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## Pressley and Erwin Elected Campus Site Unimpressive

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A wilderness in the middle of a city is quite a place for a college campus. The site for the new Asheville-Biltmore college, is at the moment a most unimpressive sight—two small unfinished buildings on a muddy hill.

A talk with Mr. Jack Ramsey, construction engineer, proved almost as disheartening as did the buildings themselves. The floor for the Administration and Library buildings' ground floor was being poured on October 12, and if the weather held out the second floor would be completed October 13. The roof for this building received the finishing touches October 12, and preparations for installing the windows were being made.

The Science and Classroom building was a framework of steel, with men buzzing around trying frantically to wind up the masonry. A week and a half was Mr. Ramsey's estimate to complete this task, before the roofing begins.

Due to some faulty planning of the roads leading to the building site, the workmen have lost a number of days due to the impossibility of getting equipment up the virtually "mud hill." All the frame work has been completed and Mr. Ramsey assured us if the weather was favorable, the remainder of the work could be finished. Up until then much heavy equipment must be used and unless the road conditions stay dry, the machines are left useless at the entrance of the campus.

### Constitution Revision Proves Slow Process

On almost every College Campus there is a body of students who are elected to help govern the affairs of the campus and Asheville-Biltmore is no exception. The student body president of the college is designated as the head of the council, and under him are other students who are elected by the students.

In the past year the Student Council has rewritten the Constitution and is now in the process of having it approved and accepted by the students of the college. However, there seem to be certain phrases and sections of all eight articles which the student body will not accept as they now stand. Much valuable time has been spent in vigorous debate during the student-faculty assembly programs on several Thursday mornings. Mr. George England, President of the Council, is very determined that it be approved by the students and the students want to be sure that it will serve its true purpose for the benefit of themselves and the college.

So, with Roberts' Rules of Order in one hand, the right to approve or disapprove in the other, and the tired spectators on the sidelines, the gallant game goes on.

The light colored brick structures with tall cement columns are a striking contrast to the present campus. Classrooms appear to be small, although in an unfinished condition.

The Administration and Library building is built in an "L" pattern; both buildings are typically modern two story buildings. The Science and Classroom building as yet has not taken on the look of a complete building, but in general was the straight factory-stereotype seen everywhere.

All was not black, the view from the campus was most impressive. Autumn had a favorable effect on the scenery surrounding the construction area. To add to the more favorable aspects, Mr. Ramsey assured us that if the weather was cooperative, construction would be complete by January, possibly in time for second semester. But his final statement was, "It all hinges on the weather!" Has anyone checked the forecast lately?

### Omar Khayyam Frat Begins Year's Work

The FRATERNAL ORDER OF OMAR KHAYYAM is not new. The name has been slightly changed to better describe the organization.

The name FRATERNITY was added because it means brotherhood and that is this group's intention.

The OMAR KHAYYAM LITERARY GUILD, as it was previously known, was founded at A.B. College in the fall of 1959. The founders, popularly known as the PrJaDa Triangle committee were the key men of campus activities. The name itself consists of the first two letters of their names: Oliver V. Pressley, Editor, Campus Crier News; James Daniels, (then) Editor, The Summit, and our capable '59, '60 Student Body President, George Jacob.

These students proved, as they set out to, that as a co-ordinated body the students of Asheville-Biltmore can compete even with the resident colleges when it comes to friendship and school spirit.

The problem was defined as lack of opportunity to get acquainted, since the few moments between classes prevented most from even knowing the first names of the other students.

Having found the problem, and many volunteers, it was only a matter of a few weeks until A.B. was a much happier, and certainly more cordial group.

With their motto "ACTION FOR A.B." the OMAR KHAYYAM LITERARY GUILD began in a small way to have gatherings and parties on and off campus.

By December of '59 the group  
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Record Turnout at the Polls!

### Arboretum Plans Underway

As a result of growing concern that the new campus site is an unattractive wilderness, an Asheville-Biltmore College Botanical Gardens Association is now being formed. The Board of Trustees has made a provision for twelve acres bordering on Broadway and including land surrounding Reed Creek to be used for the development of a botanical garden.

This property contains a flat meadow area suitable for the planting of water plants, bog plants, and certain species of the Magnolia Family. Already present are many trees and native shrubs.

