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Preston Will Play Lead in 'Barretts', May 31

Jerrie Preston will play the leading part of Elizabeth Barrett in the Dramateers' production of the Barretts of Wimpole Street on May 31, at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium.

The play written by Rudolph Besier is based on the lives of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning.

Jim Taylor will portray the part of Robert Browning. The fanatical lover of Elizabeth, Edward Barrett, will be played by Tom

Lawrence. Carole Deaton and Sandra Brothers will appear in the roles of Henrietta and Arabella, sisters of Elizabeth. Jan Ansley will take the role of Captain Surtees Cook, the fiance of Henrietta.

The brothers of Elizabeth—Octavius, Septimus, Alfred, Charles, Henry and George—will be played by Bill File, Ronnie Mackenbush, Roger Woodard, Tom Guffey, and Harvey Dale, respectively.

Other characters in the production are Robert Mann as Doctor Chambers; Anita Jarrett as Wilhelmina; Rhuemma Carter as Bella; Bob Holland as Henry; and Al Whitley as Doctor Waterlow. The dog Flash will be portrayed by Tip Sams.

Stage managers for the production are Louis Burch and Joan Edwards. Properties, lighting, make-up, and costume committees will be composed of members of the four drama classes.

On May 20 at 7:00 the Dramateers will have a banquet in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall. This is the first of such events sponsored by the club and it is hoped that this will become an annual occasion.

The guests, faculty members who have participated in dramatic activities for the last two years, will see a program centering around the theme "All the world's a Stage." All members of the Dramateers will be in costume.

Entertainment will include short scenes from the nine plays which have been given on the campus in the last two years. Presentation of awards will climax the banquet. Medals will be given to members who have earned fifty points or more according to the Dramateer point system.

Citations will also be given to the best actor and actress of the year, best supporting actress, and the best backstage worker.

BAND PLANS MAY CONCERT

Among the numbers to be included in the college band's concert on Sunday afternoon June 2 are three marches.

The concert band, under the direction of Philip Magnus, will present "Americans We," Fillmore; "Marche," Prokofieff; and "Thunder Song," Finlayson.

Also among the afternoon's offerings will be "Folk Song Suite," Vaughn Williams; "Concertino," Weber; "South Pacific," Rogers; "Chorale and Alleluia," Hanson; and "Cuban Fantasy," Kepner.

Brown To Give Banquet Speech

Haynes Brown, Erwin, Tennessee, business man and brother of Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell, will be the speaker at the annual Alumni Banquet in Coyte Bridges dining hall at 5:30 on Saturday, June 1.

The Reverend Knoland Benfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hickory, 1956-57 president of the Alumni Association, will preside.

On that occasion the citation will be given to the alumnus of the year, the reunion classes recognized, and the 1957 graduates inducted into the Association.

After graduation from Mars Hill in 1937, Mr. Brown attended Carson Newman College, where he received his B.S. in Commerce in 1939. Three years later, he took his LLB degree from Duke University. Following this, he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and later served in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Brown actively participates in community and civic affairs. He has held the chairmanship of both the Unicoi County Board of Education and the Memorial Hospital Board of Control for the same county. In 1954, he was president of the local Kiwanis Club and is now director of the Committee for Industrial Expansion of Erwin, Tennessee. He is married to the former Beryl Stoker, of the class of 1937.

Other officers of the Association are Madeline White Pennell (Mrs. George) vice-president, and Mildred Newsom Bruce (Mrs. Charles C.) secretary.

Four Win Awards In Roberts Contest

Four Mars Hill students won cash awards in the Roberts Editorial Writing program sponsored by the Intercollegiate School of Alcohol Studies at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Successful contestants were Kay F. Breitenbach, Barbara Jo Goodnight, Pat Cunningham, and David Haynes. In addition to the cash awards to be presented at commencement each of the four will receive a year's subscription to the *International Student*.

Winners are also invited to attend the 1957 summer session of the School of Alcohol Studies to be held at the University of Chicago, August 24-29.



W. J. Harrelson

Leaders Elected For '57-58 Term

Elections have been concluded for Training Union and Sunday School officers for the fall semester 1957.

Serving in the respective Training Unions will be Bill Davis, president of Daddy Blackwell union; Ruth Corum of New Hope; Dorothy Matheson of Excelsior; Sarah Simmerson of H²SO⁴C; and Bill Currin of Gro Glo Go.

