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Men's Dorms Elect Officers II

The Men's Dormitories held their elections for new house officers last week.

In Melrose Dormitory Ronald Kester was elected president. He is a liberal arts student from Spencer and is a member of Scriblerus and Philomathia and was also elected BSU vice-president. Arnold Freshour, liberal arts student from Marion, was elected vice-president. Freshour was a member of the football and track teams.

Charles Adams, of Silver Springs, Maryland, was elected secretary while Ray New of Tampa, Florida, was named treasurer. Larry Frakes of Arlington, Virginia, was named chaplain. Larry is a member of Philomathia, and the touring choir.

Clarence (Buck) Lyda was elected president of Brown Dormitory. A liberal arts student from Weaverville, he was also a member of the football team. Vice-president Dicky Kirby is an engineering student from Mount Holly and was on the football team. Tracy Faires, engineering student from Mount Holly, won the election for secretary-treasurer.

Robert Key, engineering student from Mount Airy, was elected president of Myers Dormitory. Robert was also elected vice-president of the Science Club and is a member of Philomathia. Vice-president Ron Lackey is a liberal arts student from Chapel Hill. Secretary-treasurer Bill Prevost is a liberal arts student from Waynesville. Chaplain Horace Hawes is a liberal arts student from Wilmington. He is president of Ministerial Conference and a member of IRC.

Claude Sitton is the new president of Treat. He is a liberal arts student from Drexel. He was a member of the football squad. Vice-president Lee Shumaker of Spencer has been named president of the Business Club. Jerry Hager of Statesville is secretary-treasurer. John Honeycutt of Rockwell was named chaplain and Douglas Lackey of Statesville was elected assistant chaplain.



Jo Ann Weber, left, and Margaret Ann Matthews, right, reigned over festivities during the May Day ceremonies this afternoon in the amphitheater. Miss Weber is the maid of honor and Mars Hill's queen is Miss Matthews.

Matthews, Bullard Reign At May Day Ceremonies

Margaret Ann Matthews, May Queen, and Herbert Bullard, King, reigned over the May Day ceremonies held this afternoon in the amphitheater.

The May Queen and her attendants were dressed in blue with the exception of the Maid of Honor, Jo Ann Weber, and the crown bearer, Susan Holt. Miss Weber wore a pink dress of crystallette and carried deep pink roses in an arm basket. Susan wore a pink dress and had a corsage of sweetheart roses. Miss Matthews and the other attendants wore light blue nylon dresses with a white floral design and carried red roses arranged in arm baskets with ribbons to match the dresses.

Benfield, Harris Win Nationals

Bonita Benfield and Jimmy Harris received grand national awards at the Grand National Forensic Tournament at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The event, held April 17-20, was attended by eight representatives from Mars Hill College. Bonita Benfield won the oration championship with her "Touch of Immortality." Jimmy Harris reviewed *Soldier of Fortune* to cop a second grand national championship.

Other Mars Hill contestants were Sarah Sigmon, Nancy Hayes, Rozella Jewell, Charles Parker, and Tom Lawrence. All Mars Hill speakers won preliminary rounds in the respective contests to place in the finals.

Nancy Hayes, Jimmy Harris, and Bonita Benfield all were in the final encomium tournament while Sara Sigmon competed in the informative final. In poetry reading Charles Parker went to the final eliminations.

Rozella Jewel placed in dra-reading while Sarah Sigmon competed in the final address reading contest. Bonita Benfield went to the final declamation elimination.

Harley H. Jolley of the social science department coached the group and accompanied them to Fredericksburg.

The sophomore attendants were Brenda Briddell, Hannah England, Suzanne Mims, Jerrie Preston, and Dorothy Walker; the freshman attendants were Barbara Ann Carmichael, Bea Champion, Rose Corum, Ruth Corum, and Jacque Davenport.

The festivities were highlighted by the play "When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet." This was under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, head of the dramatics department.

The characters in the play were six of Shakespeare's heroines, who met at the home of Juliet in Verona. The heroines, in addition to Juliet, are Portia from "The Merchant of Venice," Katharine from "The Taming of the Shrew," Desdemona from "Othello," Ophelia from "Hamlet," and Cleopatra from "Antony and Cleopatra."

Juliet was portrayed by Carole Deaton, Portia by Sandra Brothers, Desdemona by Rozella Jewel, Cleopatra by Helen Lucas, Ophelia by Elizabeth Forbes, and Katharine by Barbara Elliott.

