

STUDENTS INSPIRED BY SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

By Virginia Perry

Band music at 5:45 in the morning? No, I'm not crazy! On Easter morning some of the few remaining boys on the campus graciously crawled out of bed, picked up their musical instruments, climbed up on the back of a truck driven by John McLeod, and served as alarm clocks for the various girls' dormitories, their music rising above the soft chirp of birds with beautifully-played Moravian hymns.

Events of the morning soon got under way. Awakened by the music, students quickly dressed, remembering the agreement not to speak until after the service, and stumbled down the hills in the dark from their respective dormitories to Spilman parlor for coffee and Moravian coffee-cake. Refreshments were served under the auspices of the B. S. U. About 6:45 the march got underway, with clomping feet and heavy breathing the only sounds marring the peaceful tranquility of the Easter dawn, succeeded later by barely audible "Oh's" and "Ah's" as students first glimpsed the utter loveliness of the mountains gradually emerging from blankets of gray.

At the top of Little Mountain, students quickly arranged themselves on the damp planks placed in a semi-circle for the service. Quiet meditation followed, during which the Easter band rendered soft music in the background. Each face turned toward the light places on the horizon where the first rays of dawn were peeping over the mountain tops. A group of students gave a choral reading of a while verses centering around the humany of the first Easter. President Blackwell delivered an inspirational message based on the stirring words of Isaiah: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The service was climaxed with the singing of the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," led by Tommy Stapleton.

Dramateers

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ann, Johnnie Davis, Jane Wright, Gerry Saville, June Green, Bill Robertson, Max Schrum, Livingston Green, Jack Phillips, Earl Miller, J. C. Fagan, and Miss Bonnie Wengert. Black Mountain senior college, Mars Hill junior college, and Oldsboro high school received highest ratings of production plays. Lee Edwards high school and Stephens Lee School for Negroes, both of Asheville, received highest ratings for original plays.

Spanish Club



Picture d at left is Sara Coston, president of the Spanish Club, one of the seven honor clubs on the campus. Other officers of the club are: Helen Jones, vice-president; Nancy Hannah, secretary; Sally Hudson, treasurer; Mabel Clay, reporter.

Through a regrettable error, the Spanish Club was omitted from the story concerning the honor clubs in the last issue of *The Hilltop*.

New members of the club are: Sally Hudson, Myrtle Davis, Hazel Bolick, Ruby Henderson, Helen Jones, Nancy Hannah, Phyllis McNeill, Pat Rierson, Bettye Crouch, Betty Austin.

Mrs. L. L. Vann is adviser for the Spanish Club.

To Whom Honor Is Due

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and first vice-president of the Mars Hill B.S.U., has been elected president of the B.S.U. at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

We are indeed proud of the fine records which our graduates are making. The success of our alumni should be a challenge to those of us still here. The thoroughness and sincerity with which we work at "The Hill" will determine, to a large extent, the measure of achievement we gain in later life. —B. C.

Juniors Fete

(Continued from Page 1) the auditorium for a presentation of Gerry Saville's play, "The Treasure."

The cast included Steve Horne, Louvene Jordan, Norma Minges Cornelia Vann, Ed Long, Jay Keeter, and Liza White, and the singers for the play were Neal Ellis, Seth Lippard, Paul Lunsford, and John McLeod; Carolyn Bennett, Ed Dunlap, Evelyn Fendley, and D. V. Marshall.

The play was of a group of young people who went in search of a treasure, which, according to legend, was buried on a deserted shore. The climax was the discovery of the intangible "treasures," peace, happiness, and contentment which make life worth living.

Society Speakers Are Chosen By Phis-Eus

Representatives for the various Commencement contests of the two men's societies have been announced.

Hubert Humphrey won first place in debate and oration as representative for the Euthalians. Franklin Hopkins will represent the Euthalians as first place winner in the Declamation contest.

Ronald Hill was judged winner in the debate contest for the Philomathians. Lamar Brooks and Tertius Stough are representing the Philomathians in oration and declamation, respectively.

The dates for the finals in these contests are as follows: Declamation, April 28; oration, May 12; and debate, May 24.