Heading Joy union as president is Gwen Sloan; Emoclew president is June Perry; Christ for Me, Raymond New; John Lake union, Joel Land; Forest Feezer union, Glenda Langdon; John Lawrence union, Mary Martha Lowrance; and We Live Christ, Dinorah Bertot.

The following unions have also chosen presidents: Ronnie Lackey, president of Bykota; Dale Routh of Living Christ; Wendell Holland of Howard Roper; Margaret Duncan of I. X. L.; Barbara Elliott of Radiators; Donna Campbell of Shining Light; and Georgia Todd of Arthur Gillespie.

Training Union programs touch a variety of fields, such as campus problems, missions, witnessing and vocational choices. Bible study is encouraged by group leaders. The unions also afford to members opportunities for entering speaking contests.

Sunday School presidents include Margaret Gidney, president of Dr. Ella J. Pierce's class; Bob Sadler, Harvey Lance; Barbara Lawrence, Miss Mildred Bingham; Peggy Hester, Mrs. Elizabeth Watson; Tommy Tillman, Dean Lee; Doris Puryear, Miss Martha Biggers; and Tommy Reynolds, Dwight Wilhelm.

Presiding on Sunday morning in the following classes will be Jerry Hagar in John A. McLeod's class; Aggie McCall in Miss Caroline Biggers; Bea Champion, Mrs. Ruby Sparks; Patsy Long, Mrs. Dwight Wilhelm; Joe Benthall, Frederick Corbin; and Nancy Fowler, Mrs. Cornelia Vann.

W. J. Harrelson To Make Address At Commencement

Dr. Walter J. Harrelson, Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, will deliver the commencement address Monday, June 3, to approximately 275 students who will receive their diplomas.

Dr. Harrelson, a native North Carolinian and an alumnus of Mars Hill College, received his A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina, his theological education at Union Theological Seminary, and did advanced study at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and Harvard.

Hilltop Rates First Class

The *Hilltop* has received from the Associated Collegiate Press a first class rating for the fall semester of the current year.

"First class" is the equivalent of a rating of "excellent," and is topped only by "all-American." Comments of the judges included "good coverage of religious activities," "generally neat appearance," and "good coverage" of sports.

Constructive criticisms suggested tighter editing and more uniformity in headlines.

Judges were Gareth D. Hiebert, columnist and former assistant city editor of the St. Paul *Dispatch*; Robert T. Smith, city editor of the *Minneapolis Tribune*; Carl Rossini, St. Paul advertising and public relations man.

Also Mrs. Peter Pafiolis, former reporter on the Redwood Falls *Gazette* and former editor of the *College Reporter*, Mankato State College; Dean Schoelkopf, reporter for the *Minneapolis Tribune* and former editor of the *Minnesota Daily*; and Quinton Hietpas, former editor of the *Aquin*, St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn.

At present Mr. Harrelson is Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago where he has been since 1955. He was instructor in philosophy at the University of North Carolina, tutor assistant and instructor in Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, professor of Old Testament at Andover Newton Theological School, and associate professor of Old Testament, Federated Theological Faculty.

An ordained Baptist minister, he is a frequent contributor to Baptist denominational publications as well as to scholarly journals.

Dr. Harrelson's major fields of interest include Biblical theology, ancient Near-Eastern history, languages and religion, and Old Testament studies. Although his field of specialization is Old Testament, he has had a great interest in the Dead Sea Scrolls since their discovery and has been at work on them since 1949. He has been particularly interested also in the community which produced these documents both because of its historical importance and because of the quality of religious faith present in the community.

Cauthen Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon



Baker J. Cauthen

Delivering the Baccalaureate address Sunday, June 2, will be Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Execu-

tive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A Texan, Dr. Cauthen received his A. B. degree from Stephen F. Austin Teachers College, Texas; his M. A. and D. D. degrees from Baylor University; and his Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Cauthen is an ordained Baptist minister and served as pastor of the Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, from 1933-39. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Secretary in 1953, he was professor of missions at Southwestern Theological Seminary from 1935-39, missionary for the Foreign Mission Board from 1939-45, and secretary for the Orient from 1945-53.

At present Dr. Cauthen's home is in Richmond, Virginia, and his two children, Carolyn and Ralph, are students at Mars Hill College.