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### All-American

The Hilltop has just been notified by the Associated Collegiate Press of its rating as an All-American college newspaper.

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## 217 Await the Awarding of Degrees

### Teachers Coming, Leaving Create Changing Equation

Subtract seven, add two. That appears to be the temporary equation in a more-than-mathematical task on which Dean R. M. Lee is currently working. The figures concern teaching personnel.

In addition to three persons whose impending retirements have already been reported — Dr. Robert M. Moyers and Mr. J. W. Taylor — it now appears that four others will also be leaving the faculty and two will be returning. These are only temporary figures, however, for Dean Lee will announce the employment of others during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich of the music faculty will take leaves of absence to continue graduate studies at Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester

### Home Ec' Title Given

Mary Lynne Wilson, sophomore on Spruce Pine, has been elected "Miss Home Economics" for 1965, highest honor among coeds enrolled in the department.

Her selection was revealed Monday night at the final meeting of the school year of the Mars Hill College Chapter of the American Home Economics Association.

Very active in the chapters this year, she is recorder of the chapter and also a state AEA officer.

Another high point of the final meeting was the installation of officers. They included Melba Hawkins, chairman; Nancy Douglas, first vice chairman; Beth Howell, second vice chairman; Sylvia Wright, secretary; Maxine Plemmons, treasurer; Grace Taylor, reporter; Carol Kenning, editor; and Linda Plemmons, refreshment chair.

Members of the chapter were elected to 13 positions. The members of the chapter in recognition of their service throughout this school year: Mary Dennis, secretary; Beth Douglas, first vice chairman; Nancy Douglas, second vice chairman; Sylvia Wright, secretary; Maxine Plemmons, treasurer; Grace Taylor, reporter; Carol Kenning, editor; and Linda Plemmons, refreshment chair.

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(N.Y.). He will be working toward a doctorate; she, toward a masters.

Allen Pingel of the science department has accepted a graduate instructorship at the University of South Carolina, where he will be working for a doctorate in biology.

William Elliott of the English staff has resigned to accept a scholarship at the University of Alabama, where he plans to study for a doctorate in English.

Joseph Taylor, who joined the faculty here in 1960 and has been on a leave of absence for the last two school years, will return to the science department. He has been working on a Ph.D. in botany at Auburn University.

Also returning from a leave is Mrs. Lou Therrell. She will return this summer to take up teaching duties in the education department. She has been in graduate school this year at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone.

Other faculty members currently on leaves of absence include Bill Sherwood, biology; Anna Hines, music; Dick Hoffman, political science; David Knisley, history; Page Lee, religion; Haskell Ezell, physical education; Mrs. Pat Ezell, house economics.

(The hiring of a new coach and physical education instructor was announced Monday and is reported on Page 4 of this issue.)

### Yearbooks Available

Honor positions in the 1965 Laurel are shared by Miss Virginia Hart, a 20-year veteran of the faculty, and Miss Jean Miller, who is just completing her first year here.

The attractive yearbook was dedicated in chapel Thursday to Miss Hart. At the same time, Editor Allen Hayes revealed Miss Miller's selection as the featured beauty of the book, "Miss Laurel of 1965." She succeeds Jo Wells.

For Miss Hart the dedication was a repeat of the 1955 book, which also paid tribute to her.

Miss Miller was the choice of television star Andy Griffith from among seven finalists in the "Miss Laurel" contest.

Distribution of the annuals will continue in the student publication office in the Montague Building through the close of school. Only those certified by the bursar as having settled their college accounts are eligible for a copy.

Faculty members may purchase a copy through the Student Center. The price is \$5.25.

Preliminary work on the 1966 Laurel has already begun. Rising senior Tracy Heath has been named editor; other positions will be filled in the fall.

"Anyone who wants to work on the 1966 book should give me his or her name before leaving school," Heath said.

### Future Teachers Improve On National Exam Scores

Judging by the National Teacher Exams, Mars Hill's corp of school teachers are getting smarter every year.

Scores for 141 seniors who took the extensive national exams in February have just been received by the education department. They indicate that this year's students did a little better than last year's.

In 1964 the average score for 76 Mars Hillians taking a common exam was 557. This year it is 573. This year's average for North Carolina and the nation are 558 and 585 respectively.

A score of 450 is required for certification in the state. Only four Mars Hillians fell below this level.

The lowest score in 1964 was 415; the lowest this year is 417.

A look at the Mars Hillians in comparison to the rest of the nation on the common exam shows 45 in the lowest 25 per cent; 45 in the next lowest 25 per cent; 33 in the next-to-highest 25 per cent and 18 in the top 25 per cent.

Highest score on the common exam, which covers general education, was 768 achieved by Thomas Ashworth. This indicates he is among the top three per cent in the nation.

