

A-B Hosts Regional WMO Meeting

By John Moore

Asheville-Biltmore College will help host the Region IV meeting of the World Meteorological Organization on Oct. 4-13.

Some 50 delegates from North and Central America will meet here to discuss problems common to their countries, including international communication, calibration of barometers, and observational techniques. Among the countries to be represented will be Canada, the United States, Costa Rica, Cuba and Panama.

It is also possible that Russia or other member nations might send observers to the meeting.

In addition to the delegates and observers from the member countries, Secretary - General D. A. Davies of the World Meteorological Organization, Dr. Elliott Coen, President of Region IV, and Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator of Environmental Science Services Administration, will be present.

North and Central America comprise Region IV of the World

Meteorological Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations. The WMO was established by the U. N. in 1951 with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The WMO promotes international cooperation among the world's meteorological stations, sets standards for meteorological observation, and extends weather data to aviation, shipping, agriculture, and other fields dependent upon weather information. In order to fulfill

its aims and purposes, the WMO divided the world into eight regions, each of which schedules a regional meeting once every four years.

Region IV, the region to which the United States belongs, was scheduled to meet in 1966. Dr. Robert White, chief U. S. meteorologist and head of the U. S. delegation, offered to have the United States host the conference. This offer was accepted, and Dr. White accepted Asheville-Biltmore College's offer to

provide the site for the meeting.

There were a number of reasons for Dr. White's choice of A-B College. There was an agency, the National Weather Records center, in Asheville that could handle the tremendous volume of paper work (in excess of 1/2 million sheets of paper) and attend to the details that such an international meeting creates. William H. Haggard, Acting Director of the Records Center

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Jones, Harbin, Clarke Elected Class Presidents For 1966-67

Class officers for the year were elected on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Not counting part-time, special, and unclassified students, 41% of the seniors, 44% of the juniors, and 37% of the freshmen voted. The new officers are:

Senior class president - Bob Jones
vice president - Sandy Ledbetter
secretary - treasurer - Faye Patton
Junior class president - Tom Harbin
vice president - Sandy Sluder
secretary - treasurer - Jean Lipinsky

Freshman class president - Bob Clarke
vice president - Rick Morrow
secretary - treasurer - Donna Goodwin

After the elections, "Ridgerunner" staff members Nancy Bowlin and Gloria Middleton asked each officer five questions. The questions are: 1. What do you plan for a senior (junior or freshman) project?

2. What is your stand on fraternities and sororities?

3. What will you do to stimulate student interest in the students' government?

4. What is your stand on the new grading system?

5. What improvements in campus life can you suggest?

A summary of the interviews follows.

The first question was con-

cerning a class project. The main idea expressed by the newly-elected officers was to foster school spirit and make everyone feel a part of the school. To this Bob Clarke added that as a freshmen class project, they hoped to donate something to the school.

In the elections this year, there was only one candidate running for each senior office. This was also true for the junior vice-president and secretary - treasurer, and the freshman secretary - treasurer. The second question then was what is their means of stimulating student interest in our student government.

Bob Jones seemed to feel that the problem of interest in student government is just a symptom of a larger disinterest in the school and its activities. This is due, he stated, to the fact that A. B. closes up like a vice at 4:30 p. m. and that they roll up the sidewalks at 5:30. However, Bob believes that the dormitories will help solve this problem next year. This year Bob Jones plans to

stimulate student interest by trying to unite all the classes as a whole; therefore, making the classes feel as one.

Sandra Sluder and Tom Harbin felt getting more people interested in school activities and attending S. G. A. meetings would make them feel closer to the school.

The freshman president, Bob Clarke, stated that to stimulate more participation in student government, one must take the leadership from a select few and put it in the reach of everyone.

Next they were asked about fraternities and sororities and their answers seemed to center around one main thought -- that if the fraternities and sororities upheld their standards and met their social expectations, they were good because they boosted school spirit and gave a feeling of "belonging" to the students.

When asked about the new grading system H, G, P, F, most of them thought the new system was better than the old

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SGA To Hold Dance

Attention to all students! Your S. G. A. will be giving a dance this October 1, 1966, at the George Vanderbilt from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. The band will be

The Villagers. This dance will be open only to students who have activity cards. So please get your Student Activity Cards from the Receptionist's Office.



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