Other members of the cast included Shirlee Hudson, Barbara Knighten, Genene Bailey, Joyce Mew, Nancy Caldwell, and Gwen Nanney as friends of Juliet; Rhuemma Carter, Cecil Dobson, Joan Edwards, Patsy Long, and Rinda Law as slaves (Continued on Page 4)

Dr. Fletcher Green To Speak At Banquet

Dr. Fletcher M. Green, head of the department of social sciences at the University of North Carolina, will be guest speaker at the Honor Club Banquet to be held May 11, in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall.

Dr. Fletcher, a native of Gainesville, Georgia, holds degrees from Emory University and the University of North Carolina. He has been professor of history at Sparks College, Vanderbilt, Emory University, Harvard, and the University of North Carolina. He has lectured during summer sessions at William and Mary, Tennessee, Duke, Missouri, and Columbia. Dr. Fletcher is the author of two current books, *Essays on Southern History* and *The Lides Go South—and West*.

The banquet is sponsored this year by the International Relations Club. I.R.C. is the second oldest honor club. It was founded in 1923.

The program will be centered around the theme "The New American." Dr. Robert Seymour will present the invocation. The welcome will be given by Jim Steele, who is also presiding. Dean Lee will take charge of the introductions.

A choral group will present a selection of American folk songs. Members of the choral group are Phyllis Stough, Kitty Collins, Nancy Hayes, Brenda Briddell, Suzanne Mims, Jean Parker, Ann Wilson, Rebecca Keller, Jim Gibbs, Gerald Deaton, Ronnie Montgomery, Richard Phillips, Carl Anderson, Tom Reynolds, Tom Teague, Bob Haycraft, and David McManaway.

Choralettes Sing Tonight

To night at 8:00 the Choralettes, under the direction of Irma Helen Hopkins, will present their spring concert in the auditorium.

On May 12, the Choralettes will give a concert in Hendersonville. Finishing their musical tour on May 19, they will perform in Charlotte on that day.

The Mars Hill College choir, directed by Rufus N. Norris, is scheduled to sing for the First Baptist Church in Weaverville on May 5, the First Baptist Church in Tryon, May 12, and on May 26 at the First Baptist Church in Canton. The choir's concert at graduation, June 2, will end their 1956-57 season.

The College Band supplied the music for the May Day exercises today. Their final performance will be at graduation also.

The music department presented the college choir in a concert in the auditorium last Saturday night and the string ensemble in a chapel recital Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Boyd, Davis To Head Hilltop, Laurel Staffs

Eleanor Boyd of Greensboro and Charlton Davis of Waynesville have been chosen editor-in-chief of the *Hilltop* and *Laurel* respectively for the 1957-58 term.

Miss Boyd, a liberal arts student, was business manager for her high school paper, a member of the Beta Club and F.T.A. This year she has served as typist and reporter on the *Hilltop* staff and as editor-in-chief of the freshman edition.

Charlton, a veteran and a business student, worked on the freshman edition and is a marshal for 1957-58.

Other members of the editorial staff, with exact positions to be determined, are Barbara Elliott, Barbara England, Barbara Griffith, and Tommy Tillman.

A liberal arts student from Kernersville, Miss Elliott is a member of Y.T.C., Y.W.A., Clio, Dramateers, I.R.C. and the *Laurel* staff. Miss England is a member of Non society and German Honor Club. She was on the editorial staff of her high school paper in Rural Hall. Incoming vice-president of Stroup dormitory, she is taking a pre-medical course. Miss Griffith is secretary-elect of Edna Moore dormitory, treasurer of the Business Club, and a member of the Choralettes. She comes of Cleopatra; Patsy Anderson and Jo Ann Massingill as trumpeters; Dorothea Hemphill and Ruby Hickman as pages.

The band under the direction of Phil Magnus played the Processional and Recessional for (Continued on Page 4)

College Learns LAUREL Honorees

Highlight of Recognition Day ceremonies this morning was the announcement of *Laurel* honorees. The dedication to Robert R. Chapman, registrar of the college and, for several years past, adviser to the *Laurel* staff, was read by Betty Chloe Payne, editor.

Mr. Chapman is a graduate of Mars Hill, Furman, and WCUNC. He has taught in the Business Department and served as assistant registrar prior to becoming registrar.

Margaret Ann Matthews was announced as Miss North Carolina's (Joan Melton) choice for Miss Laurel.