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72 WILL RECEIVE A.A. DEGREES

Top Students Receive Bill Mitchell Awards

Bill Mitchell Awards have been presented to Gail Deanna Merrell and to James Russell LaRoach at the 1960 Awards Program in the college auditorium.

Bill Mitchell Scrolls are awarded annually to two outstanding students of the graduating class "who have shown outstanding qualities of scholarship and leadership, and have maintained an attitude of unselfish interest in the welfare of their fellow students and of the college as a whole."

The certificates, properly described as illuminated engrossings on parchment, are the personal creations of Mr. Mitchell. They are coveted and greatly valued by the students of Charlotte College, both for the high honor they represent and for their artistic beauty.

James Russell (Jim) LaRoach, male winner of this year's Bill Mitchell Award, can well serve as an inspiration to any CC student who finds the "going rough."

Married and the father of three children, Jim, who is employed in the sales department of the Southern Bell, has found time to serve

Picnic Is Big Success

By ANN HILTON

Laughter echoed for miles around at Charlotte College's annual spring picnic, held April 30 at the new college site.

The 262 acres of dripping sod off Highway 49 North was a playground for the younger set from 3 to 53.

Although this was the first gathering of the students and their families on the new site, they felt right at home. They played ball together. They played horseshoes together. They ate chicken together. They danced together. But most of all, they laughed and had fun together.

When the picnickers gathered for food, they found a brief wait before them. It seemed that Miss Cone had run out of gas and would be a bit late. Despite this delay everyone seemed to enjoy himself.

The decrepit barn was like a new toy in the eyes of its occupants as the day ended. After dark, candles were placed in gallon jugs and put on the floor.

As the picnic broke up, student gatherings formed. Some planned a beach trip. Others organized a clean-up committee. And still others planned strategy on how to get their cars "unstuck."



Mr. Bill Mitchell (center) presents Bill Mitchell Awards to Gail Deanna Merrill and James Russell LaRoach.

as president of Sigma Tau Sigma, National Honor Society, and as vice president of the Student Government. He served for two years as treasurer of the Student Council and as a member of the Freshman Advisory Council. His work with CCUN took him to Greensboro College in December and to the mock UN Assembly in Chapel Hill in February. He was CC's representative to the NSCA at Duke University in November.

A native of Lockport, N. Y., Jim's hobby is Little League baseball. He is manager of the Dilworth Methodist Church team. Does he have time to devote to the team?

"Well, we've lost one and won two," he said.

What are his plans after graduation?

"I have no plans for further education," he said. "I have my job and my family to take care of."

The only question left is the obvious one. After devoting so much time to studying and to extra-curricular activities, what in the world will he do with his spare time?

Little League's across the state: Beware!

Gail Deanna Merrell, co-ed recipient of the 1960 Bill Mitchell Award, has made an outstanding record of achievement and service during her two years at Charlotte College.

Miss Merrell has attained the highest scholastic average and will be graduated at the top of her class. She has been named to the Dean's List during each of the six quarters she has attended the col-

lege and was a commencement marshal during the 1959 graduation exercises.

While carrying a full load of subjects, Deanna has worked part time in the offices of the Duke Power Company and, in addition, has found time to be secretary to the Student Government Association to contribute much effort to the Writers' Club, The Collegian, the Student's Election Committee, and the Freshman Advisory Council.

Miss Merrell is a member of Sigma Tau Sigma, national social science honor society, and Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary society.

She will enter Queen's College in the fall and work toward a degree in secondary education. After

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CC Loses A Friend

Cecil Prince, the man who played a large part in assuring the future of Charlotte College, is dead.

Only 37 years old, Mr. Prince was a trustee of Charlotte College, associate editor of the Charlotte News, and served as chairman of a citizens' committee which successfully promoted last year's college bond issue. His efforts, in behalf of the drive resulted in this institution receiving \$700,000 which virtually assured the building of a new college.

Mr. Prince was recognized as one of the outstanding editorial writers in N. C. He received the Sigma Delta Chi award (one of journalism's highest) for his editorial "This Could Be The Southern Century" which appeared in an issue of last year's Charlotte News.

Gov. Luther Hodges last year appointed Mr. Prince to the Commission to Study the Public School Education of Exceptionally Talented Children.

Mr. Prince, a native of High

Point and a graduate of UNC, was director of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the local Mental Health Association, and the Charlotte Symphony Society.

Expressions of regret at Mr. Prince's untimely death poured in from all over the state. Gov. Hodges said, "He was always willing to accept assignments for public service."

Miss Bonnie E. Cone, director of Charlotte College, said, "The administration and faculty of Charlotte College have suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of Cecil Prince, friend of the college and member of the college Board of Trustees."

"Mr. Prince was vitally interested in Charlotte College, not only as associate editor of The Charlotte News, but also as a citizen of the community. Fair-minded and logical in his approach to problems, he served as chairman of the personnel committee and as a member of the finance committee. He wrote forceful editorials which aided immeasurably in bringing

about a favorable vote in the local bond elections. In 1959, he worked to carry the state-wide bond elections from which the Community College System benefited by one and a half million dollars.

"Mr. Prince has given generously of his time since joining the Board in 1958. He was present at the numerous meetings of the Board of Trustees and also at the Committee meetings which have provided the background for the development of our Community College system, and brought plans for the two new campuses so near to fruition.

"His life of dedicated service based upon thoughtful study, provided an example of the highest type of leadership.

"Charlotte College will feel the loss of the force of his personality, and in the years to come will remember and benefit from the effectiveness of the leadership he accomplished so graciously."

Mr. Prince is survived by his widow, the former Elizabeth Blair of this city.

Graduation Exercises Announced

The Charlotte College commencement exercises, the Baccalaureate service, the graduates' banquet, and the alumni-graduate buffet supper are among the many scheduled events which occur annually during this, the graduation season.

Beginning at 7 p.m. June 4 with a graduates' banquet in the Terrace Room of the Barringer Hotel, the largest graduating class in the history of the college will move into its final round of activities before leaving the atmosphere of its accomplishments at Charlotte College.

The graduates' banquet, a college function in honor of the graduating class, will be presided over by our college director, Miss Bonnie Cone. In accordance with tradition, entertainment for the banquet will be furnished by the freshman class.

The Baccalaureate service will be held in the Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m. June 5. Dr. George D. Heaton past minister of the Myers Park Baptist Church and now occupied as a national industrial consultant in labor-management relationships, will speak.

Dr. Heaton was a member of the Charlotte College Advisory Board from 1950 to 1958.

Music for the evening will be furnished by the Charlotte College Choir, under the direction of Harvey L. Woodruff, with Miss Nell Scoggins at the organ.

The alumni-graduate buffet supper is scheduled for Monday afternoon, June 6th, at five-thirty. J. Murray Atkins, chairman of the board of trustees, will present a progress report on the new college site.

Just before the buffet supper, at 4 p. m. June 6, a conducted tour of the new college campus will be held.

At 8:15 p. m. June 6 the final service of commencement will begin. The faculty, 72 graduates, their families, and friends of the college will hear an address by Dr. Edwin R. Walker, President of Queens College.

The invocation for the evening will be given by the Rev. W. B. H. Corkey, past missionary to China. The Rev. Mr. Corkey is a past associate of Charlotte College and will return next year as professor of philosophy.

The presentation of diplomas will be by Miss Bonnie Cone.

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