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Enrollment Statistics Tell Interesting Tale

A breakdown of enrollment figures, announced this week by the registrar's office, reveals some interesting information.

Of the 1288 persons enrolled—most in Mars Hill's history—709 are men and 579, women. Subtotals include 497 freshmen (277 men, 220 women), 369 sophomores (202 men, 167 women), 257 juniors (133 men, 124 women) and 28 seniors (96 men and 62 women).

Seventeen persons—a man and sixteen women—are unclassified.

North Carolinians, of course, comprise the majority of the student body. There are 874 Tarheels from 82 of the state's 100 counties. Buncombe, the county which Asheville is located, leads with 164. Others with large representation include Madison (Forsyth 41, Mecklenburg 31, Wayne 29, Robeson 28, Yancey 26 each, Wake 25, Catawba 23, and Gaston and Henderson 22 each).

Twenty-two other states and the District of Columbia are represented in the student body. There are 123 from Virginia, 97 from South Carolina, 68 from Florida, 24 from Georgia, 20 from Maryland and 1 each from such away places as California and Ohio.

Make Ring Orders

Orders for college rings will be taken in the Student Center Monday and Tuesday by George Posmann, representative of the manufacturer, Josten.

A \$10 deposit will be required with the order, he said.

There are two weights of rings for men and two styles of rings for women.

Chile, Hong Kong, Thailand and West Africa are the only foreign places represented.

As would be expected, most of the 1288 students are Baptist, 1022 to be exact; but 14 other denominations or faiths are claimed by Mars Hillians. Among these are 101 Methodists, 66 Presbyterians, 5 Catholics, 2 Buddhists and 1 Jew. Three students are unclassified as to denomination and a total of 38 claimed no religious affiliation or preference in filling out their registration forms.

Club Activities Growing

Business Honor Club inducted the following new members in the first meeting of the year: Barrow Carter, Ann Parrott, Alvin Reynolds, Newton Plemmons, and Harry Taylor. Officers for this semester include president, Elaine Teague; vice president, David Shaw; secretary, Joan Williams; treasurer, Barbara Pate, and reporter, Harry Bundy.

Approximately 1,000 girls are expected to attend the District Eight Future Homemakers of America Rally here on October 19 as guests of the Mars Hill Home Economics Chapter.

"Keys to Your Future" is the theme with special emphasis on education, family living and marriage. Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m.

Hostesses of the MHC Chapter are Cecile Plott, chairman, and Mrs. Patricia Ezell, home management house sponsor. They will be responsible for taking the group on a tour of the campus, the home economics department and the home management house.

Harmon, Hart Win Elections

Victors in special elections earlier this week were Hoby Harmon and Woody Hart.

Harmon garnered 84 votes to become president of the junior class. Harmon defeated Dave Livengood and James Johnson, who received 49 and 22 votes respectively.

Hart defeated Charlie Young 52-36 in a runoff election for senior class senator. In the initial voting Hart and Young were close with 39 and 36 respectively. Bill Deans had 15.



Mars Hill Celebrates Founding Anniversary

With a full and varied schedule of events Mars Hill College celebrates today the 107th anniversary of its founding and the beginning of its 108th year, the historic first in its development into a liberal arts senior college.

The annual Homecoming program also has been slated for today, adding emphasis and excitement to the birthday observance.

A special convocation will open the day's events at 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Dr. D. Hiden Ramsey, former editor of the Asheville Citizen, a noted North Carolina educator, will speak.

Immediately following the convocation, portraits of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fox of Hickory (above), for whom Fox Dorm is named, will be unveiled in the parlor of the new building. Open house in the dorm and in the new Humphrey Home Management House will be held from 2 until 6 p.m. Numerous visitors are expected.

The homecoming football game, pitting Mars Hill's Lions against Gordon Military College, will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the local high school field. During halftime Bonnie Russell will be crowned homecoming queen by Dr. Blackwell and Debbie Dancy will be crowned football queen by the tri-captains, Ron Henderson, Terry Postell and Buddy Windle.

