

HUMANITIES BUILDING OPENS



Homecoming Queen Crowned
Miss Sandy Mastin

DR. NIELSEN, PHYSICIST DISCUSSES SPECTROSCOPY

Dr. Alvin H. Nielsen, head of the Department of Physics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, served as a visiting lecturer at Asheville-Biltmore College last Thursday and Friday.

He visited under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a broad, nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics. The program is now in its ninth year and is supported by the National Science Foundation.

The American Association of Physics Teachers is one of the seven member societies of the American Institute of Physics.

Dr. Nielsen gave lectures, held informal meetings with students, and assisted faculty members with curriculum and research problems. Professor James E. Wills, Division of Science and Mathematics at Asheville-Biltmore College, was in charge of arrangements for Dr. Nielsen's visit. He spoke Thursday to Science students and Friday at an all-college assembly.

Dr. Nielsen, one of America's foremost research specialists in molecular spectroscopy, joined the University of Tennessee faculty in 1935, became head of the department of

physics in 1956, and was appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts in 1963.

A native of Menominee, Dr. Nielsen holds the B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. In 1951-52 he was a Fulbright Research scholar at the Universite de Liege, Belgium, and was designated a National Research Council fellow-elect in 1942.

Prior to joining the Tennessee faculty, Dr. Nielsen was a fellow at Ohio State University. In 1944-46 he served as research associate of the Ohio State University Research Foundation, doing war research for the U. S. Office of Scientific Research and Development. He has been a consultant to the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant and Oak Ridge National Laboratory since 1947.

His research work has attracted grants from various organizations and 300 foundations, including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Research Corporation of New York, National Science Foundation, and the Tennessee Academy of Science; and he has held research contracts with the U. S. Army's Office of Ordnance and the Air Force Cambridge Research Center.

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2 NEW PROFESSORS NAMED TO FACULTY

Two new professors have been acquired by Asheville-Biltmore recently, and will begin their duties in August.

Dr. Bahram Farzanegan will be Assistant Professor of Government. He received his B.A. in history from Lafayette College, his A.M. in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania, and his Ph.D. in international relations from American University in Washington.

He belongs to several political and social science honor societies and is a member of the American Political Science Association and Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Two of Dr. Farzanegan's hobbies are chess and bridge. In addition, he

has been active in college student publications.

Dr. Farzanegan is a United States citizen but a native of Iran. At the present time his father is the Iranian ambassador to Norway.

Prior to January eighteenth of this year he had been in France finishing a dissertation. His wife was born there and grew up in Paris.

Dr. Sidney Mathews, now teaching at George Mason College in Arlington, Virginia, will also join the Asheville-Biltmore faculty in August.

He received a B.A. from the University of Richmond and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He is also a Phi Beta Kappa scholar.

From 1941 until 1942 he was an instructor in history at the University of Richmond; 1943-46 served in the Army; 1946-1952 was a senior historian at the Historical Division of the War Department; 1952-1961 was Operations Research Officer at Johns Hopkins; 1961-1964 was with Research Analysis Corporation; and in the fall of 1964 went to George Mason College.

Dr. Mathews is a member of numerous historical and military organizations and has been co-author of a number of books and pamphlets, mostly on military subjects. During the war he was a combat historian. He is a specialist on Soviet affairs.

He is married and has four children: three boys and one girl, ages 19, 16, 13, and 7.

Poll Finds New Grades Unpopular

During the last week at Asheville-Biltmore, members of the staff of *The Ridgerunner* have conducted an informal opinion poll among the college's students. A sampling of one hundred students were asked their opinions on the new grading change that will go into effect at A-B during the coming year. When it was inquired whether they approved of the new system the following answers were given;

No's	70
Yes'	28
Don't Care's	2

Out of *The Ridgerunner's* sample group then, 70% did not favor the new "C" grade which will be introduced. Most of this percentage group, however comes from upper-classmen. Among freshmen who were polled, the split in answers was closer to 50-50.

