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## N. C. Convention Elects Trustees

Seven new trustees of the college were appointed by the Baptist State Convention at its recent meeting in Greensboro. They began their four-year terms on Jan. 1, replacing seven others on the 28-member board whose terms are expiring and who cannot be re-appointed for at least one year.

All of the new appointees have been members of the board on previous occasions except two, the Rev. Elwood Orr of Wilmington and Dr. Haynes Baird of Charlotte. The other five are Mr. Robert Wren, Mr. Carl Meares, Mr. C. C. Harrell, Mr. Don C. Young and Mrs. E. N. Carr.

Mr. Wren, owner of Akers Motor Line, lives in Gastonia, where he is a prominent civic leader and an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Meares, a former student of Mars Hill, has several business enterprises in his hometown of Fair Bluff.

Mr. Harrell, also a Mars Hill alumnus, is an active member of

the First Baptist Church of Morganton, where he owns the Burke Furniture Co.

Mr. Young, an Asheville Lawyer, is the college attorney. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Asheville and is active in the work of the Buncombe Association.

Mrs. Carr of Hickory has shown great interest in Christian higher education and has assisted several worthy students through college.

The Reverend Mr. Orr, pastor of the Winter Park Baptist Church, is also a Mars Hill graduate and has served as president of the Alumni Association and on several state convention committees.

Dr. Baird, a native of Mars Hill and also an alumnus, is a prominent physician in Charlotte. He is active in the Myers Park Baptist Church and is a leader in the civic life of Charlotte.

The trustees whose terms are expiring include Mr. W. M. Brooks of Charlotte, Mr. Otis Broyhill of Marion, Mr. J. E. Gibson Sr. of High Point, Mr. R. O. Huffman of Morganton, the Rev. John Knight of Asheville, Mrs. C. M. Palmer of Albemarle, and Mrs. George Pennell of Asheville.

## Frosh Register January 22nd

Mars Hill College's second semester begins on Monday, Jan. 22, with Freshman registration. Sophomore registration follows on Tuesday. Each day's schedule consists of meeting with faculty advisors at 8:00 and class sectioning in the gym from 10:00 until 5:30.

The new semester will start with 44 new students and more courses in eight departments. The Art Department will offer a course in ceramics and pottery. The Business Department's new courses will be personal finance, elementary accounting, and beginning typing. The English Department is to offer a creative writing course. There will be drama courses for students to take as electives.

For the first time the Home Economics Department will have a course in house planning and home furnishing. Mathematics of investment and differential equations courses will be available. An elective for any student, music appreciation, will be taught in the Music Department.

Introductions to geology may be taken in the Natural Sciences Department. The Social Sciences Department will offer psychology and sociology courses.



Charles Carver, associate editor of the 1962 Laurel, appreciatively eyes nominees for the beauty title "Miss Laurel." The co-eds, nominated by the various residences for men, are (L to R) seated, Toni Snider and Elaine Teague; standing, Patricia Byrd, Linda Shelton, Mary Lee Hurt and Kathy Dunevant. Absent when the picture was made was Virginia Scruggs.

## Men Nominate Girls To Vie For "Miss Laurel"

When the *Laurel* for 1962 arrives in May, one of seven girls nominated by the men's dorms will occupy the place of honor as "Miss Laurel."

Hailing from Hickory, Elaine Teague has been nominated by Myers. Piercing the atmosphere

for 5'3", she is a sophomore business major with red hair and blue eyes. She graduated in June of 1960 from Claremont Central High School.

Kathryn Dunevant, a pre-nursing freshman from Roxboro, is the nominee of Brown Dormitory. Miss Dunevant has green eyes, brown hair, and measures 5'6" in height. Kathy is a graduate of the Roxboro High School.

Toni Snider from Franklin-town is an entrant in the contest as the result of nominations by the Mars Hill homes. Miss Snider — an honor role student — has previously held the position of vice-president of Edna Moore dormitory and is a member of the student council and the WRA council, the French honor club and college choir. Toni has brown hair, green eyes and stands 5'6".

Virginia Scruggs, a graduate of Hermitage High School, is the Melrose nomination. Majoring in liberal arts, "Ginger" is a freshman from Richmond.

Spilman selected Miss Patricia Byrd from Jonesville. Her brown hair and brown eyes matching, she is currently planning to enter the business field. Miss Byrd is a sophomore.

A freshman music major from Camden, S. C., Mary Lee Hurt, is the representative of Sams. Her physical make-up includes brown hair, blue eyes, and 5'7" of femininity.

