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It's Commencement! College Graduates 275 Sunday; Convention Exec To Preach

Dr. Frank R. Campbell, Statesville First Baptist Church pastor, and a key figure in the negotiated settlement last year in the dispute between Wake Forest University and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will preach the baccalaureate ser-

mon at Mars Hill College on Sunday.

A native of Roanoke, Va., Dr. Campbell is currently serving as first vice-president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He is also a member of the convention's general board and has just

completed a two-year term as president of the convention's council on Christian Higher Education. A trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, Dr. Campbell has been pastor of the Statesville church since 1966.

Commencement weekend will officially open Friday with an exhibition of student art in the Peterson Gallery of Blackwell Hall. The Board of Trustees will hold their semi-annual business meeting Saturday morning, and at noon, the trustees will meet with the board of advisors for a joint luncheon.

That evening, the college will honor graduating seniors and their parents as well as other guests at a banquet in Coyte Bridges dining hall. In addition to recognizing the seniors, the occasion will also provide recognition of faculty who are retiring and other faculty and staff who have served the college for 25 years.

This year Mrs. Ruby Cox, a 34-year veteran of the Department of Business Administration and Economics, will be recognized. She began early retirement for reasons of health during the 1979-80 academic year. Retiring from the general staff of the college is William R. Hembree, a life-long native of Mars Hill, who is retiring from the cafeteria staff after 15 years of service.

The baccalaureate sermon will be held Sunday morning at 11 in Moore Auditorium. The college community is traditionally joined by the con-

gregation of the Mars Hill Baptist Church for the service. Finally, the highlight of the weekend — the graduation ceremonies — will be held in Moore Auditorium at 3 p.m. when Dr. Richard L. Hoffman, vice-president for academic affairs, presents approximately 275 seniors to Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president.

Dr. Campbell did his undergraduate study at Carson-Newman College, receiving a Bachelor's Degree "cum laude," in 1958. He later earned the Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry Degrees from Southeastern Seminary. In ad-

dition to his pastoral duties, he has been extremely active in various ministries of the denomination, both on the state and national levels.

He has served on the board of directors of the N.C. Baptist weekly journal, "The Biblical Recorder", and on the board of trustees of the N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He has served on advisory boards at Wake Forest University, Campbell, and Gardner-Webb Colleges. In 1975-76, he was a member of a special convention committee to study the contractual relationship involving Wake Forest, the Reynolds Foundation, and the convention. During 1978-79, he

chaired a special commission of the Council on Christian Higher Education which helped formulate the details of a new relationship between the convention and the university. In 1977, he was a member of the Committee on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Campbell is active in Statesville's Rotary Club and the United Fund. He has served on the mayor's advisory committee and is currently on the board of directors of a day care center for handicapped children. Dr. Campbell's married daughter, Cathy Burgess, will be receiving a degree Sunday afternoon.



DR. FRANK CAMPBELL



DR. HYATT GIBBS, center, presents Mars Hill College's first Outstanding Teacher Award to

Emmett Sams, a mathematics professor. Looking on at the left is R.S. Gibbs Jr.

4 Madison Clubs Enter Annual Contest

Community Development

Four communities in Madison County have entered the Western North Carolina Community Development Program, according to Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the WNC Development Association.

They are the communities of Greater Ivy, Mars Hill, Upper Laurel and Walnut-Brush Creek. McGough said a total of 47 communities in 13 counties have entered the competition to date.

Sponsored by the 18-county WNC Development Association and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service — with local sponsors and various county agencies, this nationally recognized rural community improvement contest is now in its 31st year.

The program aims to encourage people to cooperate and work together on community pro-

jects and to promote home improvements. The major emphasis is on self-help efforts with a slogan of "There is no limit to what a community can do, if it wants to."

Aside from the satisfaction of community improvement, participants have the added incentive of \$10,000 in area awards, along with \$15,000 to \$20,000 to be presented in county contests.

In addition to cash awards, communities are eligible to receive a number of "special recognition awards" presented in conjunction with the contest.

Participation in a beautification contest is open both to the rural community clubs, garden clubs, civic groups, extension homemakers, youth clubs, churches and others.

Entry deadline for the contest is May 15.

Top Teacher

Award Goes To College Math Professor

Medals, prizes, scholarships and individual recognitions were awarded to Mars Hill College students and faculty during the school's annual Honors Day Convocation May 7.

Top honors went to Emmett S. Sams, professor of mathematics, who is the first recipient of the R.S. Gibbs Outstanding Teacher Award. The \$500 cash award was presented to Sams by Dr. Hyatt Gibbs, grandson of R.S. Gibbs.

The award was started by Gibbs' son, R.S. Gibbs Jr., and his family to honor his father. R.S. Gibbs lived his life from beginning to end in Madison County, where he owned and operated a general store. He was an alderman and a mayor of Mars Hill, a member of the school board, a deacon in the Mars Hill Baptist Church, a member of the board of directors of the Bank of French Broad from its organization in 1903 until his death in 1942 and a member of the college's

board of trustees.

Emmett Sams has been a member of the college's faculty since 1947. A native of Yancey County, he holds undergraduate degrees from Mars Hill College and Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University), and a master's degree from Peabody College. He has continued his education at Cornell University, North Carolina State University and the University of Kansas.

