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Mars Hill Opens Ninety-Sixth Year With 735 Students

Mars Hill College opened its ninety-sixth year Monday, September 8, with an enrollment of approximately 735.

The first meeting of the week-long orientation program was held in the auditorium Monday afternoon, with President Blackwell instructing the working students. Monday night a movie, which concerned the life of Edgar Allan Poe, was shown in the auditorium.

Tuesday morning was free for C-I students, while the C-II's met in the auditorium for pre-registration information and immediately afterwards for consultation with their faculty advisers. In the afternoon C-II's began registration and C-I's took placement tests in English and mathematics.

Vesper services in the amphitheater began at 7:00. Holmes Baumgardner led the group in several choruses after which President Blackwell spoke. After vespers C-I's met in a group to hear various members of the faculty speak on the history and traditions of Mars Hill College.

On Wednesday morning C-II

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Repairs Made On Campus Buildings

The Maintenance Department, headed by Mr. Bryson Tilson, has made many renovations and improvements in the buildings and grounds of the campus during the summer.

Two girls' dorms, Edna Moore and Stroup, were repainted throughout. The furniture in these parlors, along with that of Spilman, was re-upholstered, and new draperies were hung. Larger closets were built in Spilman, which has been re-converted into a girls' dormitory. A dozen and a half lawn chairs have been placed in the court between Edna Moore and Stroup.

The boys' dormitories have also been noticeably improved. The outside wooden trimmings of Melrose and Brown were painted, as were the rooms in Brown. New draperies and upholsteries brighten the parlors of these two dormitories also. Drop-leaf tables were purchased for the parlors of both boys' and girls' dormitories.

The small cottage which formerly stood behind the Rivermont Playhouse has been razed. Other faculty cottages were renovated and repainted.

The work is continuing. The lobby in Moore Hall is being re-floored. Fluorescent lighting is being installed in Moore Hall, in the library, and in the Science Building. A survey has been made for a sewage disposal system. The creek bed between the athletic field and the Cascades has been re-located, making space available for the future extension of the playing fields.



Eight additions to the Mars Hill faculty and staff begin work with the college this year. They are, left to right: front row, Mrs. Warren F. Benson, Mrs. Mahlon Fish, Miss Alice Martin, and Mrs. William Duncan. Second row, Warren B. Benson, William R. Beaton, and Orman Spivey. Mrs. Mary F. Schuette was not present when the picture was made.

Eight New Members Join Faculty And Staff Of Mars Hill College

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Three new members have been added to the music department this fall. Miss Alice Martin, of Columbia, Mo., will teach violin and piano. She is a graduate of University of Missouri and this summer was a student at Mills College.

Warren F. Benson, of Toledo, Ohio, is band and orchestra director and teacher of band instruments. He has a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Michigan, and last year he served as director of music at Anatolia College in Greece.

Orman Spivey, of Greensboro, teaches voice and piano and will direct the men's glee club. He is

a graduate in music of Houghton College, where he was director of music for the local radio station.

William R. Beaton, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the new addition to the business department. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Stetson University and a master's degree in business management from Florida State University.

Mrs. Mahlon Fish, a former faculty member of Mars Hill, has returned to teach Spanish. She is a graduate of Mars Hill and received her B.A. degree from Woman's College, University of North Carolina, with graduate study at Columbia University and the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. William Duncan has accepted the position of secretary in the dean's office. She received her training at Danville High School and at Transylvania College, and has been employed for the past three years by the Hub Frankels Company of Danville, Ky.

Mrs. Mary F. Schuette, of Louisville, Ky., is the house-mother in Brown dormitory this year. She has been for four years a teacher and leader of young people.

Announcement

Bob Brown, of Asheville, nationally known entertainer and science writer, will present his Science Circus in the college auditorium tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Brown, native of Asheville, and professional photographer, will be assisted by Betty, his sixteen-year-old daughter. His son, Bob Brown, Jr., is now a student at Mars Hill.

Bob Brown presented his circus for the enjoyment of Mars Hill students at a summer school session some years ago.

Mars Hill Acquires Two New Doctors

Dr. W. Otis Duck will act as college physician, with Dr. William Ernest Powell, Jr., as his assistant, to replace Dr. Locke Robinson, who, after almost 20 years of service, has retired because of ill health.

Life Adjustment Program Set Up

In striving to meet standards set up by many colleges and universities, Mars Hill is inaugurating this year a series of ten life adjustment classes to be taught by members of the faculty during the regular chapel period each Monday for twenty weeks. These courses are comparable to orientation programs in other institutions.

Students were scheduled for these half-hour classes by the dean of the college and will rotate every two weeks.

Some of the subjects offered are "The History and Traditions of Mars Hill College," "Choosing a Vocation," "Improving Our Cultural Attitudes and Manners," "Acquiring Basic Study Habits," and "The Christian's Attitude Toward Moral Issues."

Clios Give Party Using Space Idea

Clio Space Ship, flight nine, captained by Betty Ann Snider, C-I term president of Clio Literary society, left for outer space from Stroup runway with pajama party guests on board Monday and Tuesday nights, September 15 and 16, at 9:30 o'clock.

The first entertainment provided on board was a get-acquainted period in which each passenger on the space ship endeavored to learn the home planet of each member of the party.

Later, on "Spacevision," the group saw a Mars drama as Edith Lyday, reporter and photographer from Earth, met Sara Frances Jones, wife of a traveling salesman, and her six-foot, backward-growing baby, Barbara Saunders. A feature of the program was the discovery by the salesman that flying saucers are plates discarded by people of Mars.

After the "Spacecast" Gerry Brown and Billie Lollis pictured a happy life through the song, "Swinging on a Star." The entire party, led by Nancy Wesson and Marian Bearden, sang "Count Every Star," and Julianne Sinclair led an expedition "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" through "Night and Day."

Having been serenaded by a group from their brother planet, Philomathia, the group adjourned to the lower part of the space ship where the Space Bar was manned by a crew headed by Virginia Mumford. Moons and dippers of satellites were served

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Dr. Duck, who is the great-grandson of Berry Duck, one of the founders of Mars Hill, has served the town of Mars Hill for six and a half years both as a general practitioner and as an obstetrician. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College and of Wake Forest College where he received his B. S. degree. He received his M. D. degree from Hahnemann Medical College, after which he interned at the Knoxville General hospital in Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Duck also did post graduate work at Harvard University.

At present he is president of the Madison County Medical Society, president of the Lions' Athletic club of Mars Hill College, chairman of the board of deacons of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, and a member of the staffs of Aston Park, Memorial Mission, and St. Joseph's hospitals in Asheville. Dr. Duck is also past president of the Mars Hill Civitan club and past vice-president of the Tenth District



Dr. W. Otis Duck

Medical Society. He is married and has three children, Rosiland, who is five; Linda, who is four; and Sigsbee Walter, who was born September 5.

Dr. Powell came to Mars Hill this year after serving as a resident physician in the Duke University hospital in Durham last

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Vacancies Filled

Paul Boyles was elected first vice-president of the B. S. U. and Colleen Redmond was elected corresponding secretary at a meeting of the C-II class recently to fill places left vacant by students who were unable to return to Mars Hill this year.

Paul, who is from High Point, replaces Jay Johnson; and Colleen, whose home is in Statesville, fills the vacancy left by Dotty Todd.