It is the opinion of Mrs. Serota, head of the natural science department of Asheville-Biltmore, that the area for the proposed Botanical Garden possesses the needed environment for the growth of any plant native to North Carolina. Mrs. Serota said, "When cleaned, arranged with rock walls and walkways, and properly planted with native ferns, mosses, liverworts, shrubs and trees, these

Botanical Gardens will be the loveliest attraction in Asheville, bar none!"

These gardens cannot be created without the assistance of volunteers. Until funds are appropriated to provide for a full time Association director with staff, The Asheville-Biltmore Botanical Gardens Association urges everyone to volunteer his services to this project.

An example of volunteering was set by twenty-eight Gray-Y boys of Aycock Elementary School who donated an entire Saturday to clearing away unnecessary brush. Under the supervision of Mr. Jerry Warren and Mr. Bill Jenkins, together with several ladies of the Asheville Garden Club, the boys worked and were rewarded with a satisfying lunch.

All persons interested in the development of a beautiful campus are urged to contact Mrs. Serota.

### Annual Takes Second Place At Columbia

Representatives of the Summit, the annual of Asheville-Biltmore College, attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Association conference for yearbook production in New York City.

The representatives, Mr. Toby Erwin, editor, Miss Nelda Clodfelter, associate editor, and Miss Mary Miller, faculty advisor, left Asheville by train on Thursday, October 13, and returned on Monday, October 17th.

During this conference, it was announced that the 1959-1960 Summit had won second place in national competition. This award is added to the past record to make the Summit one of the most recognized junior college yearbooks in the United States.

These conferences, held every year in New York City, on the grounds of Columbia University, are conducted for the benefit of high school

### Linda Merrill, Carswell, Win V. P. Positions

Vote count Friday the 14th placed Oliver V. Pressley and Fenton (Toby) Erwin Jr. as Presidents of the Sophomore and Freshman Classes. They were in the running against Rachel Smathers, Sophomore, and Mrs. Sandra Yelverton, Freshman.

Standards of eligibility were: a high scholastic average, the student had to be a full-time student, and had to have strong leadership characteristics.

Sophomore nominees were O. V. Pressley and Rachel Smathers for President; Linda Merrill and Pat Maney for Vice President; Glenda Andrews and Joyce Sandlin for Secretary-Treasurer; David Bryson, Carol Hayes, Nelda Clodfelter, Catherine Libby, Judy Scruggs, and Tommy Tomlin for Representatives.

Freshman nominees were Toby Erwin and Sandra Yelverton for President; John Carswell, Stella May Fox, and Phillis Hampton for Vice President; Linda Pacione and Mickey Schandler for Secretary-Treasurer; and Ken Bradley, Tom Doe, Bob Freeman, Charles Smith, and Camilla Roland for Representatives.

On Friday, October 14, the polls were opened. Students cast votes from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The final countdown revealed these candidates for class officers: From the Sophomore Class—O. V. Pressley, President; Linda Merrill, Vice President; Glenda Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer; and David Bryson, Nelda Clodfelter, and Carol Hayes for Sophomore Class Representatives.

From the Freshman Class—Toby Erwin, President; John Carswell, Vice President; Linda Pacione, Secretary-Treasurer; and Bob Freeman, Ken Bradley, and Charles Smith for Freshman Class Representatives.

and college annual staffs from all corners of the United States. There are even representatives attending from the territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the Panama Canal Zone.

These conferences consisted of lectures delivered by prominent publishers of the New York area. Outstanding annuals of the previous year were on display and the awards these annuals won were announced.

Mr. Erwin, Miss Clodfelter, and Miss Miller stayed at the Hotel Wellington while in New York, and on their return to Asheville commented on the Manhattan hospitality which they enjoyed. Miss Clodfelter was particularly impressed with the dinner she attended at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, which climaxed the conference.

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### Enrollment Mark Set

The Asheville-Biltmore College enrollment record has been smashed this year. The college is proud to find that a grand total of 220 students have enrolled this semester. There is an increase of 81 over last fall's 139 students.

Boys beware! Better move fast because there will be a lot of competition since there are only 22 sophomore girls and 53 freshman girls totaling 75. It will be another story for the girls on campus for they can have their pick from a choice selection of 145 boys, 47 of these are sophomores and 98 are freshmen. The boys outnumber the girls almost 2 to 1.