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Merriman Reigns As May Queen

Hollywood To Arrive On Mars Hill Campus

The story of Mars Hill College is going on film and some of the students currently enrolled will become actors and actresses.

A 30-minute, 16-millimeter color movie will be produced in the next four months by Jimmy Morriss, secretary of the department of program services

for the Baptist State Convention.

Planned as an aid in the promotion of a drive to raise \$2,300,000 for Mars Hill's expansion to senior college status, the movie will be shown over various television channels throughout the state and made available to alumni chapters and church groups.

First step in making the movie is the writing of a suitable script. Tentatively the plan is to narrate a human-interest story about a typical student, utilizing an historical introduction and concluding with a direct appeal for financial support.

After a suitable script has been prepared, Mr. Morriss and his crew will schedule several shooting sessions on campus. A number of students will be needed for on-camera parts as well as for non-technical manual assistance. Auditions will be held for several speaking parts; the time and place of such auditions will be announced in several ways around the campus.

Walter Smith, director of publicity, will assist Mr. Morriss in making arrangements for the filming. Students who would like to audition or volunteer to help should see him.



SANDRA MERRIMAN



ELAINE SITTON

The stars in Mars Hill's forthcoming May Day celebration have been chosen.

Members of the queen's court were selected this week to reign over the festivities with Queen Susie Merriman and Maid of Honor Elaine Sitton. They include five sophomores and five freshmen.

Sophomore attendants are Judy Ferguson, secretarial science student from Waynesville; Judy Poyner of Atlanta, Ga., who plans to teach; Toni Snyder, psychology major from Franklinton; Elaine Teague of Hickory, who is studying secretarial science; and Jayne Tomlinson of Fort Valley, Ga., who plans to do mission work.

Freshman attendants are Kathy Dunevant, a pre-nursing student from Roxboro; Mary Horton of Concord, who reigned as our Football Queen at last fall's Homecoming celebration and who plans to teach English and French; Mary Lee Hurt, a music major from Camden, S. C.; Frances Larkins of Shelby and Aleta Welch of Scotland Neck, both of whom plan to become teachers.

The lovely members of the court, including the queen and maid of honor, will be escorted by the man of their choice. Miss Hart, who is in charge of May Day activities, said the queen would be permitted to choose her escort this year instead of his being elected as has been the case in recent years.

Barring bad weather, the May Day celebration will be held in the amphitheater on Saturday, May 5.

Graham Elected HEC President

The chaplain of Stroup Dormitory, Anne Graham, is the new president of the Home Economics Club. Anne is a native of Asheville and was vice-president of the club last semester.

The new vice-president is Lynette Robinson of Pennington Gap, Va. Lynette and Naomi Hunneycut, the club's new secretary, were co-chairmen of last semester's refreshment committee.

Betty Jane Foster has assumed the role of treasurer. Coming to Mars Hill from Wilkesboro, Betty Jane has previously administered the duties of devotional director. Blowing Rock's Alice Robbins is currently holding the office vacated by Miss Foster.

Antonio George of Waynesville and Beverly BeShears of Charlotte compose the new refreshment committee and Jo Wells of Leicester holds the office of reporter.

The Home Economics club will give a fashion show, sponsored by a large department store in Asheville, sometime in April.

304 High School Students To Participate In Clinic

The high school choral clinic, which has been held annually at Mars Hill for the past twelve years, will take place on the campus next Friday and Saturday. Dr. Walter Ehret, choral clinician from Scarsdale High School in Scarsdale, N. Y., will be the guest director.

The clinic is under the supervision of J. Elwood Roberts of the department of music, which sponsors the workshop.

Participating in the choral clinic program will be 304 students and their directors from 29 high schools in western North Carolina. Each school will enter its best singers in an octette or quartette.

The singers will attend rehearsal — instruction sessions and enter recreational activities. The singers and their directors will be the guests of the college at a banquet in the Mars Hill dining hall Friday night. The Mars Hill Touring Choir will perform before the guest musicians.

A public concert will be presented Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8:00 p.m. in which all guest singers will participate. Directed by Dr. Ehret, the concert will consist, in its musical presentations, of "Ave Maria," arranged and edited by Dr. Ehret; "Behold The Lamb of God," by Karl Graun; "Praise," by Alec Rawley; "May the Holy Spirit," by Paul Tsvhesnokoff; and Robert Shaw's "Set Down Servant."

