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Carol Lankford Will Pilot Hilltop, Simmons, Denton Will Hold Offices

Carol Lankford, a freshman from North Wilkesboro, has been chosen as editor of the *Hilltop* for the coming year. Carol, a liberal arts major, is a member of the Scriblerus honor club and a Clio. In high school Carol was Beta club president, on the annual staff, and a member of the Future Teachers Club.

Linda Simmons, associate editor, from Winston-Salem was Library Assistant of the Month and is a Clio. Linda was editor of her high school paper. Sybil Whisnant has been chosen as feature editor. She is from Lenoir with Rosa Lynn Gruits of Alexander, Virginia, as her assistant. The regular position on the editorial staff will be filled by Linda Sherman from Vilas.

Gruits, Porter, New Council Leaders

Old and new members of the Men and Women's Student Councils recently selected council officers for the coming year. Rosa Lynn Gruits of Alexander, Virginia, was elected president of the Women's Student Council for the 1959-60 term. Rosa Lynn, president of Huffman dormitory, is a member of Scriblerus Honor Club, a *HILLTOP* reporter, and Volunteers publicity chairman.

Sallie Graham of Bakersville was elected as vice-president. Sallie is president of Stroup dormitory. Virginia Gibson of Baltimore, Maryland, is the new secretary. Virginia is from Huffman dormitory. Doris Elrod of Gastonia is the incoming chaplain. Doris lives in Spilman dormitory. The Men's Student Council selected Charles Porter of Charlotte as president. Charles, a pre-med student, is president of Myers Dormitory.

Max Lennon of Evergreen is the new vice-president. Max is president of Treat. Ron Denton was elected to serve as secretary and treasurer for the council. Ron lives in Landers cottage and is from Lake Wales, Florida.

House officers for the men's dormitories were chosen in a recent election. Myers elected Charles Porter, Gene Braddy, and Richard Sellers for president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Robert Meldrum is president of Melrose for the coming year. Jack Harron is vice-president of Melrose, and the secretary is Melvin Twiddy.

John Damewood, Perry Allen, and Ray Jackson were chosen officers in Brown dormitory. They are president, vice-president, and secretary - treasurer, respectively. (Continued on Page 4)

Annual BSU Banquet Held

On April 28, the BSU banquet was held in the cafeteria. Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Thomas Funderburke, interim pastor of the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte, and former president of the Mars Hill BSU.

Entertainments were furnished by Bob Freund, Nelson Tunstall, and Peggy Lois Tatum. Karen Hopkins presented Dr. Ella P. Pierce, advisor to the council, a gift from the retiring council. Allen Page, BSU president, challenged the new council to continue the growth of BSU work. The Rev. Dean Minton pronounced the benediction.



Carol Lankford

College Marshals Selected for 59-60

Nelson Tunstall of Raleigh and Lucy Rhodes of Tryon have been elected chief and assistant chief marshals respectively for the 1959-60 school term, Dean R. M. Lee announced recently.

Nelson is a member of the band, a Philomathian, treasurer of the B.S.U., and a member of the Scriblerus honor club. Lucy is a music major who made all A's for the first semester. She is a member of the touring choir.

Other marshals are Celia Ann Caldwell of Boger City; Jackie V. Harron of Weaverville; Elizabeth Ann Miller of Greensboro; Jimmy D. Poe of Greensboro; Brenda Poston of Mooresville. Ilie Linn Rice of Jerico Springs, Mo.; Francis Shirley of Anderson, S. C.; Maryann Smith of Memphis, Tenn.; and Billy Rex Stephens of Tabor City.

Marshals are selected on a basis of scholarship, character and willingness to serve at college functions. New marshals will assume their duties at commencement this year and will act throughout the 1959-60 term as ushers and marshals at evening entertainments and other public events on the campus.

Auditorium Bids Will Be Received

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, with Mr. R. O. Huffman as chairman and the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees with Mr. C. C. Harrell as chairman will meet Monday, May 11 to receive bids from approximately twenty contractors. The bids are in competition for the construction of the Robert Lee Moore Auditorium and Fine Arts Building.

The contract will be awarded by the board of trustees. Mr. Henry T. Gaines is the architect and Mr. Lee is the chairman of the auditorium committee.