Other high scores on the general exam included Mrs. Bonita McCarron's 748, Patsy Corbin's 722, Peggy Evans' 715, Rex Reece's 715 and Barbara Nell Smith's 702.

In addition to the common exam, most of the students took an exam testing their knowledge of the area of their teaching specialty. Ken Murray in music and Kay Brooks in elementary education topped all Mars Hillians with 790 scores. This ranks them in the 98th percentile across the nation.

Highest scores in other areas were as follows: English, Mrs. McCarron, 760; business, Ruth Richardson, 720; art, Mary Lou Newman, 710; biology, David Montross, 690; history, Rex Reece, 680; home economics, Terry Sinclair, 660; mathematics, Barry Ashe, 650; physical education, Diane Vaughn, 650.

Mrs. McCarron's combined score of 1508 was the highest in the Mars Hill group. Others with high combined totals were Kay Brooks 1484, Ken Murray 1483, Ashworth 1568, Patsy Corbin 1462, Linda Ayscue 1435, Barbara Nell Smith 1432, Carolyn Rhodes 1413 and Joyce Dunlap 1407.

Sunday, May 30, will climax four years of diligent study for 217 Mars Hill seniors when they graduate at 3 p. m. in Moore Auditorium.

Activities for the day will begin with the baccalaureate service at 11 a. m. Because of the lack of seating accommodations, the service will be held in Moore Auditorium rather than in the local church as has been the custom in recent years.



The speaker for the morning service will be Dr. Henry E. Turlington, minister of the University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

Speaker for the graduation exercises will be Dr. Alvin Keppel, executive director of the Piedmont University Center in Winston-Salem. The Center is a corporation through which Mars Hill and 16 other colleges in the state cooperate for improvement and enrichment of their academic, fi-

### Two Clubs Authorized

Organizing of two social-service clubs — one for men and the other for women — has been approved by the Administrative Council.

Approval came last week after Bill Pruett, David Clapp, Libby Weathers and Betty Pate appeared before the Council to discuss the proposed clubs and to answer questions.

One Council member asked how much emphasis the clubs would place on service projects and how much on social activities, Clapp replied that the by-laws proposed for the new clubs specify the division of club funds on an 85-15 basis with the smaller amount going to social activities.

Council members appeared impressed with high goals proposed for the clubs and reassured that the organizing of the two groups will not create more problems than they help solve.

The Council did stipulate that no similar clubs shall be established until the initial two have had opportunity to prove their worth and to be evaluated, probably by the end of the 1965-66 fall semester.

The new clubs will officially add a new dimension to campus organizations, service projects.

### Five Selected

Five Mars Hillians are among 285 collegians throughout the state selected to participate in the second annual summer anti-poverty program sponsored by the North Carolina Volunteers.

Picked from over 800 applicants were Diane Coltrain, Brenda Stallings, Charles Felts, Dwight Childers and Carol Kendall.

nancial and cultural programs. Immediately prior to the graduation, Mrs. Donna Robertson of the music faculty will give an organ recital.

Awarding degrees to 127 women and 112 men will be President Hoyt Blackwell. The 217 figure includes 105 Bachelor of Art, 97 Bachelor of Science, 3 Bachelor of Music and 12 Bachelor of Music Education degrees.

Twenty-two other students will participate in the commencement exercises. Ten will be awarded Associate in Arts diplomas for the completion of two-year courses. The other 12 will receive commercial certificates for the completion of one-year terminal courses in business.

The 217 graduates compare with 146 degree graduates last year; however, receiving the "sheepskins" this year will be those who completed requirements for graduation in summer school last year and first semester as well as those just now completing their work.



Various other activities are planned for the days immediately prior to graduation. A student art exhibit will open at 4 p. m. Friday (May 28) on the mezzanine of the Fine Arts Building. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will begin at 10:30, Saturday in the Science Building.

The Business meeting of the Alumni Association will be that afternoon at 3:30 in Moore Auditorium. At 4:00 the classes of 1900, 1905, 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960 will hold reunions. Following this the alumni banquet will be held at 5:30. Guest speaker will be Dr. H. Walton Connelly, secretary of the Training Union Department of Baptist General Association in Virginia.

Following the banquet the departments of drama and music will present the musical "Little Mary Sunshine" in Moore Auditorium.

Members of the graduating class, their parents and friends will be welcomed to the banquet if reservations are made for them in advance through the Alumni Office in the Montague Building.

### Courses Added

Two courses not listed in the summer school bulletin will be offered during the first session, June 7 - July 13, John Hough, head of the department of education, announced this week.

Dr. George Kincaid will teach Education 41, American education, and Psychology 21, general psychology.

Psychology 22 will be offered during the second session, Hough said.

Anyone planning to attend summer school should notify Dean R. M. Lee immediately.