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Carmichael Hall Formally Dedicated

250 Students At Orientation Here

Jim Day, President of the Student Government Association, was the initial speaker at Orientation. In his welcome to the students, Day explained the role of Student Government as a self-educating experience outside the classroom through which students grow into young adulthood. He urged the students to participate in Student Government affairs to receive the benefit of this experience.

Mr. John Phaup, Editor of the *Ridgerunner*, was the second speaker. He welcomed the beginning students, explained the purpose of the Student newspaper and announced that some staff positions are open to beginning students.

These students were followed by Dr. Highsmith, President of Asheville-Biltmore College, in an impromptu speech. The president gave the background and overall purpose of the college program. He said that A-B is striving to prepare its students for a future of a changing world. "Education is a demanding task," he continued, "because of the high priority of basic ideas and information." He stressed the necessity of learning to study independently so that adjustments in later life from one set of facts and information may be made to others. He emphasized that job preparation is of low priority because of the changing job market. Occupations that don't exist now are expected to be open in the future for the students of today, he said. Dr. Highsmith concluded his remarks with the word that A-B is conducting a self-study to develop farther direction of the college.

Dr. Dula followed Dr. Highsmith with excerpts from Robert Beneley's "Notes From College," before introducing Dr. Kaempfer, Dean of the Faculty. Dean Kaempfer suggested that the students read their school catalogues and consult their faculty advisors with any academic

problems. He stated that ours is an uncomfortable era because of change beyond control. The remaining speakers included

Miss Emily Porter, Registrar of the College, Mrs. Wishart, Dean of Women, Dr. Parsons, Dean of Men, and Dr. Owen, Director of Testing and Counseling.

Dr. Whitman, the school's librarian, described the college library as the focal point of the campus. Help in using the library is available from the librarians, he said.

Dr. Dulas ended the orientation by admonishing the students not to figuratively buy groceries, then go off and leave them. College is a learning experience in both academics and non-academics, he said.

Nomination Of Officers Outlined

Wednesday, August 26, S. G. A. President, Jim Day, called the first S. G. A. assembly for the 1966-67 school year. The meeting was called to outline the election procedure for class officer on September 18.

This meeting, combined with an interview with Jim, revealed the following procedures:

Class officers shall be fulltime members of the class or not more than six hours away from being a member before they can be elected. He must be a fulltime student of A-B College.

Election procedures are as follows: A written nomination is required, which will be presented to the election commission before Sept. 6. Signed and seconded nomination speeches will be made on September 14. Class elections shall be held on Sept. 18.



DR. OLIVER C. CARMICHAEL

Dr. Carmichael's Accomplishments Many

There is no limit to what an ambitious man can accomplish in his lifetime. Such is the case of Dr. Oliver C. Carmichael, who has found time to write, to teach, and to serve his own country as well as Great Britain. In addition, he is a philanthropist who is described by Dr. Highsmith, President of A-B College, as "warm, friendly, and humane." Dr. Carmichael now resides in Asheville.

This energetic man was born in Goodwater, Alabama on October 3, 1891. He received his B. A. from the University of Alabama in 1911 and his M. A. there in 1914. As a Rhodes Scholar, he studied at Oxford University in England, receiving his B. S. degree in 1917. While abroad, he served two years with the British Army in East Africa. Upon returning to the United States, he served two years in the U. S. Army. From 1914-15 he served with

the Hoover Relief Commission in Belgium. Thus, at the age of 26, he had rendered great service to his fellowmen and paved the way for even greater accomplishments.

During World War II, Dr. Carmichael was a member of the Advisory Council of the War Manpower Commission and a member of the Advisory Council of the War Production Board. Following the war, he became a member of the President's Commission on Higher Education in 1946-47. He has been active in numerous organizations and conferences related to educational welfare.

Intermingled with his government service, he found time to be Chancellor of Vanderbilt University from 1937 to 1946. His career also includes filling the presidency of Alabama College, 1926-1935; the University of Alabama, 1953-57; and the Carnegie

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Asheville - Biltmore College held its Fall Convocation at 11 a. m. Thursday, Sept. 8, with Watts Hill Jr., chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, as the principal speaker.

A-B's \$550,000 Oliver Cromwell Carmichael Humanities Building, in use since February, was officially dedicated at the same time.

The ceremonies were in the Student Center Auditorium with Dr. William E. Highsmith, A-B president, delivering the welcome and introducing the principal speaker.

Manly E. Wright, chairman of A-B's Board of Trustees, gave the dedicatory statement for the Humanities Building and Dr. Roy A. Riggs, chairman of the college's Division of Humanities, gave the response.

Dr. A. Allen Gardner, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, delivered the invocation and benediction. Mrs. Margaret Mitchell Kress was the organist.

Hill, president of Home Security Life Insurance Co., was named chairman of the State Board of Higher Education by Gov. Moore following the board's reorganization in 1965.

He has served on the Durham City Council, two terms with the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly, as member of both the Public School Finance Study and Teacher Certification commissions, president of the Durham United Fund, chairman of the Durham Committee on Community Relations and on the National Advisory Committee on Community Relations.

Hill was educated at Princeton University, the University of North Carolina and the Graduate Institute of Higher International Studies at Geneva, Switzerland. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy.

He is married to the former Mary Lamberton of Lake Forest, Ill. They have two children, Watts Hill III and Deborah Hill.

Hill is a past director of the Allied Arts of Durham, the N. C. Symphony Society, the N. C. Art Museum, the N. C. Design Foundation, the Durham Housing Authority (chairman) and the Carolinas United Community Services.

He is a Presbyterian and a Rotarian.

\$2,562,000 Asked For Improvements

Asheville-Biltmore College will be keeping a close watch on the next session of the North Carolina General Assembly--A \$2,562,000 watch, to be explicit.

That's the sum A-B is asking for capital improvements during the 1967-69 biennium and already presented last July to the state's Advisory Budget Commission.

The total request is earmarked for nine items, all termed es-

sential by Dr. William E. Highsmith, A-B president, and the college trustees.

Listed in order of priority, the items include:

Expansion of the Student Center to triple cafeteria space in time to feed dormitory students next fall, \$70,000.

Additions to the Science Building, \$500,000 for 17,000 square feet of space including advanced

and research laboratories plus a planetarium.

Expansion of the Physical Education Building, \$500,000 for handball courts, gymnastic areas, offices and an Olympic-sized, indoor swimming pool.

Development of rough terrain on the campus behind the gymnasium for soccer field, baseball diamond and a track, \$150,000.

Installation of an underground

electrical distribution system, \$100,000.

Sidewalks and landscaping, \$11,000.

Two dormitories for a total of 350 students (in addition to the seven dorm buildings now under construction), \$1,050,000.

Paving of streets and additional parking areas, \$95,000.

Addition to the Plant Maintenance Building, \$30,000.