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Study Course

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"Die Fledermaus"

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Has Annual Conclave

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Florence is on the theme. Other
Raye Du speakers will be Dr.
an, Jan Baird from the Baptist
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ice Howell Tennessee; Mr. Elmer
Miller, Ja Personnel Secretary of the
Don Steen Baptist Foreign Mission
Richmond, Virginia; and
d W. W. Lancaster, Pas-
the First Baptist Church
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Stewart A. Newman, Pro-
tatives. If Theology and Philosophy
sses will gion at Southeastern Bap-
Mrs. Geological Seminary, Wake
N. Lance, will deliver two Bible
enkins, D's to the group. Follow-
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Ruth Durham, Educa-
Director of the First Bap-
church of Beaufort, North
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hip period on Friday night,
r. John Dyer, Minister of
at the First Baptist Church
ston, will lead the 50-voice
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Gardner-Webb; Hill Debate

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ardner-Webb were Jimmy
Ray Suttle, Janelle Queen
ance Anderson. The fol-
g composed the Gardner-
affirmative force: Jim
Bill Green, Harold Har-
ennis Porch, Paula Win-
and Joan Parker.

Mars Hill debating team
ers are Gentry Crisp of the
sh Department and Harley
of the History Depart-
The Mars Hill affirmative
were Ron Geiger, Mar-
Smith, Cynthia Schryver
arl Trotter. Composing the
Hill negative teams were
Shreve, Claiborne Hop-
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te topic for debate this sea-
s Resolved: That the fur-
development of nuclear
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In the above scene of the last act of Strauss' "Die Fledermaus", the jail warden, Frank, who has just returned from the gay party given at Prince Orlofsky's, is surprised by the appearance at his jail of the two pretty ballerinas he met at the party.

Grass Roots Opera Company To Present Strauss' Operetta "Die Fledermaus"

The National Grass Roots Opera Company will present Johann Strauss' operetta "Die Fledermaus," Monday, November 3, at 7:30 in the college auditorium.

Gert E. Muser, a native of Mannheim, Germany, will direct the operetta, having over 2,000 operatic performances to his credit. Taking leading roles will be Naomi Blake, coloratura soprano, in the role of Adele, a talented maid; Hayden Blanchard, lyric tenor, in the part of Alfred, who is mistakenly imprisoned; and William Blanchard, baritone, as Frank, the prison warden, who falls prey to a sadistic practical joke.

A gay story of revenge, "Die Fledermaus," or "The Bat," is laid in Old Vienna in 1873. It centers around a rich Viennese banker and the manner in which he seeks vengeance for being left sound asleep on a park bench following a masquerade party at which he was dressed as a bat. The action moves from the banker's home, to an elegant party given by a

fabulously wealthy Russian prince, to the humorous finale in the city jail.

In 1948 the National Grass Roots Opera Company, formed by an attorney and Raleigh businessman, A. J. Fletcher, set out to prove that opera in English, even the old standards, could be enjoyed. Since that time almost 900 performances by the National Grass Roots have been given, all in English.

Called America's unique Opera A La Carte" opera troupe, the National Grass Roots continues to bring live opera to the American public. Each singer has the opportunity of singing from 30 to 60 performances of several different roles during the season. For ten years the company has brought entertainment to varied sponsors, including schools, college lyceum courses, civic groups and concert associations.

Home Economics Club Inducts 17

On November 3, the Home Economics Club will initiate seventeen new members. Initiates are Rena Cook, Geraldine Doan, Verna Dryden, Martha Sue Hawkins, Carol Kendall, Ann Reese, Juanita Windsor, Bonnie Brady, Nancy Dillingham, Martha Fisher, Virginia Gibbs, Annette Hall, Connie Linville, Ann Moore, Anita Secrest, and Judy Miller.

At the meeting of the club on October 20, delegates were chosen to attend the North Carolina Home Economics Association meeting in Durham, November 7 and 8. Highlight of the program for that evening was a skit on "Etiquette on a College Campus."

All students who are taking courses in home economics are urged to become members of the club. It is believed that they will receive much benefit from attending the club meetings. The membership now numbers twenty-two.

MHC Enrollment Hits Thousand Mark; Six Countries, Many States Represented

Mars Hill College has enrolled exactly one thousand students at the close of enrollment for the fall term 1958-59. The total number of college students is 952. There are 641 freshmen, 368 men and 273 women, and 311 sophomores, 170 men and 141 women. There are 48 special students, 16 boys and 32 girls, making the grand total of 1,000.

Although the majority, 609, are from North Carolina, almost every section of the United States, as well as five countries and territories outside the United States, is represented. There are students here from twenty-two states and the District of Columbia. States that are on the list that were not represented last year are Massachusetts, Missouri, and New Hampshire with one student each. States that are not represented this year that were last year are Louisiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, and Texas.

For the first time in the recent history of the college, Virginia with 87, has more students at Mars Hill than South Carolina with 73. Florida, 57, is fourth on the list; followed by Tennessee, 35; Maryland, 24; and Georgia, 23.

Students come from as far north as Connecticut with 4, as far west as (Continued on Page 4)

Hilltop Receives ACP Rating Book

The Hilltop has recently received its rating from the Associated Press for the second semester of last year. All aspects of a newspaper are rated by the Associated Collegiate Press in a Newspaper Guidebook, an overall rating given, and the guidebook is sent to the newspaper concerned.

The departments in which The Hilltop rated are as follows: coverage, very good; content, excellent; department pages, excellent; make-up, very good; headlines, very good; typography, excellent; and photography, good.

The judge, Dick Kobak, commented, "Very restrained, adult work. More attention to features and pictures would bring marked improvement. I enjoyed your literary supplement very much. Excellent writing."

The overall honor rating for The Hilltop was Second Class. This rating was awarded after a comparison with other papers in The Hilltop classification and is based on the scoring scale used in that group only.

The primary job of a college newspaper is self evident: to cover the college field. It should be an organ of information for students, parents, faculty and alumni.

The Hilltop staff strives to produce a newspaper worthy of the school and the students. They will appreciate any constructive suggestions that may be offered by the students.

Date Set For Auditorium Bids

The board of trustees of Mars Hill College have set March 17, as the date to receive bids on construction of a new \$1,150,000 auditorium at the college.

Construction is expected to begin next spring.

The board of trustees, meeting in Morganton, also discussed ways of raising further funds to be used toward construction of the auditorium. About half the necessary money has been raised to date.

The auditorium building itself is expected to cost about \$1 million. Its furnishings, including two pipe organs, will cost \$150,000.

Carl Meares of Fair Bluff, chairman of the board, presided. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of the college, met with the trustees.

Church Sponsors Series Of BTU And SS Study Courses For MHC Students

Beginning Monday morning, October 27, the Mars Hill Baptist Church will sponsor a group of thirteen study courses for students of the College. Groups will meet in the Church building from 10:00 to 11:00 each morning for five consecutive days. The sessions will wind up on Friday, October 31.

Chapel services will be held during the week for those not attending study courses. Attendance will be checked for all students.

The courses, which have been held for a number of years, are designed to help students become more familiar with such subjects as Church history, Christian service, and social development.

The meetings will feature lectures and discussions and will be conducted very much like courses in college. Students who wish to receive credit for completing the course from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will have a small amount of outside work to do, but most of the material will be handled in the classroom.

Instruction in the courses will be provided primarily by church officials and members of the College faculty. Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, will instruct in *Fields of Service in the Church*.

Other courses to be offered (Continued on Page 4)