Other numbers to be presented are "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," an Appalachian folk song; Richard Rodgers' "Carousel"; a spiritual arranged by Clemet Barton, "All Night, All Day"; and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," arranged by Roy Ringwald.

High schools participating with their directors are Murphy, Edward J. Reynolds; Waynesville, W. Dale Ratcliffe; Clyde, R. C. Muench; Bethel, Mrs. Helen Roberts; Canton, Wayne Pressley;

McKee Laboratory, Cullowhee, Kate J. Dobbs; North Buncombe, Alda J. Young; Lee Edwards, Josephine Osborne; Reynolds, Doris Hunter; Enka, David Huff; Biltmore, Wilda Bell; Clyde Erwin, Anne Clodfelter.

Marshall, Virgil E. Smith, Jr.; Mars Hill, Mrs. R. L. Crisp; Statesville, Mrs. Margaret Muse; Troutman, Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale; Newton-Conover, Betty Smith; Valdese, Kenneth Little; Glen Alpine, Martha Thomasson; Wilkes Central, Mary L. Clemente; Hickory, Robert H. Ellis.

Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. N. McClure; Dallas, Mrs. Grady Friday; Tryon, Mrs. Ramona Rhodes; Rutherfordton - Spindale, James Blanton; Cool Springs-Forest City, Frances McCardwell; Glenwood, Hope Bailey; Shelby, James Dellinger; Crossnore, Thomas L. Hartley.

Trumpet Soloist To Appear Here

Offering a pleasant departure from its list of pianists, vocalists, organists and choirs, the music department of the college will present trumpet soloist Emerson Head in a recital in Moore Auditorium at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16.

Currently director of instrumental music at Wake Forest College and first trumpet performer with the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Head is a native of Wilmington and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan.

For several summers he has been instructor and staff conductor at the Brevard Music Center, and he was formerly associated with Jacksonville (Fla.) University.

He will be accompanied on the piano by his wife, who will also play "Impromptu in F minor" by Schubert and "Waltzes, Op. 39" by Brahms.

Focus Week To Feature Three Persons

Christian Focus Week, which will be held on the Mars Hill campus February 19-23, will have as its theme "Christ, the Christian, the World." Guest speakers during Christian Focus Week will be Mr. Howard Rees, who is Baptist Student Secretary of Maryland and the District of Columbia, and Rev. and Mrs. Worth Grant, who are missionaries to Japan.

Mr. Rees will speak in chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Mrs. Grant will speak in chapel the following Thursday. Seminars will be conducted in rooms of the lower floor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church following church services, which will be held Monday through Friday from 7:15 until 8:15. The services are to be held by Mr. Rees and Rev. Grant.

Rev. Grant will conduct a seminar on "Christianity Faces Other Religions." The topic of Mrs. Grant's seminar, which will be held only on Thursday night, is to be "The New Role of the Mission." Mr. Rees will hold a seminar on the subject "World Wide Opportunity through Christian Vocations." Mr. Richard Hoffman, who is teacher of government at Mars Hill, will lead a seminar on "Christ and World Political Crises." Rev. Charles Davis, minister of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, will supervise a seminar on "Intellectual Responsibilities of the Christian."

The guest speakers will be available for personal conferences with Mars Hill students during the afternoons of Christian Focus Week. Special Morning Watch Services will be held.

Four student committees, which are responsible for Christian Focus Week, have been appointed by the Religious Life Committee and the Baptist Student Union Council.

Faculty Brews "Poison Play"

The faculty play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," is to be presented Mar. 3. Members of the faculty who were selected to be in the cast are Mary Kenyon, Robert Chapman, William Pegg, Ann Brammer, L. M. Outten, Joe Robertson, Tommy Edwards, and R. L. Crisp.

Students who were given roles in "Arsenic and Old Lace" are Larry Huls, Mike Rock, Arlis Suttles, Bentley Gorden and Richard Nelson.

At the Dramateer's Jan. 15 meeting, Mike Rock was elected president; Richard Bennett, vice-president; Dottie Wood, secretary; and Larry Huls, treasurer.

Two entries are planned for Mars Hill's performance in the Carolina Dramatics Association Festival at Western Carolina College in Cullowhee. Mrs. Elizabeth Watson is to direct "Nancy Hanks, Bondswoman," and Mr. Glenn L. Vernon, a modern version of the morality play, "Everyman."

"Everyman," under Mr. Vernon's direction, is scheduled to appear at Chapel Hill, Gardner-Webb, and before the Mars Hill students in chapel on Apr. 19.