

Ninetieth Commencement Plans Set

PROPOSED MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



The cut shows a tentative drawing by Henry I. Gaines, architect, of the proposed memorial auditorium. The building will be located near the center of the campus, on the site now occupied by Rivermont Dormitory, the B.S.U. Building, Tilson Cottage, and the present auditorium. Besides an auditorium, which will seat about 1,500, it will provide room for the departments of speech, Bible, and music, with a number of practice rooms. The building will represent the devotion of former students and will symbolize the pre-eminence of religion in the life of the college.

Mars Hillians Make Good at B.S.U. Work

The Executive Council of the Baptist Student Union is responsible for the student religious organization, composed of officers and representatives of unit organizations, has played an important part in the life of Mars Hill since its beginning twenty years ago.

The lasting effect that the BSU had on its members is evidenced by the fact that many Mars Hill students have gone out to institutions of higher learning and have taken an active part in the work of the BSU.

Mary Lee Ernest ('37) and Al Cochran ('41) have served as student secretaries of Eastern Carolina Teachers College. Rhone Penny ('39) is student secretary at the N. C. Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Ralph Langley (43) and Bruce Over (44) have both served as president of Baylor University and the state of Texas. Florence Gordon ('44) is president

Still on the Hill--- Veterans on Faculty

During the war years, the college faculty was, it seemed, as changeable as a chameleon, but there remained sixteen venerable veterans of professorship and administration whose terms of service at Mars Hill range from 49 to 15 years.

Dr. Robert L. Moore, president emeritus, is still actively connected with the college, although illness has confined him to his home for much of the semester. Dr. Moore was rounding out his 49th consecutive year of teaching at Mars Hill when he left the classroom to devote himself entirely to alumni work at the beginning of this semester. He is much improved and expects soon to be back at his desk in Moore Hall.

Mrs. Moore, completing her 49th year of uninterrupted service as college bursar, is as active

of the BSU of W.C.U.N.C. and the state of North Carolina. Wal-

as when, around the turn of the century, she was, in effect, the college's administrative force. Efficient, business-like, but with her ready smile for all comers into the bursar's office, she has become an irreplaceable part of the administration.

President Hoyt Blackwell—more popularly, "Daddy" Blackwell—is busily at work on a long-range program of expansion that got under way formally this Spring with beginning of work on a new girls' dormitory. He still finds time, even with his multiple business and speaking engagements in this and other States, to be much in evidence on the campus and is never too busy for one of his famous informal chats with the students.

Miss Beulah Bowden, who began her work at Mars Hill in 1904, leaving in 1906 for a period of six years and, later, for study in Europe, is still dividing her

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Homecoming Day Set Thursday, May 30

On Friday, May 31, the day following Homecoming day, one hundred and eighty-one seniors will file across the stage of the auditorium of Mars Hill College to receive diplomas. Their graduation will climax for them two years of labor, fellowship, and Christian living here on the campus. It will also mark the climax to the ninetieth commencement of Mars Hill College.

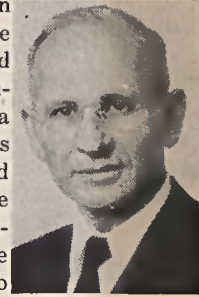
The week preceding the graduation exercises promises to be one filled with activities. Visitors to the campus, though wel-

come at all times, will be especially welcomed during this period. The calendar of events for the week includes the following: Sunday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m., Baccalaureate Sermon; Monday through Wednesday, May 27-29, completion of examinations; Thursday, May 30, Homecoming Day; Friday, May 31 at 9:45 a.m., Graduation Exercises.

President Greet Alumni

Dear Former Students:

During the past four years I have told scores of Mars Hill students goodbye as they were leaving the campus to join the armed forces of our country. In addition to those who were called out of the student body, a host of Mars Hill men and women have visited the campus as they were on their way to some induction center. Others



Dr. Blackwell have come and gone almost constantly as they have been able to get away from their posts of responsibility on furlough. Then there are the hundreds who were permitted to continue their college course without interruption during this period of time.

Within the scope of these years the Mars Hill Faculty have gladly answered the call of the Government either to stand faithfully by their teaching or to don uniform and hasten off to war. A legion of friends have inquired about the welfare of the College; they have upheld it in their prayers, and they have given generous financial aid in time of great need. The Lord has guided and blessed throughout this period and now the outlook for the College is indeed bright and encouraging.

In the atmosphere of all that has been referred to above, my heart has literally panted for a homecoming of all Mars Hill men and women and other friends. Now that happy time is approaching, and Thursday, May 30, 1946, has been proclaimed as the day for this occasion. We want you to come and be our guests for the day and for the night, if you can remain among us that long. A good program is being arranged for, and we shall do our best to make you comfortable and happy.

We believe that the soul of the College has prospered even as material progress has been made. Come and let us rejoice together in Christian fellowship.

Hoyt Blackwell,
President.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. C. C. Warren in the Mars Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Warren is a graduate of Wake Forest College and holds a Doctor of Theology degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Ky. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, and President of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

At 10:00 a.m. of that day the Board of Trustees is to hold its annual meeting in the Home Economics Department in the Charles M. Wall Science Building. Mr. Robert O. Huffman of Morganton is President of the board, with Mr. Grover H. Jones of High Point Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mrs. Rush Stroup of Shelby Chairman of the Building Committee.

During the afternoon the young women's annual essay contest is to be held at 2:30 in the college auditorium. This will be given by contestants chosen by the girl's literary societies: Nonpareil and Clio. Also, at 4:00 p.m. special reunion meetings will be held for members of the classes of 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926, 1931, and 1941. All these meetings are to be held in the Charles M. Wall Science Building with the various classes meeting in the following rooms: class of 1906, room 22; class of 1911, room 26; class of 1916, room 46; class of 1921, room 44; class of 1926, room 34; class of 1931, room 20; class of 1936, room 28; and class of 1941, room 23.

There is to be a Homecoming Banquet in the college dining hall at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Knolan Benfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hickory, will be the principal speaker. Rev. Benfield is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He is an alumnus of Mars Hill of the class of '27. At the banquet the present graduation class will be welcomed into the alumni association.

A pageant depicting the history of Mars Hill College is scheduled for the evening. It will be held in the amphitheater at 8:30. In it will be portrayed the growth of

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