

Honor's Day "Streamlined"

Medals, prizes, scholarships, and individual recognitions are usually awarded Mars Hill College's students, faculty, and staff during the college's annual Honors Day Convocation. This year, however, while major awards will still be made during the traditional program, other recognitions will be made at the departmental level and at the graduate banquet Saturday, May 17.

This change was brought in an effort to streamline the yearly event which had, according to Dr. Richard L. Hoffman, Vice President for Academic Affairs,

"expanded beyond the limits of time and endurance."

Dr. Hoffman stated that "The awards made at this year's Honors Day Convocation will be limited to those which are made by the total campus community, or at the special request of the donor. Department awards will be made at the departmental level, while Who's Who, the *Hilltop* Award, and other senior

class recognitions will be made at the Senior Banquet."

In an effort to recognize everyone who receives an award, the academic



Richard Hoffman — Vice President

dean's office has provided for this special issue of *The Hilltop* in which all of the awards made on campus will be listed. The dean's office and the staff of *The Hilltop* hope that this issue will prove beneficial to those who both give and receive these awards and recognitions so important to our campus life. This special issue is a large and difficult undertaking. We hope we have not left anyone out. If we have, we apologize. We plan to continue this manner of recognizing recipients in future years and appreciate any help and suggestions.



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(Left to right) R.S. Gibbs, Jr, Hyman Gibbs, Emmett Sams

"Outstanding Teacher"

The first presentation of the R.S. Gibbs Outstanding Teacher Award was made during the Honors Day Convocation to Emmett Sams, Professor of Mathematics. The award, a plaque and \$500, was presented to Sams by Dr. Hyatt M. Gibbs, grandson of R.S. Gibbs.

The award was made from a fund started by Gibbs' son, R.S. Biggs, Jr. and his family to honor his father. R.S. Gibbs lived his life from beginning to end in Madison County. He was an alderman and member of Mars Hill, a member of the school board, a Deacon of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, a member of the Board of Direc-

tors of the Bank of the French Broad from its organization in 1903 to his death in 1942, and a member of the Mars Hill College Board of Trustees. He owned and operated a general store in Mars Hill most of his life.

Emmett Sams has been a member of the college's faculty since 1947. He holds an undergraduate degree from Mars Hill and Western Carolina Teachers College and a master's degree from Peabody College. He has continued his studies at Cornell University, North Carolina State University, and the University of Kansas.

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Grayson Scholars From Appalachia Named

The J. Wesley Grayson Scholars From Appalachia Program awards half-tuition scholarships to incoming freshmen and a limited number of upperclassmen who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement; leadership potential through activities at their schools, churches, or communities; personal character development in courage, honesty, and integrity; and sensitivity in interpersonal relationships in community issues and problems.

The program is funded by the largest gift in the history of the college, \$1,123,000,

by Dr. J. Wesley Grayson of Languna Hills, CA., as an annuity trust in 1978. The significance of this gift cannot be over-emphasized as Mars Hill has always made special efforts to assist deserving students who have needed financial aid and endowed scholarships provide resources for honoring this commitment.

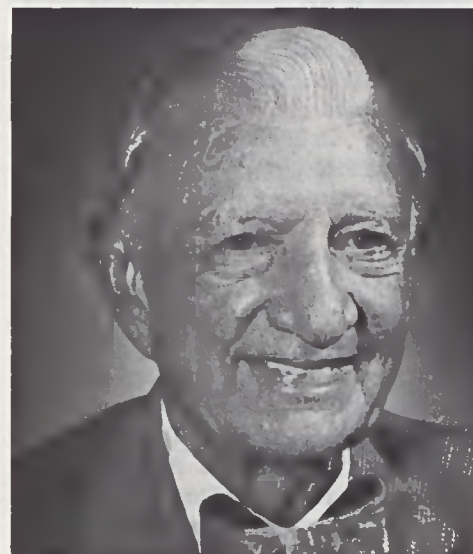
In order that this scholarship program might be implemented immediately, Dr. Grayson made additional substantial gifts to the scholarship fund.

The future of Appalachia depends largely on the work of informed, capable leaders who appreciate the history and culture of the region and are sensitive to the problems that burden the people of Appalachia. To facilitate the development of such leaders, Mars Hill has initiated this special program, and participants are selected from the Appalachia region. In addition to regular requirements for graduation, they must also complete 16 semester hours related to Appalachian Studies.

Current Students involved in the program include:

- Brooks, Jodene Gay
- Cheek, Edith
- Childers, Nancy L.
- Clower, Jesse C.
- Corn, Cecil Edward
- Crawford, Martha A.
- Creasman, James Dean

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