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## MAURICE WILLIAMS HEADLINES A-B CHRISTMAS DANCE

By TRUDY SCHANDLER

Asheville-Biltmore's annual Christmas Dance will be held tomorrow night, December 18, at the Greek Hellenic Community Center, from 9 to 1. The dance will again feature the presentation of "Miss Asheville-Biltmore" and her Court.

Music will be furnished by the famous *Maurice Williams and "The Zodiacs"* who achieved national prominence with their golden hit record, *Stay!* This band is being imported by the SGA Social Commission at great expense for the dance, so you won't want to miss it.

Students wishing to help decorate for the dance should contact Ted Corcoran, Leigh Stevens, Trudy Schandler, or Sally Straine, or should come to the Greek Center at 227 Cumberland Avenue from 2 to 5 today or any time after 9 A.M. tomorrow. *And help will be needed!*

Admission will be free to all A-B students (with activity cards) and their dates ONLY. All outside couples without activity cards will be charged \$3.00.

Don't miss this big event of the week, month, year, decade, maybe even century! Get yourself a date, put on your dancing shoes (*semi-formal attire only please*), and head for the ASHEVILLE-BILTMORE DANCE. You can't afford not to!

## Student Center Head Named

After consulting with the administration, the Student Government Association recently created the new campus office of Student Center Manager. This position is a paid job which entails many and varied responsibilities, but it is felt that the new appointee, Jim Day, will do a satisfactory job. Chief among Jim's duties will be to act as official administrator of all business concerning the use of the Student Center. This includes receiving all suggestions and complaints referring to the building. To better accommodate this, he is currently in the process of planning set office hours in the Center.

Other duties of Mr. Day include the maintenance of a lost and found department, the provision of a first aid kit, and the insurance of the smooth operation of the building and its facilities, subject to the directions of the SGA House and Grounds Commission.

In his new capacity as a liaison between the students, campus organizations, Executive Council, and administration of the college in those matters which are directly related to the Student Center Building, Jim has stated a readiness to cooperate with any of these groups in working out a more efficient set of rules concerning the use of the Center. Mr. Day will be interviewed on the new policies of his position in the next issue of *The Ridgerunner*.



## N. C. Literary Awards Announced

At their sixty-fifth annual meeting in Raleigh on December 3, the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association announced awards in the 1965 literary competition in the state.

John Ehle, a native of Asheville and a former member of the University of North Carolina faculty, won the Mayflower Award for non-fiction, presented by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina, with his book *The Free Men*, an account of the recent civil rights demonstrations in Chapel Hill.

The Sir Walter Raleigh Award in the field of fiction, given by the Historical Book Club of North Carolina, was presented to Doris Betts for her novel about a family in Piedmont North Carolina in the 1890's, *The Scarlet Thread*.

The Roanoke-Chowan Award was won by the volume *The Lost World*, written by the late Randall Jarrell. And the American Association of University Women Award for juvenile literature was won by Alexander Key's *The Forgotten Door*.

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## Highlands Auto Rallye A Success

By ALLAN PIERCE

November 21, saw the second running of the Sigma Delta Upsilon Highlands Rallye. This is an event which challenges the automobile driver and the mind of his navigator. It is not a speed event but one that requires the team of driver and navigator to work together in order to cover a specific distance in the exact amount of time that a stated speed should require. It is a skill event that takes much practice to be good at, but nonetheless it is usually fun if one wins or not.

Last Spring the Rallye had perfect weather. Such was not the case this year. Rain! Rain! Rain! The weather was miserable, cold, damp and anything else that nature could do to make life hell. However, to the astonishment of the fraternity 29 contestants came to vie for the three trophies offered for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. This marks a 33½% increase over last year.

The Rallye was run primarily by two Sig Up brothers: Allan Pierce and Bill Plyler (plus his wife). They were assisted by Sig Up pledges Steve Smith, Dennis Moore,

Jerry Welborn, Gene Stirewalt, and Jim Myers.

Cars of all varieties came from various localities near and far. There were a surprising number of entrants from A-B. Three brothers from Sig Up, two brothers from Lambda Chi, and various other students helped the Rallye become a success. Many people came from other colleges. Mars Hill, Western Carolina, Marshall (W. Va.), Carolina, and Roanoke College were represented.

Winner was Nicky Bennet of Asheville who drove a Triumph TR-3 to first place with 88 points. Second was Bob Lawrence, a student from Lee Edwards, with 144 points. Third was Phil Goode and Charles Bennett from Marshall College with 216 points.

The day was miserable, the people tired, the cars dirty, and the officials worn-out. However, if spirit is any indication, everyone had a good time.

Sigma Delta Upsilon will hold its Spring Highlands Rallye one week after the Chimney Rock Hill Climb next year. It is hoped that A-B students will continue to support this event.

## A-B PAYS MARS HILL VIET BILL

Last Friday night the Mars Hill student government made an impassioned plea over WISE radio in Asheville for funds to underwrite postage expenses for a package they had readied for mailing to U. S. troops in Viet Nam. S.G.A. president Ed Harris immediately contacted Finance Commissioner Jim Day and decided it would be in the best interests of A-B to foot the bill. Ed then phoned WISE in an effort to reach the Mars Hill S.G.A. president and notify him of A-B's offer.

By the following afternoon a meeting had been arranged and Mr. Harris met with Chris Pappus of Mars Hill. The Madison County school's efforts, which had begun two weeks earlier with the drive to collect books, toilet articles, dry foodstuffs, magazines, and Christmas cards for the packages, then became a joint project with the A-B students working through their S.G.A. The final shipping weight of the packages came to 393 pounds and cost the S.G.A. \$63.15 to mail overseas. The items were sent to the First Battalion, Eighth Cavalry of the First Cavalry Division now doing combat duty in Viet Nam.

It was felt by the S.G.A. that this effort might help to erase the impression given by other student bodies in recent weeks, regarding Viet Nam support.

## Dormitory Plans Released

The first rendering of plans for Asheville-Biltmore's new dormitory complex are now available for the students to see in the SGA offices of the Student Center. The proposed buildings, still in the design development phase, are designed by Charles Sappenfield, an Asheville architect, and reflect the current trends in college housing construction, away from the overdone high-rise dorms appearing on large university campuses. The idea, of course, is that the garden-apartment type of dorm will be more home-like and conducive to study in liberal arts college with A-B's aims.

The complex will initially consist of seven buildings, no more than three stories high, that will provide facilities for a hundred twenty-five men and a hundred twenty-five women. There will be a maximum of sixteen students to a floor and two to a room. Separate living room-lounge facilities will also be built into each unit, and one unit will house a small infirmary. The rooms will feature as many built-in designs as possible for such items as clothing, book and luggage storage.

Location is set for the southwestern part of the present campus outlines approximately in the area between the gymnasium and the maintenance plant. They will be arranged and landscaped to provide a courtyard type of atmosphere in informal surroundings. As plans progress further details will appear in *The Ridgerunner*.