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Barter Theater Coming Tuesday

Mars Hillians To Attend State BSU Convention

At least a dozen Mars Hillians are planning to attend the state-wide Baptist Student Union convention in Raleigh Nov. 3-5.

President Archer Turner will head the Mars Hill delegation. Others scheduled to go are Ralph Halliwell, Sherry Green, Starr Keller, Faye Coker, Sharon Purcell, Hazel West and Dixon Free, all members of the BSU council.

Hopkins Recital Scheduled Oct. 30

The first of several recitals by members of the music faculty will be presented in the new auditorium Monday night, Oct. 30, by Dr. Robert Hopkins, head of the department.

"Passacaglia" by Almond, a sonata by Mozart, two selections from Chopin and "Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel" by Brahms will be included on the program.

A graduate of Eastman School of Music, Dr. Hopkins joined the Mars Hill faculty in 1954. Later he took a leave of absence to complete the work for a doctorate in musical arts and to accept a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study in Vienna. He assumed the responsibilities of head of the department when he returned to the campus last year, succeeding Miss Martha Biggers.

Band To Play Today For Wingate Game

Three more performances are on schedule for the Mars Hill band in the immediate future, director John Sumrall announced earlier this week.

The band will play at the Wingate-Mars Hill football game at 2 p.m. today on the Wingate campus. In order to make the 150-mile trip by game time, the bus must leave here at 9 a.m., Sumrall said.

Next Saturday night the band will give a halftime show at the final home game of the season. Visiting team will be the cadets of Marion (Ala.) Military Institute.

On the following Saturday (Nov. 4) the band will take part in a giant "welcome home" parade in Asheville for the new Miss America of 1962, Miss Maria Beale Fletcher of Asheville.

Tryouts for the concert band will be held soon, and Mr. Sumrall has asked that all qualified musicians who are interested in playing with the concert group see him as soon as possible.

In addition, Susie Walker, Yvonne Roberts, Birdie Lou Hill and Juanita Hamrick have indicated they plan to attend.

The meeting, which will attract Baptist students from nearly all of the college campuses throughout the state, will be held at the Forest Hills Baptist Church, where a Mars Hill alumnus, the Rev. Douglas Aldrich, is pastor.

The convention program will be centered on the theme "A Living Church in a Revolutionary World." Among the speakers will be Dr. Pope A. Duncan of Southeastern Seminary, Dr. Sam Hill of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Elmer West of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. William Hall Preston of the Sunday School Board and Dr. J. Allen Easley of Wake Forest College.

The State BSU Choir and the Shaw University Choir will sing.

Deadline for getting names and fees to Raleigh is Oct. 24.

Carter, Luck Head Two Choral Groups

The Touring Choir and the College Chorus have elected officers.

Bob Carter is president of the College Choir; Ray Luther, vice president; Mary Beth Brundage, secretary; Toni Snider, treasurer; Bill Masten, robe chairman; and Pat Bowers, librarian.

The choir will give its first concert on Dec. 10th, Mr. Cole, the director, has announced, performing "Gloria" by Vivaldi.

Ron Luck is president of the College Chorus; Bob Carter, vice president; Carol Moore, secretary; and Joy Simpson, treasurer. On Dec. 3rd, the chorus will sing "The Messiah" by Handel for its first concert.

Debaters' First Tourney Delayed

A novice debate tournament sponsored by Wake Forest College and originally scheduled for Oct. 18 was postponed until Nov. 3-4, but the Mars Hill team still plans to participate.

Mr. Vernon, the team coach, said Ken Huneycutt, John Reagan, Suzanne Beck, Bill Madrey and Don Dalton will leave Thursday afternoon, Nov. 2, and will enter six rounds of competition in the tournament.

Additional competition on the schedule includes tournaments at Duke, Appalachian State and Lenoir-Rhyne.



Jerry Hardin and Diane Hill appear in a scene from Shakespeare's "As You Like It," one of six famous plays from which the Barter Theater group will present love scenes here at 8 p.m. Tuesday. The performance will combine tenderness with buffoonery, poetry with pratfalls.

