



Student Art Exhibited

A student art exhibition, sponsored by the Piedmont University Center, is now on display in the mezzanine of the Fine Arts Building. The collection, which arrived 6 Dec., will remain at Mars Hill until 16 Dec.

Mr. Chris Robertson, art department head, stated, "The works are rather experimental because they are student creations, and students are only fledgling artists. Our students should see these works to know what is being done in art departments in other schools."

Oils, collages, monoprints, batik, wood cuts, and drawings are among the types of work represented.

The 36 items in the exhibit were selected from Livingstone, Mars Hill, Salem, Greensboro, Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba, Pfeiffer, High Point, and A. and T. Colleges. Each school affiliated with the University Center is allowed to enter four paintings in the exhibition.

The next exhibition, slated for display in early January, will feature paintings by Larry Groce, a senior art student at Mars Hill. A collection of student ceramics also will be shown at this time.



Everyone was all smiles as Beverly Cansler (center) was crowned Miss Laurel '67 by Pam Culler, last year's Miss Laurel. Standing on the left with trophy is Jean Miller, Miss Laurel '65.

Cansler Wins Miss Laurel Crown

"I hope to live up to the image of Miss Laurel," was the comment of Beverly Cansler, a junior from Newton, after winning the Miss Laurel crown Monday night. Beverly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Cansler, is an elementary education major with her area of concentration being English.

Janis Elam, junior from Mars Hill, was named first runner-up. Other finalists were Cornelia Akers, Debbie Bauer, and Ann Peebles.

In talent competition Beverly presented a humorous monologue from a Peter, Paul, and Mary album, "In Concert." Janis gave a dramatic presentation from "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. She portrayed the part of Emily in the graveyard scene.

When asked what she considered her major responsibility as a

freshman counselor, Beverly stated, "To accept each girl as an individual, expecting nothing great of any and appreciating the smallest qualities of each is my chief aim."

Beverly, representing Spilman Dorm, serves as a freshman counselor, president of Scriblerus Honor Club, secretary of the Dramateers, a college marshal, and was a Christian Focus Week Co-Chairman this year.

Becky Sluder, freshman class representative, was chosen as Miss Congeniality.

The program centered around the theme, "On a Clear Day" and featured soloists Cammy McDonald and Candy Coles. Pam Culler, Miss Laurel 1966, sang "Exodus," which was her talent entry in last year's pageant.

SGA Sponsoring Vietnam Christmas

Dr. Billy Graham has taken \$270 donated by the SGA to Vietnam where it is being distributed by an army chaplain to meet the needs he finds most wanting.

Jim Richardson, head of the Vietnam project, stated that since the money was taken from SGA funds, it is hoped that students will help reimburse the SGA when the social service clubs collect money in the dorms for this purpose.

David Hopstetter, student body president, has issued a statement

concerning the project, "The Vietnam Christmas project is a worthy one and merits the support and cooperation of the student body."

Sigma Kappa Lambda has donated \$15 to the project, and Mr. C. G. Fox, a college trustee, has given \$20.

In other SGA news, a study room, which opened 5 Dec., has been set up in Administration 31. The room is available to all students except freshmen girls and is open 7-11 p.m. Monday through Friday. Managed by SGA representatives, the study room was opened to offer students a quiet place to study.

In an effort to draw the SGA closer to the student body, eight senators visited dormitories to hear student questions and complaints. Grips expressed concern over the cafeteria, telephone service, handbook regulations, parking lot fees, class cuts, library hours, and room searches.

The majority of student complaints were submitted to committees to be acted upon later. Also discussed was the possibility of establishing an SGA office and of displaying an American flag in chapel.

Judges for this year's pageant were Mrs. Teresa Baucom of Waynesville, Senator Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill, and Mr. Tuck Gudger of Asheville.

Mr. Gudger has judged "Miss Asheville," "Miss South Carolina," "Miss Southern Textile," "Miss Southern 500," and "Miss Illinois" pageants.

Bill Carter served as director of this year's pageant. Technical director was Mike Yelton, and Perry White assisted in general stage management.

Freshmen Elect Brookshire

David Brookshire, whose brother was student body president '64-65, narrowly edged out Harold Boger in a runoff election last Monday, 5 Dec., to become freshman president. In relatively light voting, Brookshire was able to poll only 20 more votes than Boger. The final tally was Brookshire 156, Boger 136.

The vice-presidency was decided 2 Dec. in favor of Mary Belle Lawton. Mary defeated Danny McCurry 171 to 130.

Judy Hirschberg defeated Cathy Ann Gray 174 to 113 for secretary. Helen Kugley managed to outpace Carol Rountree for treasurer with a 153-136 vote count.

