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Class Fetes 1000 Guests

"Serenade in Blue" was the theme for the Spring Banquet held in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall, which was named "Fontain Bleu" for the night of April 13. Approximately one thousand students, faculty and staff members, husbands and wives entered the Fontain Bleu through a large blue canopy covering the front entrance. Upon entering the lobby, which was arranged as a hotel lobby, the guests were greeted by Barbara Carmichael, Barbara Rodgers, Barbara Goodnight, and Ann Reid as hat check girls.

Entering the dining room the ladies were presented "Blue Fantasy" perfume as favors by Miss Yukie Tomooka and Miss Hilda Adams, and the guests were seated at the tables which were decorated with center pieces of blue candles with palax leaves and blue flowers at the base, with gold spray used freely. A large fountain was in the center of the hotel patio.

The balcony was decorated as a southern garden used in the first act of the entertainment for a music contest, where the winner was selected and later furnished the Hotel Fountain Bleu with an entertainer, along with many of her friends.

The stage downstairs was the patio of the hotel and the center section of the dining room was lined with skyline murals of lighted buildings across a

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Pictured above is the forty-five voice touring choir who will present a spring concert in the auditorium next Saturday evening. The group, which has presented special music for various occasions throughout the years is under the direction of Rufus Norris.

College Choir To Sing Tour Numbers, April 27

The Mars Hill College Choir will present their commencement concert on April 27, in the college auditorium.

They will give the same program which was used on their recent four-state tour. This will include: "Create in Me, O God, A Pure Heart" by Brahms, two Chorales from the "Christmas Oratorio" by Bach, "Hospedee Pomeeloy" (Lord Have Mercy) by Lvovsky, "Christ Rising Again" by Byrd, "Gloria in Excelsis" by Mozart, "The Creation" by Scott, "There Is Balm in Gilead" by Dawson, "Soon Ah Will Be Done" by Dawson, "Were You There" by Burleigh, and "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

Rufus Norris is director of the choir; John C. Christian is accompanist, and Dr. Robert Holt is business manager.

Personnel of the choir includes the sopranos: Donna Allen, Gail Allen, Barbara Coffee, Florence Edwards, Claudia Greene, Nancy Hayes, Sherrel Humphries, Arce Rose Rich, Barbara Stevens, Jo Ann Weber, Frances Young, and Sara Woodle.

The altos are as follows: Jan Benner, Jean Cox, Hannah England, Sylvia Hunt, Jan James, Pat Jones, Mary Jane Joyner, Rose Lake, Polly Lantz, Carolyn Todd, and Ann Wilson.

Also the tenors include the following: Denny Cain, Gerald Deaton, Ed Ferrell, Larry Frakes, Sonny Jordan, Coleman Markham, Ronny Montgomery, Richard Phillips, Judsin Rotan, Charles Tanner, William Savage, and James Morris.

The basses are as follows: Tommy Bodkin, Dean Coffey, Ralph Cauthen, Douglas Cole, David McManaway, Joe Purcell, Tommy Reynolds, Tommy Teague and James Gibbs.

Doris Cole and Gail Colvard will present graduation recitals Monday evening, April 22, at 8:00, in the college auditorium. Doris is a piano student of Robert Hopkins, while Gail's voice instructor is Miss Irma Helen Hopkins. Included among Doris's numbers will be Three Sonatas (L. 93, L. 358, and L. 413) by Scarlatti; "Scherzo in E Minor," Mendelssohn; "Waltz in C Sharp Minor," Chopin; and "The Cat and the Mouse," Copland. Constituting Gail's program are "Bist Du Bei Mir," Bach; "Salu" and "Ave Maria" from Otello, Verdi; "La Chevelure," Debussy; "Thy Sweet Singing," Olmstead; and "Joy," Watts. Mr. Hopkins will accompany her.

Doris is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward G. Cole of Winterville. While majoring in music here at Mars Hill, Doris has participated in Choralettes, served as corresponding secretary of the B. S. U. Council, chaplain of Nonpareil Literary Society, vice-president of Orpheon honor club, and was voted most versatile sophomore.

Gail, from New Bern, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Colvard. Among her extra-curricular activities are Nonpareil, Choralettes, Orpheon honor club and B. S. U. Council, on which she is music director.

State Leadership Conference Draws Campus Delegates

David Haynes, incoming president of the Baptist Student Union Council, and practically the entire membership of the new council will attend the Leadership Training Conference at the First Baptist Church in Sanford, April 26-28. Dr. Ella J. Pierce, faculty advisor, will accompany the group.

Carolyn Cauthen, retiring president and a few members of the 1956-57 council will also attend the conference.

