

George Bowen, freshman track star who suffered a fractured skull when accidentally struck by a discus Wednesday . . .

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Merriman Crowned Queen Today

Yearbook Secrets To Be Revealed

Dedication of the 1962 *Laurel* and the revelation of the identity of "Miss Laurel" will be made in chapel on Tuesday, May 15, according to editor Charles Carver.

"Miss Laurel," beauty queen of the book, was selected by Mr. Beale Fletcher of Asheville, father of the current "Miss America." Nominees included Toni Snyder, Pat Byrd, Mary Lee Hurt, Elaine Teague, Gloria Rotan, Kathy Dunevant and Virginia Scruggs.

Distribution of the yearbook is scheduled to begin on the 15th, also, if shipment is received from the printer in time. "The yearbook staff has worked steadily toward a distribution goal of May 15," Mr. Smith, *Laurel* advisor, explained, "but the attainment of that goal is greatly dependent upon the engraver and the printer. There has been some delay in the engraving process, but the printer is working overtime in an effort to give us delivery by May 15."

Only students who have paid their first semester bills or made arrangements with the bursar for their payment will be eligible for a copy of the annual. Eligibility will be certified by the bursar's office, Mr. Smith.

Bus Given To MH By Church

A bus to transport students between Asheville and the camp will be put in daily operation in September, thanks to the generosity of the First Baptist Church of Asheville.

The church voted last week to purchase of a 36-passenger bus.

Dr. Perry Crouch, pastor who is also a trustee of the college, explained the idea behind the bus.

"Dormitory space will be at a premium this fall, but there will be room for additional students in the classes if they come. The bus will help in this respect."

In acknowledging the gift, which he said was doubly appreciated because the idea behind it was originated entirely by the church, President Blackwell said details with regard to operation are still to be worked out. Anyone wishing additional information should contact Dean Lee or Mr. Chapman.

If all seats on the bus are not filled by students from Asheville, others along the route will be eligible to ride, he added.



Spring is in the air and the crowning of the May Queen this afternoon proves it. With a little more formality than this picture taken at rehearsal, Jerry Chandler will crown Susie Merriman as admiring members of the court look on (L to R): Janye Tomlinson, Aleta Welch, Toni Snider, Elaine Teague and Frances Larkins.

Symphony Orchestra Visits Auditorium Tonite at 8:30

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra marks its 30th anniversary season with an annual visit to Mars Hill. Tonight at 8:30, it will make a free appearance here in Moore Auditorium.

The 65-member Chapel Hill orchestra, founded by former Mars Hill resident Lamar Stringfield and known throughout the state for its performances—generally as a smaller body—before children's groups in areas where children might never have the opportunity to hear a full-fledged symphony—will appear here as the larger group directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin.

The symphony will open its program with the Overture to Handel's oratorio *Theodora*, a work Handel considered su-

perior to the popular *Messiah*. Following the orchestra's tribute to a composer's personal preferences will be such works as Schumann's *Symphony No. II in C Major*, as well as such lighter works as Strauss' *Tales from the Vienna Woods* and "Saturday Night," a carefree little work by Robert S. Sanders, a contemporary American composer.

Soloist Introduced

Featured soloist on the program is flutist Patricia Martin. Miss Martin, recent A. B. graduate of the University of Michigan, has included in her studies work with the Philadelphia Orchestra's solo flutist, James Pellerite. A 1959 winner of an Artley Flute Scholarship at Chataqua, N. Y.—where she studied with Pellerite—she continues her studies at the University of Michigan in the N. C. Symphony's off-season and supplements her studies with professional engagements with symphony orchestras in the Detroit-Toledo-Ann Arbor area.

Flutist Martin will perform *Night Soliloquy for Flute and String* by Kent Kennan, a contemporary American composer of Prix de Rome distinction.

Additional Interest

Another interesting feature of the program will be the performance of *Roumanian Rhapsody No. 1* by Georges Enesco, virtuoso violinist and teacher of violinist Yehudi Menuhin as student of the composers Massenet and Faure, was noted in the field of composition for the authentic atmosphere in his music, as differing somewhat from the Hungarian dances of Brahms and Liszt.

Family To Be United After Nine Years

Mrs. Margaret Stehling, mother of Mrs. Valentine Farkas, and a life-long resident of Berlin who presently makes her home in West Berlin, will be visiting in the Farkas residence in Mars Hill this May. The Mars Hill visit will be the Farkases' first meeting with Mrs. Stehling, a native-born German who speaks no English, in nine years.

Following a trip from West Germany to New York, where she expects to arrive on the Bremen, Mrs. Stehling will be met by the Farkas family in Asheville on May 10th.

Court Pageantry To Highlight Festivities

By MARIETTA ATKINS

Comes once again sweet May Day. This afternoon at three, pages and trumpeters will meet, and gleefully. May Day, with its hour or so of court life and pageantry, a sweet and spring-dwelt ceremony. May Day, with all its pomp and pageantry, marked by wandering minstrels and yea, with amphitheater play.

Mark ye well, a queen is crowned this day. Aye, our own fair Susie Merriman, a lass fleet of foot and with velvet eye. Suffice to say she will rule with true grace and royalty—as will the consort, Jerry Chandler. Of stately mien, this king, and gentle manner. Sweet as a breath of spring the little crown bearer: Augusta Anne of the House of Jenkins, French and English Doctor. Note the maids and knights who surround her—first Elaine Sitton, Maid of Honor, and Larry Bruce, her noble—and see her chosen Court, with its maids and lads who follow after. First the inner court of five and their lads—two years the five have served her—then the newer arrivals of the outer.

Many the stately steps in this procession—Judy Ferguson and Eugene Ferguson, Toni Snider and Hoyt Edwards, Judy Poyner and Richard Davis, Elaine Teague and Charlie Young, Janye Tomlinson and Steve Elam.

Court Procession

Then comes the new arrivals. With dignity they and their lads mark the steps of honor in this, for most, their first procession—Kathy Dunevant and Harold Dunevant, Frances Larkins and Harold Plaster, Mary Lee Hurt and Doug Pickard, Aleta Welch and Jerry Grant, Mary Horton and Terry Furr.

May our good Queen always reign amidst such grace and glory. Pages Marsha Ezell and Betty Buckner rejoice to be part of her story. Quite fit and meet, as well, that trumpeters Audrey Bunce and Mary Ann Glasgow should blow fanfare well high enough to be remarkably volumed in its foray.

Drama Unfolds

In such a day, of course, a band will play—*Block-M March* by Jerry Bilik, *Zampa Overture* by J. F. Herold, *The Music Man* by Meredith Wilson, and *Lohengrin* by Richard Wagner—while the crowd waits and breezes blow in gentle melody. Then Sir Edward Elgar's *Hail, Glorious Day*, processional for the Queen and Court of May Day.

Later, then, a recessional—*Sine Nomine* by Ralph Vaughn Williams—after the Bard has struck his measure, will come this moment in which joy and sadness will be mingled. Good stead, our bard appears in the midst of all thought that ever will be mingled: *As You Like It*. In the thirty-seven minute version played with no pauses for changes of scene—the version played by Globe Theater and for five months in Merrie England—he appears to keep us hopeful.

So all's well that—but let this be no sound of one hand clapping.

Citizen Award Goes to Wall

C. C. Wall, chairman of the college's board of trustees, recently was presented the "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" award by the Lexington (N.C.) Civitan Club.

The presentation is made annually to a citizen who has made outstanding contributions in the business, community and

is recovering at Mission Hospital in Asheville following surgery Wednesday night.