McIntire Leads Methodist Students In Busy Year

A busy year is in store for the Methodist Student Movement. This group may be small in number but big in plans. Through the next few months their busy schedule will consist of a series of discussions on the Great Religions of the World, a study on Christian Faith and an interesting study of Denominational Interpretation of the Christian Faith. Following the Sunday evening suppers each of these discussions will be high-lighted by color film strips.

Within the near future the group will take a hiking trip along the Appalachian Trail.

Recently the officers were elected for 1961-62 and they are as follows: Mary Sue McIntire, president; Beverly Wells, vice

president; Brenda Warmer, secretary; Jimmy Hoffmen, treasurer; Dick Ergenbright and Cathryn Crocker, publicity chairmen; Martha Blaine, Dennis Brown and Lem Fisher, pianists; Tom Halyburton, song leader; Barbara Grant and Linda De Loach, social activities chairmen.

The Methodist Student Movement is eagerly looking forward to the U.N. model assembly which will be held in Raleigh, October 27-29. This assembly is sponsored by the North Carolina Methodist student movement and it is anticipated that a team will represent Mars Hill.

"The Methodist Student Movement is a friendly group; why don't 'y'all' come and see us?" Miss McIntire asked.

YWA Conducts Prayer Meetings

The campus Young Women's Auxiliary is anticipating an active year. The group, which meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, has as its yearly project hall prayer meetings in the girls' dormitories.

The Y. W. A. has made no complete plans, but the girls are hoping to attend two conventions, one in January and the other in February.

Leaders of the Y. W. A. are: Starr Keller, campus president; Ann Chambers, Stroup president; Martha Hunter, Edna Moore president; and Hilda Dean, Huffman president. Mrs. Don Henderson is the advisor.

RA's Will Visit Campus Next Week

About 200 boys, ages 9-16, who are members of Royal Ambassador chapters in their home churches are expected here Saturday, Oct. 28, for a first hand look at college life.

Similar RA campus visits are held each year under the direction of B. W. Jackson, RA secretary for the Baptist State Convention.

The boys and their adult counselors will arrive on campus Saturday afternoon, be welcomed and receive instructions and be guided on a tour of the campus before supertime.

That night they will be guests at the football game.

Six Great Love Scenes To Be Given

"Are you lonely? Do you wish you'd never been born? Are you looking for a suitable bride to jump off of? Don't do it! Go see 'The Course of Love' instead—it's the answer to all problems of the heart."

That's the sales pitch of a famous theatrical group whose performance has just been added to the college's lyceum series.

Excerpts from six famous plays by three great playwrights will be combined in "The Course of Love" by the Barter Theater players from Abingdon, Va. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the new auditorium.

Starring in the performance, which covers some of the greatest love scenes ever written—humorous ones as well as serious ones—will be Jerry Hardin, a former Texas cowboy, and his attractive wife, Diane Hill.

Four of the scenes are from Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida," "As You Like It," "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Taming of the Shrew."

Another is from "The Honeymoon" by Dorothy Parker, and the last is from "The Boor" by the Russian master Anton Pavlovich Chekhov.

Farm Boy Founded Group

The Barter Theater was founded 29 years ago by Robert Porterfield, a farm boy from Southwest Virginia who, like many another actor, had been left high and dry by the Depression.

In an effort to avoid starving Porterfield decided to take the theater where he knew there was food and to barter—trade—an evening's performance for a mess of greens or a jar of jelly.

After a summer's season the actors and actresses had nothing to jingle in their pockets, but the pockets were a lot tighter. The cast had gained a total of 305 pounds, and the theater had been established in the hinterlands.

Alumni of this famous theater include Gregory Peck, Hume Cronyn, Ernest Borgnine, Patricia Neal, Jeffrey Lynn and Lisbeth Scott.

Foremost Theater South of Hudson

Today the theater is the oldest in the country under continuous directorship and the foremost one south of the Hudson River. Folks can still barter for admission to a performance (the genial managing director was never one to turn down a him), but the pride of admission has, with prosperity, taken a turn upward. For the performance here, of course, the admission has already been included in the general fees already paid.