Another runoff involved

Thomas Dolinger and Edwin L. Griffin Jr. for male senator. Griffin copped this position with a margin of over 100. Dolinger collected 95 votes while Griffin garnered 197.

Donna Williams successfully defeated her opponent, Melba Smith, by six votes for girl senator. Donna pulled 150 votes opposed to Melba's 144.

Roger Williams and Kindall Goble were eliminated for president and male senator respectively in 2 Dec. election.

Election officials reported a lighter turnout than anticipated, especially in view of the keen competition.

Death Saddens Many

Joseph Elwood Roberts, 52, associate professor of music at Mars Hill College, died 17 Nov. in an Asheville hospital after a long illness. He had been a member of the faculty since 1944, teaching music theory, piano, organ, band, conducting, and several other phases of music. In 1949 he founded the annual Mars Hill Choral Clinic for high school students and had been its coordinator since that time.

Mr. Roberts was a native of Ohio, but came to western North Carolina while still a youth. He was graduated from the old Grace High School in Asheville in 1931 and took his B.A. degree in music from Berea College in Kentucky. He received his master of music degree from the University of

Michigan and did postgraduate study at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee, and Eastman School of Music at University of Rochester, N. Y.

Before his illness, Mr. Roberts had been organist and minister of music at Mars Hill Baptist Church. He was formerly minister of music of Westwood Baptist Church in Asheville. He was a deacon of Mars Hill Baptist Church and a member of the Music Educator's National Conference.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, Mrs. Thaida Roberts, two sons, one daughter, three foster children, and his mother, Mrs. Daisy Roberts of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, 19 Nov.

Coffee House Open Tonight

"The Alley Door, Mars Hill's own coffee house, is having its grand opening immediately after the conclusion of the final one-act play tonight and will remain open until 12 p.m.," reports Dennis Hill, chairman of the coffee house committee.

"The Alley Door was named anonymously, so there is no contest winner as such, but everyone gets to enjoy the winner's privileges. No charges will be made for coffee, cokes, or cookies on opening night, though donations will be accepted at the counter. The menu will be expanded later.

"The opening program will feature Christmas decorations and music (both live and recorded).

"This opening night is not a finished coffee shop; each week and month will bring changes as new possibilities are discovered.

"Several groups should be cited for their help to us," concludes Hill. "Sigma Kappa Lambda has been working with some campus organizations in preparing club plaques for the walls of the Alley Door. SKL is providing masonite squares for any club which desires to design a plaque. Delta Phi Zeta plans to supply red curtains for the Alley Door as well as unique ash trays made from 78 rpm records. Sigma Alpha Chi is preparing table cloths and the Pep Club is helping with lighting fixtures."

Drama Series Tonight

Five one-act plays representing a wide variety of drama types are being presented by the drama department this weekend, according to Dr. Charles Cox, department head. Curtain time for the two plays to be presented in the Owen Building tonight is 8:00 p.m.

Friday's presentations ranged from a spine-tingling horror tale, "The Monkey's Paw," to a comedy-satire, "Suppressed Desires," to a modern interpretation of the emptiness of man's relationships in "The Sandbox."

"The Monkey's Paw," originally a short story by W. W. Jacobs, a London author, was adapted for the stage by Louis N. Parker. It was directed by Candy Coles, junior drama major, whose previous experience includes a professional acting role in "The Sound of Music" last summer and the assistant directorship of Mars Hill's production of "The Music Man."

"Suppressed Desires" by Susan Glaspell was directed by David Jones. Jones, who is interested in religious drama, has appeared in many Mars Hill productions including "The Music Man" in which he played Professor Hill.

Mike Yelton, who has performed in and directed numerous productions at Mars Hill, was director of "The Sandbox" by Edward Albee, author of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Yelton has directed many of our chapel programs including the Thanksgiving program.

Two plays by Eugene O'Neill are on the program for tonight. "The Rope" and "Where the Cross is Made" are psychological studies of the human character.

"The Rope" is directed by Wyanette Wilson of Bakersville. She is a senior and has served chiefly backstage in Mars Hill productions.

Nancy Wyatt, a senior from Burnsville, is directing "Where the Cross is Made." She has also done backstage work.

Dr. Cox concluded by naming the cast for the five plays which include Wayne Staples, Sheila Stephenson, Linda Duck, Cammy McDonald, Mike Mundy, Dan Hayes, Wayne Slagle, Sandra Wilson, Ron Pulliam, Ken Goble, Katie Swofford, James Turner, Diane Starner, James Dyer, Larry Lance, Bob Kinsey, Deborah Compton, Jack Sanders, Andy Biro, Kathy Young, and Laura Lamberth.

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