Sams has developed many of the courses now taught by the math department, and contributed significantly to the curriculum both when Mars Hill became a senior institution in 1966 and when the college instituted its competence-based curriculum several years ago. He has been the college supervisor for every secondary mathematics student teacher at Mars Hill College. During the coming year, he will serve as a consultant to share with the rest of the college's faculty his unique ability to communicate effectively as well as share his counseling techniques.

Three other faculty members' promotions were announced during the ceremonies. They are: William Hutt, named associate professor of biology; Kenneth M. Sanchagrin, named associate professor of sociology; and Carolyn Thompson, named assistant professor of social work.

Top scholarship winners were 16 incoming freshmen who were named J. Wesley Grayson Scholars from Appalachia. This program awards half-tuition scholarships to incoming freshmen and a limited number of upperclassmen who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement; leadership potential through activities in their schools, churches, or communities; personal character development in courage, honesty and

integrity; and sensitivity in interpersonal relationships and 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 Laguna Hills, Calif., given as an annuity trust in 1978. The significance of the gift cannot be over-emphasized as Mars Hill has always made every effort to assist deserving students who have financial needs. Endowed scholarship provide the resources for honoring this commitment.

The program is aimed at providing informed, capable leaders for the Appalachian region who appreciate the history and culture of the region and are sensitive to the problems that burden the people of Appalachia.

Criminal Court Starts Monday

The May criminal term of superior court will begin here Monday morning with Judge Sam J. Erwin III, presiding. District Attorney Clyde M. Roberts will prosecute.

One murder case and one manslaughter case head the list of trials scheduled to be heard. The murder case involves Verna Stines Green and the manslaughter case involves Jimmy Bruce Ammons.

Other cases on the court calendar include:

Clyde Rathbone, DUI; Dean Tranham, BE&L; Gary Miller, receiving stolen pro-

perty; Don McCarter, BE&L; Conley Davis, BE&L; Larry Allen Doxtater, BE&L; Roger Ben Roberts, leaving scene of accident; and driving while license permanently revoked; Luther Aikens, failed to appear; John Daniel Norton, DUI; Ricky Nichols, BE&L; Sandra Higgins Thomas, driving while license revoked; Jack Stines, leaving scene of accident; Claude English, DUI; Michael Black, receiving stolen property; Steve Surratt, BE&L; Ronnie Dean Surratt, BE&L; Dale Roberts, alias Dallas Roberts; Joe Ross Chandler, drunk and

disruptive; John Wayne Sherrill, kidnap; Keith Fowler, kidnap; Alan Jacobs, BE&L; Billy Stout, possession of stolen motor vehicle; Clifford Warren, kidnap.

A list of jurors follows:

Maude P. Payne, Marshall C. Wilson, Tootsie Gunter, Hobert Shelton, Helen K. Rice, Henry Lamb, Audrey K. Franklin, Hattie B. Nix, Connie E. Reese, Elbert Jackson Wyatt, Gertrude E. Ball, Clara Wilde, Dianne Maney, Barbara S. Haynes, Mrs. Nannie Hunter, Bex Ramsey, Leann Vaughn Payne, Wayne D. Roberts, Ella M. Church,

Phillis H. Morrow, Wade Buckner, Eugene E. Reese (dec'd), Ernest D. Ervin;

Ronald L. Haynie, Kathleen S. McPeters, Donna Gay Anderson, Glen Carver, Alan David Crowder, Nell Thomas, Anderson Eugene Wheeler, Deborah Jean Garrison, Emma Shetley Lawson, Teresa West, Marilyn Hope Reid, Virgil G. Metcalf, Lucille Kirkpatrick, Larry C. Holt, Michael L. Fore, Roy Freeman, Delmar C. Flemming, Ruby Moore Davis, Ralford K. English, Reta Jeanne Cantrell, Ms. Janie (Continued on Page 2)

Dr. McElroy Honored For Dedicated Service



DR. CHARLES McCULLOUGH (center) presents special citation to Dr. Lawrence McElroy of Mar-

shall, while Dr. Otis Duck of Mars Hill (seated) looks on.

Dr. J. Lawrence McElroy of Marshall was honored last week by the North Carolina State Medical Society for 50 years of dedicated service in the practice of medicine.

A special citation recognizing Dr. McElroy's professional contributions and accomplishments was presented during a meeting of the Madison County Medical Society in the President's Dining Room at Mars Hill College on May 6. Making the presentation was Dr. Charles T. McCullough of Asheville, who is the counselor for the 10th District of the State Medical Society.

A resolution was also presented to Dr. McElroy by Dr. Otis Duck of Mars Hill, president of the county medical society, in behalf of the county organization. It praised the Marshall physician for his faithful service as secretary-treasurer of the county medical society con-

tinuously since 1951.

The two awards to Dr. McElroy were warmly applauded by about 25 persons attending the dinner meeting, including members of the county medical society, their wives and other special guests.

Dr. McElroy, who was graduated from Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, became a member of the North Carolina State Medical Society in 1930 and began practice in Marshall in 1932.

Dr. L.S. Rathbun, Asheville ophthalmologist, was the guest speaker, using as his topic "The Role of Stress in Cancer." Various examples in history, going back to 300 A.D., prove that "The cheerful woman is less apt to develop cancer than the doubtful one," he said. Many case histories over the years show the importance of (Continued on Page 2)