The cottages nominated Miss Linda Shelton, a native of Chatham, Virginia. A freshman liberal arts major with hazel eyes, Miss Shelton marks the tape at 5'7".

The judge, usually a noted public personality, has not been decided on; however, efforts are being made to get Miss America to select the winner from photographs and biographical data sheets.

## Laurel Progresses Well; New Layout For May Edition

Work on the 1962 *Laurel*, our yearbook, progresses well without fanfare, according to Walter Smith, the faculty advisor.

The book, which will be ready for distribution early in May, will feature an entirely new layout and will contain more pictures of campus life. The theme and the dedication have been decided on and much of the photography has already been done. Numerous campus snapshots have been made by staff photographer John Reagan.

One of seven coeds, nominated by the residents of the various dormitories for men, will be selected as "Miss Laurel," the campus beauty queen. The final selection, which will be made by an off-campus personality, will not be revealed until the book comes from the press. Editor Virginia MacNeil is trying to arrange for Miss America of 1962, Miss Maria Beale Fletcher of Asheville, to pick "Miss Laurel."

Anyone who does not expect to return next semester but wants a copy of the book should see Mr. Smith. All students who have paid their tuition and fees for the first semester are entitled to a copy, Mr. Smith explained. Eligibility will be certified by the bursar's office.

Other leaders of the *Laurel* staff besides Virginia and John are Charles Carver, associate editor, and John Baskin and Gary Goodwin, sports editors. Typists and other willing workers are still needed.

## Seminary Choir Visits Mars Hill Campus

The touring choir of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will give two concerts in Mars Hill during its winter tour Jan. 26-Feb. 5.

The 37-voice mixed chorus, in which at least four Mars Hill graduates sing, will appear in Moore Auditorium on Saturday evening, Jan. 27. The group, directed by William C. Bushnell, will spend the night here and sing Sunday morning during the regular worship hour of the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

From here the singers will continue their trip through North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, returning to their campus at Louisville for a concert in the Alumni Memorial Chapel on Feb. 6.

The choir has established a reputation for being able to satisfy the musical tastes of varied audiences. The musical program this year is entitled "Sacred Music of America." It is divided into three parts, sacred music of the settlers, sacred music of our fathers and sacred music of our time.

The choir is composed of men and women pursuing graduate study in the Schools of Church Music, Religious Education and Theology.

Dr. Bushnell has been a member of the faculty in the School of Church Music for five years, teaching conducting and voice. He serves frequently as a choral clinician and conductor at festivals and music workshops. His back-

ground also includes teaching schools and serving as minister of music for churches in California, Utah, Colorado and New York.

## Vernon Hurt After Fall

Glenn L. Vernon, faculty member who suffered a broken vertebra last Friday (Jan. 5) in a fall from a 16-foot step ladder, is recovering slowly, doctors report.

Mr. Vernon is a patient at Mission Hospital in Asheville, where he was taken shortly after he fell while adjusting overhead lighting on the stage in the new auditorium. College physicians, who first administered treatment, reported he sustained a compression fracture of a lumbar vertebra.

Get-well cards and messages may be addressed to him in care of the hospital.

## B.S.U. Plans Retreat

The B. S. U. is planning a mid-year retreat on Monday, January 22. The council will discuss plans for the spring semester.

Among the events planned are a Bible Study Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 2; a valentine party; a chapel program introducing Focus Week; and tentative plans for a youth revival on April 6-8.

## Choral Clinic Set Feb. 9-10

The thirteenth annual high school choral clinic sponsored by the Department of Music of Mars Hill College, will be held on the campus Feb. 9-10. Dr. Walter Ehret, choral clinician from Scarsdale High School in Scarsdale, N. Y., will be guest director.

The clinic is under the direction of J. Elwood Roberts. Approximately 300 students, representing 29 high schools, will attend with their directors. Each school will enter its best singers in an octette or quartette.

The program includes several rehearsal-instruction sessions and a variety of recreational activities. On Friday night the singers and directors will be guests of the college at a banquet in the college dining hall. The Mars Hill Touring Choir will perform before the guest musicians. The clinic will be climaxed by a public concert on the night of Saturday, Feb. 10, in which all singers will participate.

The purpose of the clinic is to give talented high school singers an opportunity to work with others of similar ability, to deepen the appreciation of both the students and their directors for the finest choral music, and to encourage them to higher performance standards.