The most frequently given reason for objection to the new change was that the three letter system did remove some of the pressures attendant to a system with more divisions. Also widespread among opinions expressed were feelings that, if a change was inevitable, then a return to the A, B, C system was more desirable. It was noted that many students also gave a positive response to the column, R.T.W., which appeared in *The Ridgerunner* regarding the change.

Among those who sided with the upcoming grade addition the chief reason given was for recognition of those students who are able to do better than average, but not extremely superior, work. Also mentioned were the ideas that employers and graduate schools would better be able to interpret the newer system of grading.

The two students who expressed indifference based their opinions primarily on the fact that they were so called "C" students, and thusly any change would not affect them.

CEREMONY HONORS CARMICHAEL

Asheville-Biltmore College opened the doors of the Oliver C. Carmichael Humanities Building at noon February 21 with brief ceremonies.

The \$550,000 structure, which will be dedicated later, went into immediate use by the college's Division of Humanities, largest sequence of courses in the General Education curriculum.

The building will house the Departments of Art, History, Foreign Language, Literature and Philosophy. Small seminar rooms, medium-sized classrooms, an art studio and a language laboratory are included in the 32,000 square foot, two-story structure.

Completion of the building means that A-B now has facilities for a student enrollment of 1,200. Present enrollment is 600.

J. Bertram King of Asheville was architect and Z. B. Robinson Construction Co. was the contractor.

The Carmichael Humanities Building features an eye-catching offset lecture hall which is octagonal in shape and has a folded plate roof. The lecture hall seats 330 students.

On hand for the opening was the building's namesake, Dr. Oliver Cromwell Carmichael of Biltmore Forest, N. C.

He is a former chairman of the State Board of Higher Education and has also served as president of the University of Alabama, Alabama College, chancellor of Vanderbilt University and president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

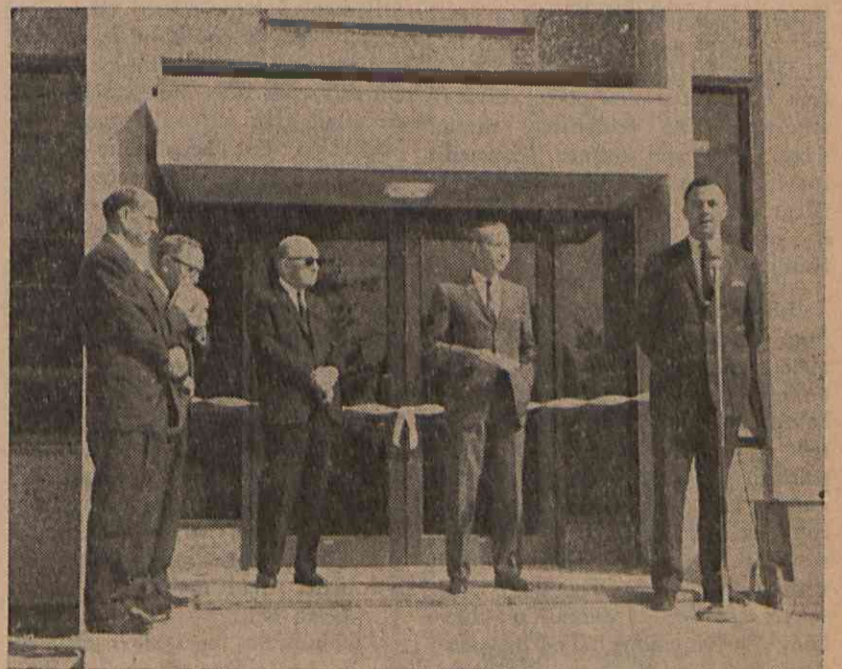
Dr. Carmichael, one of the South-east's most knowledgeable educators, is known as an accomplished elder statesman of education.

Dr. Roy A. Riggs, chairman of the Division of Humanities, served as master of ceremonies for the event and described the new facility.

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NOTICE

Additional funds are available for Work-Study positions during terms 3 and 4. Employment is restricted to those who meet the income eligibility requirements. Faculty members who can use additional student help of this type should contact the Office of Admissions. Students who have not applied for Work-Study employment may check on their eligibility in the Office of Admissions.



Architect Bertram King speaks at opening ceremonies of the new Humanities Building February 21.