Mars Hillians

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In the debate division, the affirmative team composed of Mary Lela Sparks and Lillian Miller defeated V.P.I. and High Point college. The negative team composed of Thomas Swann and Ronald Hill defeated Ronoake college, Lynchburg college, and E.C.T.C. Twenty-three debate teams were competing in this division. First place honors in the men's division went to Drury college, Missouri, and in the women's division, Agnes Scott college, Georgia, won first place.

Dr. Keith of Winthrop college, director of the tournament, in commenting on Mars Hill's victories said, "Their consistency in winning showed serious and thorough preparation."

This activity closes the work of the Debate Committee for this year. Mrs. Richard Watson, director of the forensic group is chairman of the committee. Dr. Ella J. Pierce, Miss Bonnie Wengert and Mr. Ralph P. Ashworth assisted in judging the contest try-outs. Mr. Lee Wood assisted in the coaching of the debate teams.



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Richardson Regales Students With Drama Talk

"If you want to kiss the girls at the Sunday School picnic, you first have to go to the picnic." Humorously declaring this statement to be the text of his sermon, Howard Richardson spoke to Mars Hill students at the chapel hour Thursday concerning the production of his play, "Dark of the Moon."

"Dark of the Moon," a Carolina folk play, of which Mr. Richardson's cousin—William Berney—is co-author, has been on Broadway since March 14 and has received high praise from drama critics.

Mr. Richardson traced, with delightful wit, the four-year travail which finally brought forth his Broadway success. "The picnic grounds," he said in continuing the metaphor with which his talk began, "are New York city." His brown eyes twinkled as he told how his play finally arrived on Broadway via the University of Iowa, Cambridge, Boston, and Washington.

Other details of the production described by Mr. Richardson included: securing the producer; getting an "angel" — or backer; selecting the cast (all of the unemployed actresses looked like the women characters in "Dark of the Moon," according to Mr. Richardson); getting a director (only to have him walk out because the orchestra pit was too high); having the set arranged and calming the actors when the costuming was unsatisfactory (spangled panties were not Mr. Richardson's idea of what the well-dressed witch boy could wear!) In a more serious tone, the youthful playwright concluded his talk by urging his audience to have a high aim.

In addition to his chapel talks, Mr. Richardson addressed two speech classes. He shared with his mother, Mrs. Frank Howard Richardson, at after-dinner coffee given by his former teacher, Miss Bonnie Wengert.

Mars Hill welcomed her former son back by featuring a display of his work in the library. Included in the collection were (Continued on Page 4)

Baseball Season Opens This Week

First Game With Moore General Hospital

The Mars Hill baseball season was slated to open officially this week with a tilt with Moore General on the Army hospital's diamond. The actual playing date had not been set at press-time.

A game with Beacon Mills, originally scheduled to open the season on Tuesday, was cancelled.

Probable starting lineup: Jim Kelly and Nathan Booe, pitchers; Livingston Greene, catcher; Bill Elks, first base; Ward Burts, second base; Wayne Edwards, third base; Paul Lunsford, shortstop; Boyd Ayers, leftfield; Bob Dixon, centerfield; Thomas Young, rightfield.

Second String: Bill Biggerstaff and Lynwood Lennon, pitchers; Harold Rich, catcher; Bill Talliferro, first base; Irwin Acker, second base; Brock Henry, third base; Earl Miller, shortstop; Pete Peterson, leftfield; Bob Allen, centerfield; James Cook, rightfield.

Nons And Clios Play Softball

With the final game to be played on May Day, the Non-Cio softball series is now entering upon its half-way mark. The third game of the proposed five game series will be played Thursday. The Clios won the first game 13-8, and the Nons the second 19-15. Both teams have been showing good sportsmanship, and promise close competition.

The Clio team, captained by Helen Slattery has many good prospects. Those participating have been Liza White, Doris Stone, Jo Worley, Jean Ray, Geraldine Hobbs, Zelma Burleson, "Cokey" Burroughs, Betty Crouch, Macy Crowe, Virginia Dawson, Lere Britt, Earline Harris and Mary Hardin.

Margie Bell is captain of the Nonpareil team. Non participants (Continued on Page 4)

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