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Caldwell, Lewis Named Commencement Speakers

John T. Caldwell, chancellor of North Carolina State University, and Dr. John M. Lewis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, will be the principal speakers at Mars Hill's first senior college commencement service Sunday, May 30. Lewis will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m. in Moore Auditorium; Dr. Caldwell will deliver the commencement address in the same place that afternoon at 3 o'clock. Other activities of the commencement weekend will include an annual alumni banquet at 5 p.m. on Saturday with Dr. Spen-

cer Thornton of Nashville, Tenn., as the speaker. The graduating class will be inducted into the MHC Alumni Association. George Bernard Shaw's famous play, "Pygmalion," will be presented in Moore Auditorium at 8 o'clock that evening by the drama department under the guidance of Mrs. Elizabeth Watson. Kathy Young will star as Eliza Doolittle. Others in the cast are Arlis Suttles, Mayon Weeks, Loy Baird, Reid Potter, Richard Brassell, Jessica Buchanan, Estelle Jordan, Dianne Lane, Sam Weatherly, Frank Calhoun, Joyce Black, Jim Helderman, Terry Sinclair, Joyce Duckett and Joan Duncan.



ACTOR MAYON WEEKS

Plays Win At District Festival

The dramatics division of the Mars Hill College English department scored dual successes at a district drama festival in Cullowhee on Apr. 4 and, as a result, will participate in the state festival at Chapel Hill today.

The performances of two plays — "The Workhouse Ward" and "Swan Song"—won distinguished ratings at the district festival held on the campus of Western Carolina College and will be re-performed in Chapel Hill today.

Both plays will be performed in the Owen Building at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"The Workhouse Ward" is directed by James Thomas and stars Arlis Suttles, Mayon Weeks and Loy Baird. The "Swan Song" is directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Watson. Mayon and Arlis also star in it. Mimi Jones is in charge of costumes and Mac Watson is stage manager.

Arlis won an individual rating award for his performance in "The Workhouse Ward," and Mayon won a similar award for his performance in the same play and a distinguished acting award for his work in "Swan Song."

The festival at Chapel Hill is sponsored by the Carolina Dramatic Association. Mrs. Watson and Mayon have both scored successes at the festival in previous years.

Evaluation, Interviews Bring Back Teachers

The first group of student teachers ever to go out from Mars Hill College are back on the campus and will conclude a special three-day program of evaluation and interviews here today.

The 83 seniors have been practicing teaching in public schools throughout the western half of the state since Mar. 16. They returned to the campus Thursday morning for a full schedule of activities.

Group sessions on Discipline, Motivation and Planning were scheduled each morning under the direction of the three principle teachers within the department Mr. Hough, Mr. Crowder and Mr. Booth.

The Student NEA Chapter had charge of the chapel service Thursday at which J. M. Hough Sr., superintendent of Leaksville (N. C.) Township Schools, was to speak.

Following chapel the student teachers were to hear Dan Davis, superintendent of Union County schools and former president of the NCEA, speak on the "Techniques of Interviewing."

The faculty members who teach methods courses in the various departments of the college were to have sessions with the returning students Thursday and Friday afternoons. At 1 and 2 p.m. on Thursday Mrs. Therrell and Mrs. Bridges, members of the departmental staff, were to hold optional sessions on the use of bulletin boards and audio-visual aids.

Six of the novice teachers — Gene Hawkins, Sara Sellers, Marsha Ezell, Dave Hughes, Elaine Teague and Elaine Bruce — were to tell of their experiences at a meeting of the Student NEA at 7 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium. Their presentations and a question and answer session to follow were scheduled primarily for the benefit of juniors who will be student teaching next year.

As an appropriate conclusion to the three-day program the dean of students' office has scheduled the movie, "Good Morning, Miss Dove," starring Jennifer Jones, in the auditorium tonight. It deals with school teaching.

Throughout the three-day period school superintendents and principals from systems throughout the state and in other states have been here interviewing interested Mars Hillians for possible assignment in their schools this fall. Several of the soon-to-be-graduated teachers have already signed contracts for next year.

Student NEA officers elected for 1964-65 are as follows: Ken Murray, president; Jackie Norman, first vice president; Angela Priester, second vice president; Carolyn Lamb, recording secretary; Brenda Corn, correspondence secretary; Nancy Trotter, treasurer.

Test Scores Are Average

The 76 Mars Hill College students who plan to graduate in teacher education ranked average with the nation-wide scores on the National Teacher Exam, which they took in January.

The average score nationally was 600; the average score of the Mars Hillians was 557.

Laura Nash compiled the highest score among the MHC students, 725, which was in the 96 percentile on a national scale. Allan Clark was second at 696.