Parks Talks At Banquet

Guest speaker for the Business Club Alumni Banquet on April 27 will be Paul E. Parks, executive secretary of the Council of Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

His subject will concern the place of the citizen in his community. Mr. Parks is a member of the Mars Hill class of 1939.

Troy Day of Granite Falls, president of the Mars Hill Business Club Alumni, will preside over the business session at 4:30 in Moore Hall. The banquet will follow at 6:30 in Coyte Bridges dining hall.

Other officers of the club include Cecil Tallent of Asheville, vice-president, and Barbara Herrin of Statesville, secretary.

At the banquet the winner of the Business Club medal for 1957 will be announced. The medal will not be presented until graduation. The winner of this award is selected on the basis of the following standards: superior scholarship, Christian character, pleasing personality, commendable deportment, and promise of future attainment.

A reception is planned for the alumni, faculty, and Business Club in the faculty lounge of the Memorial Library. The anticipated attendance for the meeting held annually since its organization in 1939, will be approximately ninety.

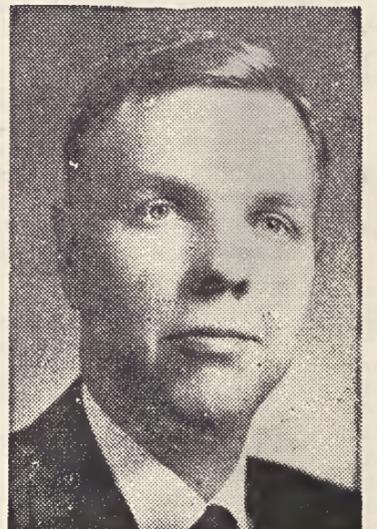
Eight Attend Speech Event

Seven Mars Hill students are attending and participating in the Grand National Forensic Tournament, sponsored by Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, April 17-20.

Among the events being held Sara Sigmon and Tommy Lawrence will give impromptus on "Mass Communication in America"—exact topic to be announced. Sara Sigmon will also give an informative speech on "The Place of Art in Civilization." Book reviews will be presented by Bonita Benfield and Jimmy Harris, reviewing Ernest T. Gann's *Soldier of Fortune*.

"Our Witness to the Campus" is the conference theme. The Reverend Warren T. Carr, pastor of Watts Street Baptist Church of Durham, Dr. Jack Noffsinger, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida, and the Reverend Sam Hill, Jr., graduate student at Duke Divinity School, will have the three major addresses. These addresses will deal with the content of our witness, the context of our witness, and the imperative for our witness.

In addition to the general emphasis of witnessing on a college campus, there will be three hours of time given to workshops in which the new officers will be



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trained to assume their various responsibilities. Members of the staff of the North Carolina Baptist Student Department and other highly qualified leaders and student assistants will have charge of the workshop sessions.

One of the most interesting items of business during the Conference will be the election of the new State BSU officers on Saturday afternoon.

Also the following Mars Hillians will be taking part in the tournament: declamation by Bonita Benfield and Charles Parker; dramatic reading by Rozella Jewell and Charles Parker; dramatic scene (dialogue) by Rozella Jewell and Charles Parker; address reading by Sara Sigmon and Tommy Lawrence; after dinner by Bonita Benfield and Jimmy Harris; ecomium by Nancy Hayes, Bonita Benfield, Jimmy Harris, and Tommy Lawrence; original oration by Nancy Hayes and Jimmy Harris; and poetry reading by Nancy Hayes, Rozella Jewell, Tommy Lawrence, and Charles Parker.

Prexies Visit MHC

Yesterday Mars Hill campus played host to the president of other Baptist colleges in the state. Ministers of the surrounding area joined the educators for some discussion sessions. During the past week Dr. Blackwell visited the campuses of other Baptist colleges.

Band To Give Spring Concert

On April 23, the Mars Hill College band will give its annual spring concert at 7:30 in the college auditorium. Phil Magnus is director of the forty-one member band, and David Dyer is president.

Numbers scheduled for the performance include "On the Mall," by Goldman, "American Folk Rhapsody" arranged by Grundman, "Ballet Parisien" by Offenbach, "Soliloquy for Trumpet" by Morrissey, "Chorale and Alleluia" by Hanson, "Cuban Fantasy" by Kepner, and "Stars and Stripes Forever" by Sousa.

John Baxley will be the announcer for the group. Featured soloists will be Seth Kirby and Denny Fordham, trumpeters, and Phyllis Curtis, clarinetist.

The band went on tour April 15-18 making appearances at high schools in Marion, Moranton, Drexel, Taylorsville, Mineral Springs, Winston-Salem, Thomasville, Mt. Holly, and Shelby.