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Next Miss America Will Choose 1959 Edition Of Miss Laurel

Miss McKnight, Miss America of 1956, will choose the Miss Laurel of 1959. Miss McKnight's selection will not be revealed in August. Laurel is distributed some time in May.

Miss McKnight, a sophomore at Mars Hill College in Hartsville, South Carolina. This beautiful and young lady, who so well represented her state of South Carolina, is from Manning. After a year's reign, she transferred to

Los Angeles where she married a young actor. Just recently she was married to a young man who is a representative for the dorms for young men and town residents on the campus. Miss Patricia Robinson represents Treat; Connie Myers; Loretta Miller; Peggy BeShears; Carol Ann Town Homes; Marta Brown; and Helen Kelly. Fredy, editor of 1959 Hilltop, said, "We would like to see the faculty, students, and staff with the staff of phone calls."

Lankford Is Editor Of Freshman Hilltop

Carol Lankford, of North Wilkesboro has been chosen as editor for the Freshman Edition of the Hilltop which will come out in late March. While in high school Miss Lankford served as president of the Beta club and was a superlative. This year at MHC Carol has been active as a reporter for the Hilltop and is a member of the Scriblerus.

Linda Simmons of Winston-Salem will serve as associate editor of the edition. In high school she was editor of the school paper. Assistant editors will be Rosa Lynn Gruits and Eldridge Holland with Sybil Whisnant as feature editor. Along with reporters these will compose the editorial staff.

John Yonce will be sports editor with Tom Croom as assistant. Claude Royall will serve as advertising manager. Circulation manager will be Tom Gattis and Carol Southerland will act as assistant. Lois Biggs, will be in charge of Girls' Sports.

Reporters for the Freshman Edition are as follows: Gerald Murdock, Linda Sherwood, Joan Blythe, Ron Denton, John Jenette, and Richard Buddine.

We the senior members of the staff wish to extend hearty best wishes for a successful freshman paper.

Dramateers Give Play March 9-10

"Christ in the Concrete City", a modern religious drama by P. W. Turner, will be presented March 9 and 10 in chapel period in the auditoriums.

The play, within the limits of a cast of six, attempts to portray the Passion of Christ from three points of view. Firstly, there is the story of something that happened. Secondly, the story of the Passion is presented as one of universal significance, speaking tirelessly to all mankind. Thirdly, The Crucifixion and Resurrection are given as events of personal significance speaking intimately to the individual in the secret places of his own soul.

March 14 the MH dramatics department will present a program of rhythmic choir interpretations of hymns, spirituals, prayers, and scripture at Allen High School in Asheville. Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, MH drama director, will lecture on rhythmic choir along with the student demonstration given by both the religious drama classes.



John Ciardi

Famed Poet, Ciardi Lectures Saturday

John Ciardi, poet, critic, and educator, will be on the Mars Hill campus Saturday, March 7. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Ciardi will be in the Faculty Lounge in the library for an informal question and answer period. The Scriblerus Club is sponsoring this event. Any members of the faculty or student body who are interested in modern poetry are invited. At 8 o'clock Mr. Ciardi will lecture in the auditorium.

A native of Boston, Mr. Ciardi is professor of English at Rutgers University. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, poetry editor of the Saturday Review, incoming president of the College English Association, and director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference.

Mr. Ciardi received his education at Bates College, Tufts College, and the University of Michigan. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He has been Instructor at Harvard, lecturer on American Poetry at the Salzburg Seminar on American Studies, and lecturer on Poetry at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference.

Mr. Ciardi has won numerous awards for his literary contributions. Among them he received a

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MHC Scrutinized By Committee

In keeping with a plan adopted in 1957, Mars Hill College was visited February 23-25 by a committee from the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Dr. Rabun L. Brantley of Mercer University served as chairman.

It was decided two years ago that all member schools should be evaluated once each ten years on a rotating basis. Mars Hill volunteered to serve as one of six pilot schools participating in the first annual check-up.

In preparation for the committee's visit, every department of Mars Hill conducted an intensive self-study and presented a report.

Other members of the committee are President John M. Carter, Campbellsville College; Dean F.

