Vice President of Honor Council, Marrie Leslie, Secretary of Honor Council, Roger Smith, President of Sophomore Class and Gary Richardson, Student Activities Chairman.

These new officers are ready for the upcoming school year, and they are ready to serve, as Joey Shore states, "I am real excited and I look forward to a very good next year, I look forward to getting the Crosby-Adams House open for next year and to serve the students and the Community.

I feel it will be a very challenging year, but in the words of one of my old English teachers, 'What the mind of man can conceive and believe, he can achieve.' And there is no doubt in my mind that we will do a good job," he adds, "I believe there is good leadership in the new officers, and with their potential and God's help next year will be a good year."

There is much in store for the students of next year as far as activities are concerned. Gary Richardson, who is also optimistic about next year states, "I am looking forward to a good year of activities, I am not quite sure about the bands yet, but the money will be put to good use. I can say, however, that there will be more street dances, and that I want to get all the students involved."

Miriam Turner feels much the same thing, "I want to voice the students' ideas and opinions, I am very much

looking forward to getting everybody active in the Student Body, and to get more individuals to participate. I have really got to thank this year's S.G.A. officers for doing such a great job, and I just pray that we can achieve just as much as they did."

Each officer has a responsibility to both the College and the Community, Roger Smith states, "My responsibility is to carry on the blood drive, and I am also in charge of doing one class project in the course of the year, this project can either be a money making project or a service project, I will say that I am going to do something that is both beneficial to the students and to the community. It will be an interesting and exciting experience to hold the office of Sophomore Class President, and I feel that with the total involvement of the student body much will be accomplished."



Photo by Ken Lakin

The Greybeard Players presented the musical production "Oliver" (Mandy Peele) this past weekend. Three evening sell-out shows and a matinee were the result of weeks of hard work and preparation for the final play of the year.