The new auditorium is expected to be well over a year in construction. Cost of the coming building will be well over one million dollars.

Roger Shaw Chosen As Laurel Editor, Parker, Landrum, Twiddy Will Assist

Roger A. Shaw of Richmond, Virginia has been chosen editor of the 1960 *Laurel*. Roger is a liberal arts major planning to go into either accounting or advertising. He takes part in various activities on campus. He works as a library assistant and is a member of Dramateers. He also belongs to I.R.C. and is an active participant in the religious activities on campus, going to Cane River much of the time and taking part in Training Union activities.

Our Town Will Be Commencement Play

The Dramateer's commencement play, Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize Winner, *Our Town*, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Watson, MH drama director, will be presented on Friday, May 29, at 8 p. m. in the college auditorium.

The play which is centered around the citizens of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, tells of the universal experience of living, and attempts to explain the philosophy of life and the failure of men to realize life sufficiently.

Phil Kelly, who played the leading role in *Caesar and Cleopatra*, is narrator in *Our Town*. Others in the cast are Mary Lawrence, Bill Culver, Martha Colburn, Anne Loftis, Gene Yarborough, Karen Hopkins, Paul Jacobs, Bob Freund, Loretta Duncan and many others too numerous to mention. The production crew will be supervised by Ronnie Harris, the lighting will be handled by Don Shuman, and the prompter will be Emily Dunn.

Our Town is quite unique in that there is very little scenery used, therefore the actors through symbolic props create the complete effect of the story. All members of the faculty and student body who wish to see an excellent play concerning the three adventures of living — *Life, Love, and Death* are cordially invited.

Music Graduates Present Recitals

Mars Hill College's Department of Music will present in graduating organ recital on Sunday, May 17, at 3:00 P. M. in the Mars Hill Baptist Church Barbara Dean, Clinton Flowers, and Betty Early. On Monday, May 18, at 8:00 P. M. Elton Freund, Phillip Kelley, and William McIlvaine will be presented in the college auditorium.

Barbara, a native of Walkerton, an organ student of Miss Donna Lou Nagy, and piano student of Miss Martha Biggers, will play the following numbers: "Chorale, Prelude on Sleepers Wake, A voice is calling", By J. S. Bach; "Toccatto in D minor (Dorian)" by J. S. Bach, and "Piece heroique" by Cesar Franck. Barbara is a marshal, president of the Orpheon Club, and organist at the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Among numbers to be played by Clinton Flowers will be "Basse et Dessus de Trompette" by Louis (Continued on Page 4)

The major staff members of the 1960 *Laurel* have been chosen and they are as follows: associate editor, Jean Parker; business manager, Jimmy Landrum; and staff photographer, Melvin Twiddy. The Editor of the 1960 *Laurel* says that the remaining staff members will be chosen later on.

Roger made some comment concerning the work of the *LAUREL* for this year: "I feel that I have learned a great deal from working on this year's staff and I have enjoyed it very much. It is our hope to make the 1960 *LAUREL* even better."

Assisting Marta Fredy as editor of the 1959 *Laurel* are Roger Shaw as associate editor, and June McCoy as assistant editor. Tim Murray serves as business manager and Morrison Lawing as photographer.

Doing the typing are Mary Richerson and Suzanne Gantt. The layout staff consists of Ann Mercer, Ronald Keller, Kathy Glore, and Rex Stephens. Gene Yarborough and Gwen Picklesimer make up the editorial staff. Faculty advisor assisting the staff is Miss Martha Linney.

Marta says, "It has been a great responsibility to edit an annual. The staff this year has been smaller than usual, but 'it has been of the highest calibre.' It has been a pleasure to work on the *Laurel*. Roger Shaw, I am sure, will make an excellent editor. Best wishes to him and the 1960 staff."

According to the editor, the 1959 *Laurel* will be distributed some time in May and it is the hope of all the staff that the students will be pleased with this year's annual.



Roger Shaw

Need some spine-tingling excitement? Then be sure to read David Wood's short story "A Strange Girl Was Melody." See for yourself why Melody was indeed a strange girl. We highly recommend this short story for a rare moment of enjoyment.