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Oedipus Rex, Greek Classic, Being Enacted By Players, Incorporated

Players, Incorporated, will present in Oedipus Rex, a tragedy by Sophocles, at 8:00 p.m. tonight in the college auditorium, with Robert Milli, who plays Oedipus, King of Thebes, and Dolores Viola, Jocasta, Queen of Thebes, as leads.

Believed by many theatre scholars to be the greatest play ever written, Oedipus Rex unites the elements of pure tragic stature and nerve-tlingling theatricality. The downfall of the great ill-fated King of Thebes moves through Oedipus' step by step tracking of the murderer of his predecessor with the finely drawn skill of a masterful detective story.

Mars Hill Debaters Enter Tournament

The Mars Hill College Debate Team is traveling to the South Atlantic Forensics Tournament in Hickory on March 5, 6, and 7. The meet is sponsored by Lenoir-Rhyne College.

This will be the first tournament of the new semester in which the Mars Hill speakers have participated. There will be a wide variety of forensic events, and intercollegiate debates will be held on the national debate topic, "Resolved: That further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement."

Debating for Mars Hill will be, affirmative, Stan Jackson and Bob Hancock, and negative, Claiborne Hopkins and Morrison Lawing.

Training Union Officers Listed

All Baptist Training Union unit organizations are carrying on second semester activities under the leadership of new officers recently elected and installed. Eugene Funderburke is general BTU superintendent.

AREOGAPUS Union has elected Patricia Robinson, president; Wayne Roberts, vice-president; Judy Elam, secretary; and Faith Edwards and Carol Kendall, group captains.

The new president of VANCE is Kay Wright, with Bettie Jean Meyers serving as vice president; Lois Briggs as secretary; and Volli Summerlin as group captain.

The members of JOY have elected Betty Jo Cox, president; Ruth Teague, vice-president; Lib Harbor, secretary; and Frank Pitman and Clyde Triplett, group captains.

WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP elected Ann Moore for president; Don Shuman, program chairman; Chiles Calhoun, vice-program chairman; and Judy Faust, secretary-treasurer.

The new officers of ARTHUR GILLESPIE are Wade Radford, president; Evelyn Lawton and Richard Childress, co-vice presidents; and Barbara Warren and Ronald Searcy, group captains. Anne Mercer serves as secretary.

Ann Aldridge serves BYKOTA Union as president. Peggy BeShears is vice-president; Jeanne Hardy, secretary; and Martha Colburn, Doug Suddreth, and Barbara Robinson, group captains.



Dolores Viola

travels is more international than national. The company has made six trips abroad under the auspices of the Department of Defense to entertain troops.

Fish, Seymour Births

Two charming additions have been recently added to the college campus population.

Malona Ann Fish is the new baby daughter born on Feb. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. James Fish. Mrs. Fish is a Spanish teacher here at MHC and Mr. Fish is a member of the athletic department.

Frances Jane Seymour is the daughter of proud parents, Dr. and Mrs. Seymour. Dr. Seymour has been pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church for four years, and Mrs. Seymour served as church organist during this time.

Faculty Convening On March 6-8

One hundred and fifty girls from the college on the week-end of March 6-8 for the YWA party. Mars Hill YWA's are the hosts to the girls, who are staying in the girls' dorms. The campus will be approximately 200 guest speakers and conference leaders for discussion on YWA methods, mission activities, etc. The theme of the party will be "Now Is the Time". A banquet will be held Saturday night in the auditorium.

Home Missions Prayer, with emphasis on the Annie Armstrong February 22-27 was the focus week, climaxed by a speaker was Mrs. Lennon, a missionary home and residing at Wake Forest. Mrs. Lennon is a graduate of MHC.

The new council will be elected and these girls will take over the work of the council.

Names Omitted In Dean's List

The last edition of the Hilltop names were unfortunately omitted from the Dean's List. Jerryline Cason, a freshman from Anderson, South Carolina; Celia Eleanor Virginia Lee Gibson, and Jonita Harris also attained

Hilltop offers congratulations to these four as well as to other students who earned their names. We regret that the names were omitted in last