The court of the queens will include freshman representative Patsy Russell, sophomore Doris Martin, junior class choice Alice Swofford and senior Marsha Ezell.

There will be plenty of time for reunions among former students returning for the homecoming program; then, at 8 p.m. the day's activities will be climaxed by a recital in Moore Auditorium by famous opera star Nell Rankin.

Not since the opening of the new auditorium in 1961 has Mars Hill enjoyed such an event-filled Founders Day-Homecoming celebration. Traditionally, Founders Day is observed on the Saturday nearest Oct. 12, the birthday of Edward Carter, one of the founders of the college who donated the land at the original site. Un-

til three years ago when the college first began scheduling a Thanksgiving holiday, homecoming was held at that time.

Now preserved prominently on the front of the newest dorm on the campus, the name Fox has long been associated with Mars Hill College. Carl and Ollie Fox, long-time Baptists and generous patrons of the college, first became affiliated with Mars Hill in 1941, when their eldest son Howell came here as a student. Later two daughters, Mildred and Margie, and Bell Matthews, who became one of their daughters-in-law, attended Mars Hill. Currently two of the Foxes' 11 grandchildren are enrolled, Judy and Gordon.

A successful lumberman, real estate developer, farmer and rancher in Hickory, Mr. Fox will complete his third four-year term in December as a member of Mars Hill's board of trustees. He and Mrs. Fox have given generously to the cost of construction of the new dorm which is valued at \$500,000. Their portraits, painted by Charlotte artist Charles C. Tucker, will hang in the formal parlor.

Trainham To Preach

Preaching services will be conducted at the Mars Hill Baptist Church Oct. 13-18, by the Rev. Emory Trainham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lenoir. The services tomorrow will be held at 11:00 A.M. and 6:45 P.M. as usual; weekday services will be held each evening at 7:30.

Mr. Trainham is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. He also holds a certificate of clinical training in pastoral care and counseling from the University of Chicago. His pioneer work in pastoral care has gained him recognition especially in Virginia and the Carolinas.

Before becoming identified with the First Church of Lenoir, he held pastorates in Virginia and elsewhere in North Carolina.

Music Lovers Awaiting The Return of 'Carmen'



MISS RANKIN

Mars Hill's Founders Day-Homecoming celebration will be climaxed tonight by the reappearance of Miss Nell Rankin in vocal concert in Moore Auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Miss Rankin has appeared with the leading symphony orchestras of the world, under some of the best conductors of our time. Her "flawless tonal beauty" has made her a favorite all over the world,

and the leading mezzo-soprano today.

The first half of the program will include "In the Still Night" by Johannes Brahms, Franz Schubert's "Der Erlkonig," and Saint-Saens' "My Heart at Thy Dear Voice," from Sampson and Delilah. After the intermission a North Carolina folk song, "He's Gone Away," will be heard, as well as "Gypsy Song" from the opera Carmen, one of the many operas in which Miss Rankin has made herself famous.

"The greatest Carmen of our time" has been singing for most of her life. At the age of four, she starred on her own radio program. Her announcement, when she was 9, that she wanted to be one of the greatest singers of her time was answered in 1950, when she became the first American in history to receive the coveted first prize in Geneva's famous International concours de Musique. Then, at only 24, she became the youngest mezzo star in the history of the Met.

"All students are invited to attend," said president Dan Keels.

The North Carolina Baptist Student Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, Greensboro on Nov. 1-3. The theme is "Freedom Through Bondage."

Interesting speakers will be present, among them Nathan Porter of the Home Mission Board. Programs of meditation, drama, music and fellowship are planned.

Those who wish to attend the convention should register at the convention table in the cafeteria.

Fund Drive Slated Wed.

The LISTEN (Love Impels Sacrifice Toward Every Need) Fund will be collected Wednesday night, Oct. 16, in the dormitories and cottages by the BSU Listen Committee. The fund is collected here and on other campuses in North Carolina in cooperation with the Department of Student Work of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.