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The Geodesic Genius Speaks Tonight

Twice bounced out of Harvard and always questioning whether his math teachers knew what they were talking about, Richard Buckminster Fuller, a genius who wouldn't conform, will speak in A-B's Student Center Auditorium Friday, Dec. 2.

Like the Geodesic Dome, for which Fuller is most famous, he is a many faceted individual, reaching in all directions, probing, questioning, exploring diverse areas of knowledge. He can be called engineer, inventor, mathematician, architect, cartographer, philosopher, poet, cosmologist and comprehensive designer.

A marathon speaker, Fuller is hard to understand because he pours forth a cascade of information which Robert W. Marks, author of "The Dymaxion World of Buckminster Fuller," likens to trying to absorb

the first six books of Euclid at a single hearing. Unlimited "technical richness is offered untranslated at each meeting. . ."

"Bucky. . . has the genius' constant onrush of dream flow and dream logic. . . Each thought that Bucky expresses feeds back into his mind, there to generate families of fresher thoughts, broader in scope and more intense," Marks explains. Fuller gives too much of himself at one time, but, even a little bit of Fuller can send the mind reeling into new dimensions.

Despite the difficulty of understanding Fuller, one of the speaker's Asheville friends, Alvin E. Miller of 4 Hampstead Rd., adds: "It takes about 20 minutes before you start swinging with him."

A native of New England, Fuller invented the Dymaxion house,

a self-contained, low-cost, high-strength dwelling that could be delivered by plane.

The Dymaxion Dwelling Machine, a three-wheeled vehicle which had a top speed of 120 miles an hour, went 40 miles on a gallon of gasoline, and could turn in its own length, was exhibited at the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago.

The Geodesic Dome, a light spherical dome that has enormous strength due to its triangulated parts, is Fuller's most famous design and invention. He designed these domes from mathematical formulas which he developed and named "Energic synergetic geometry."

In the past several months, he and/or his work have been featured in "Time," "The New Yorker," "Saturday Review of Literature" and "Sports Illustrated."

When asked what he has learned in his many years of life, Fuller once replied, "How little I know. . . I am the most unlearned man I know. I don't know anyone who has learned how little one knows as have I."

After two unsuccessful goes at Harvard, Fuller went to work for Armour and Co., two years later entered the Navy in World War I and later received an Annapolis appointment.

In 1927, after finding himself jobless, Fuller considered suicide. With the invention of the Dymaxion House, he caught hold of life, going on to become "one of the most extraordinary Americans of our era," as quoted from "Saturday Review."

During his career he has founded several design and manufacturing firms, as well as serving as consultant to industry, the Ford Foundation, the U. S. Government, and other agencies.

From 1961 to 1962 Fuller taught at Harvard. He has been a visiting professor, lecturer, and critic abroad and on many American campuses including Yale, Cornell, Princeton, MIT, and now A-B.

Tickets may be obtained through the President's office at A-B.

Caravels To Play At A-B Coronation

Miss Asheville-Biltmore College will be crowned at the Christmas Prom to be held at the Greek Center, Friday, December 16.

The fabulous "Caravels" will present dance music for the semi-formal affair which will begin at 9:00. During the dance, Miss Carole Carson, A-B' 1965 Queen, will crown the new queen.

Ballots will be cast Dec. 15 in the Student Center for the new Miss Asheville-Biltmore.

SGA reminds the students that no one will be admitted to the dance except those presenting student activity cards or special signed invitations. These special invitations may be purchased from Jim Day or Denise Diamond with their approval.



RICHARD BUCKMINSTER FULLER . . .

a constant flow of dreams

What's In The Brown Bag?

The North Carolina Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that taking liquor into clubs and restaurants to drink it is violating the law.

The court ruled that it is legal for a person to possess liquor "only in his private dwelling" or while taking a gallon or less home after legally buying it.

If a person carries a little brown bag containing a bottle of liquor anywhere except in the living room of his own home, he's in trouble.

Cocktail parties at clubs or hotels where liquor is served to large groups of people MAY be prohibited.

A freshman from Charlotte pointed out that this whole affair started a year ago. Judge Grist of Charlotte announced that brown bagging was illegal and ordered the Charlotte police to enforce the state liquor laws. Three days later, after several raids, the strict enforcement relaxed. What will happen here in Asheville?

An A-B junior asked, "What will happen if I'm arrested for carrying a brown paper bag and it turns out that the bottle contains an RC cola?"

A third question: Will there be any booze at A-B's Christmas dance?

The official word from Dr. Highsmith, A-B president, is "The law is the law. The administration cannot condone the breaking of the law."

He was, however, sympathetic.

No booze at Christmas.

Bah! Humbug!

★ ★ ★ Staff Adjustments ★ ★ ★

The start of the second term saw the "Ridgerunner" suffer a setback in the loss of two key members, Tom Harbin and Rick Sprague. Rick had been business manager and Tom was managing editor. Tom has agreed to stay on the staff part-time with sports writing and with his column, "Runnin' the Ridge." The editor is also feeling the crimp of academics. He will go on leave from the newspaper for an indefinite period.

The "Ridgerunner" is fortunate in having two staff members, Ginger King, a scholarship winner from Canton, and Tim Medlin, a freshman from Charlotte, to take up the slack left by the loss of these members.



BECKY SHERMAN, first student registered for the new A-B dorms, peeps through a window of one of the new buildings.

A-B Receives 13 Scholarships

The atmosphere was cordial and curious, the attendance was good, and the college development dinner Monday, Nov. 21, produced thirteen scholarships totalling \$7400 for Asheville-Biltmore.

Community and business leaders from Asheville and the surrounding area were invited to the dinner held in the cafeteria of the Student Center.

President Highsmith; Mr. Frank Coxe, chairman of the College Foundation; and Mr. J. Gerald Cowan, chairman of the Foundation's Scholarship Planning Committee, were the principal speakers.

Dr. Highsmith, in a report to Asheville's leaders, outlined the growth of the college from a junior college to its senior classification. He described the internal problems of higher education and the changes A-B has made to meet these problems. An effective use of time and faculty and a three year curriculum were three remedies he listed.

He added, however, that no change from a basic liberal arts program will be made.

Mr. Coxe discussed the why and what of the College Foundation. He explained that the Foundation acts as a public relations arm of the college to develop community support, and as a channel for gifts and donations.

Highlight of the dinner was the announcement of the new scholarships by the representatives

of the firms making them. Donors of \$600 scholarships are: Enka Corporation, 3; Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., 4 (over a four year period); General Electric Outdoor Lighting, First Union National Bank, Gumpert, Inc., McClure Foundation and Citizen's Fuel, 1 each, and a \$200 art scholarship from Mrs. Francis Woolfson.

Mr. Cowan noted that the scholarship program aims to build a hard core of excellent students for the coming year.

Students present were Miss Sandy Sluder, Miss Lenda Gayle Edwards, Jim Day, Sam Shipman, and John Phaup.

WLOS Program Features A-B

Asheville-Biltmore is now featured on a Sunday afternoon radio program, "Asheville-Biltmore College on Campus." Rick Sprague, an A-B freshman, is the commentator. The show is on at 2:30 p. m. over WLOS Radio.

"President Highsmith Speaks On A-B," the first presentation, began the series on Nov. 20. The following Sunday, "The 'Ridgerunner' of Asheville-Biltmore" continued the series.

This weekend, Dr. Riggs and Dr. Pait will discuss the Humanities curriculum.

The program is aired as an educational service of WLOS.