Eight local students were in the upper 25 per cent of those taking the exam across the nation; 18 others were in the next 25 per cent; 15 were in the next 25 per cent; and 35 were in the lowest one-quarter.

North Carolina requires 450 on the test for certification of undergraduates, and only six Mars Hillians were below this. The lowest score was 415.

John M. Hough, Jr., head of the education department, was pleased with the results.

"I think this is real good," he said. "I can't see how we could complain, considering this is our first graduating class."

Drama Students Seeking Personnel For Four Plays

Did you ever have a secret yearning to be in a play but fear that you weren't talented enough to be in one of the big productions sponsored by the college drama department?

If so, perhaps Mr. Jim Thomas' class in play directing has just the thing for you. Four members of the class—Mimi Jones, Mac Watson, Richard Brassell and Mayon Weeks—are to direct one-act plays in public performances as a recital project of the class. They have booked the Owen Building Apr. 22 for tryouts and May 18 for the performances. Now all they need is actors and actresses.

The plays are Kaufman's "The Amicable Parting," a domestic comedy; "The Last of the Lowries," Green's historical drama about Robeson County; O'Neill's "Ile," a realistic drama concerned with the whaling industry; and Glaspell's "Suppressed Desires," a comedy based on a wife's obsession with dream interpretation and psychoanalysis.

Any student, regardless of whether or not he (or she) has drama training and/or experience at MHC, is invited to attend the tryouts at 7 p.m. Wednesday (Apr. 22) in Owen Building.

Summer's Program Altered

Undergoing a change as Mars Hill becomes a full-fledged senior college, the summer session has been divided into two six-week sessions, beginning June 8 and July 1. Registration for the first term will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the Monday morning of June 8, and the summer commencement program is scheduled for Aug. 20. Dean Lee, director of the program, has announced.

Special workshops in library science, under the direction of Margaret Bridges, will be offered June 8-26 and June 29-July 17. A student may register for two courses, totaling six hours, each term. A course will meet daily throughout the six-week period for three hours credit.

Recreation will be under the direction of Dean Mary Logan. Sports, games, hikes and other forms of outdoor recreation will be sponsored by the department.

Brown and Melrose dormitories will be used for men; Fox, for women. Additional information may be obtained in Dean Lee's office.

Alumnus Writes

A novel set in the foothills of western North Carolina, written by a former Mars Hill College student, will be published early next year by Random House, Inc. John Foster West, assistant professor of English and director of journalism at Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Va., wrote the 100,000-word work entitled *Time Was*. West is a 1942 graduate of MHC and formerly was a news and sports reporter for the *Asheville Citizen-Times*. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, West helped found the *Carolina Quarterly*, a literary periodical, while at UNC.

He taught creative writing at Mars Hill College for nine years and has been on the Old Dominion faculty for the past six years.

Dorm Vote Announced

The results of Tuesday's campus-wide election of dormitory officers were announced Wednesday by the Student Government's elections committee. The following persons were chosen:

Fox — Jackie Norman, president; Jeanne Small, vice president; Brenda Simmons, secretary-treasurer.

Stroup — Cathy Broome, president; Carolyn Broome, vice president.

Huffman — Dianne Coltrain, president; Nancy Whitaker, vice president; Geraldine Beck, secretary-treasurer.

Myers — Joseph Oates, president; Bo Dishman, vice president; Glenn Thrush, secretary-treasurer.

Melrose — Bill Reeves, president; William Cole, vice president; Douglas Justice, secretary-treasurer.

Treat — Wade Davis, president; Thomas Merrell, vice president; John Taylor, secretary-treasurer.

The newly elected presidents of the four cottages in which MHC men reside are Joe Cole, Cooper; Robert Campbell, Wall; Jim Ritchie, Landers; and Chris Seaton, Woodrow.

The commuting students picked Norman Garrison as president; Janice Plemmons, vice president; and Boyd Perry, secretary-treasurer.

Historic Sites Lecture Slated

An illustrated lecture on historic sites will be given at the April meeting of the History Majors' Club in the library auditorium at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday.

Bob Conway, formerly a reporter for the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, will show slides and discuss such historic places as Jamestown, Old Salem, Tryon Palace and the Vance Birthplace. He is employed by the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History as director of the Vance Birthplace near Weaverville.

Frank Watkins, president of the club, said visitors will be welcomed.

Calendar

Apr. 18, movie "Good Morning, Miss Dove."

Apr. 20, movie "Strangers When We Meet."

Apr. 25, concert by North Carolina Symphony.

Apr. 26, movie "Suspicion."

Apr. 28, junior piano recital by Nancy Kendall.

Apr. 30, vocal recital by Douglas Therrell, baritone.

The one-man art exhibit by senior Rolly Reel will continue in the art gallery of the Fine Arts Building through May 11.