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WNC Photographer Presents Show on South America

Photographer Judith Angel, who spent the first three months of 1979 traveling in Brazil and several months after that putting together a multimedia show of photographs and recordings depicting her travels, will present the show at Mars Hill on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Belk. A reception will follow. Admission is free.

"Realization" is the title of the part of the show concentrated on the Amazon region of Brazil, through the jungle and up the north coast. "Remember the Horizon" is the title of the portion photographed and recorded in and around San Salvador. There will be a group of photographs entitled "Photos of Brazil" exhibited in the college library March 3-31.

Judith, a WNC native, studied at East Carolina University and received a B.S. degree in interior design from the University of Georgia. After college, she spent a year in Europe, eight months of it in Paris as a student at the American Center for Students and Artists.

She came home from the year in Europe with her heart set on more travel. She really wanted to drive to South America and spend a year working and traveling, but she couldn't find a traveling companion who could spend a year on the project. Gradually she made the decision to go alone to South America, traveling down the Amazon, eventually heading for Rio.

Judith readied for the trip by spending weeks studying Portuguese and reading

every book on Brazil she could find.

She flew to Manaus in January, excited about a boat trip down the Amazon River. Halfway through the boat trip, she decided she'd had enough, and she left the boat which she describes as "looking like something from 100 years in the past."

The ship was crowded, and the passengers ate in shifts. First class passengers slept shoulder to shoulder in hammocks on the upper deck. A trip to the bathroom at night meant edging out of the hammock and crawling on hands and knees under the other hammocks to the bathroom at the end of the boat. And the Amazon was so wide that Judith wasn't really seeing anything of the jungle.

So she disembarked and gave up hammock sleeping for a bumpy ride through the jungle on the Transamazonica, a narrow dirt "highway" through the jungle.

Judith carried her camera in an inconspicuous cloth bag and says that with her dark eyes and a little suntan, she looked Brazilian not to attract much attention - until she had to speak the difficult Portuguese.

Throughout her trip to the north coast and travels to Recife and Salvador, she kept a journal of her experiences and impressions, made dozens of photographs of people at work and play and tape recorded sounds of music and marketplace.

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Appalachian Leadership Award Presented to Bob Scott

The Appalachian Scholars Program, now into its second year, has announced that it will present the first annual Appalachian Leadership Award on Monday night, March 3, 1980, in Belk Auditorium.

This award will regularly go to a person who has contributed much to the Appalachian region and its people, as evidenced through a sincere concern for the future of Appalachia. The award is meant to be a recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the region, with an emphasis on leadership.

The first recipient of the Appalachian Leadership Award is Governor Robert W. Scott, the former federal co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission and governor of North Carolina from 1969 to 1973. Governor Scott, as federal co-chairman of A.R.C., worked diligently for the people of the Appalachian region. From his appointment by President Jimmy Carter on May 26, 1977, until his resignation on July 7, 1979, he accomplished a great deal in the many programs of the A.R.C., programs such as health care, education, housing, employment, and land development. According to the A.R.C. magazine,

Appalachia, in water pollution control alone, the number of facilities was increased from 636 in August of 1977 to 847 as of June 1979. The money to be spent in water pollution control rose from 139 million dollars to 200.7 million in the same period. These increases may be explained from several angles, but the most important reason stems from the deep-rooted concern that Governor Scott has for the Appalachian region.

While he was co-chairman of the A.R.C., he stressed the need to balance environmental concerns with development and tried to include a wide-range of citizens in the A.R.C.'s decision-making process, such as women's groups, Appalachia magazine reported. For instance, it was Governor Scott who helped Ms. Jeane Hoffman and others to form the Council on Appalachian Women.

Governor Scott will accept the Appalachian Leadership Award Monday night at 8:00 and all are welcome to attend. Following the presentation, Governor Scott will make a speech and entertain questions to end the evening's program.

David Perkins



Judith Angel

Brahms Festival to be Held

The music department of Mars Hill will present a festival of the music of Johannes Brahms on March 12-14, 1980. The faculty and student musicians will combine their efforts in a program to give a vivid representation of Brahms' life and works; this is one of the first programs of its kind in WNC.

The program will begin of Wednesday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Anna Hines on the biographical background of Brahms and the significance of the romantic era in which he lived. Following at 3:00, there will be art songs by music students, and at 8:00 chamber music will be performed by the faculty and student participants.

On Thursday, March 13, May Jo Gray will speak on the motivations behind Brahms' compositions and the influence of his contemporaries. This presenta-

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Bob Scott

A Closer Look at the Infirmary

Mention to a friend that you're on your way to the Infirmary, and invariably he/she will respond with a, "Why, what's wrong? Are you sick?" and offer a sympathetic look.

Although the Infirmary staff serves the students and strives to keep us students healthy, they need, our cooperation and consideration for successful results.

Mrs. Ellen Coomer, Director of Health Services, assumed her MHC duties in August, 1973. This friendly and industrious woman enjoys her work and is quite fond of students.

In order to make her job more pleasant, perhaps you should reread the rules and regulations. Remember the orange sheet (entitled Infirmary Policies) you received last fall naming the staff, offering the operating hours, and stating other pertinent information? Familiarizing yourself with the guidelines could save you and the Infirmary staff some time.

And who composes the Infirmary staff? Three of the Mars Hill community doctors. Dr. Charles Powell, Dr. Ernest Powell, and Dr. Otis Duck, extend their service to the Infirmary. All four nurses are registered nurses (R.N.'s). Aside from Mrs. Coomer, the other three R.N.'s are students. However, they are not students studying nursing. They already possess nursing degrees and are now pursuing additional degrees. Nurses Jan Stellman and Sue Shelton are majoring in Allied Health, while Chuck Van Gorder is majoring in Business. Again, they are not students practicing and preparing to be nurses; they are registered nurses who have completed their nurses training and received that degree or registration.

The Infirmary also employs work study students. The three of them perform such tasks as light office work, bringing the food from the cafeteria to bed-ridden patients, and making beds. But, work study students never examine the patients.

For everyone's well being, Mrs. Coomer suggested students visit the Infirmary when they first begin to feel sick. You will recover faster and reduce the risk of infecting colleagues.

A common misconception concerns the Infirmary's medical excuse policy. The orange sheet entitled INFIRMARY POLICIES states: "Excuses will be given to a student to present to his/her professor only if the student was seen and treated BEFORE the class was missed. The excuse will contain the DATE AND TIME the student was seen."

However, some students insist on abusing the medical excuse. The privilege can be a hassle for the students, the Infirmary staff, and the professor. Mrs. Coomer hopes Mars Hill College will follow the example set by some other colleges: omit medical excuses. After all, a class absence hurts only the students who skips the class.

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