



Hilltop Founder Retires

Six members of the faculty and staff—including the founder of the HILLTOP—are retiring. They include:

John A. McLeod, professor of English, who has been acting head of his department the last two years and who has been a member of the faculty continuously since 1924;

Mrs. Nona Moore Roberts, professor of French and head of the Department of Modern Languages, who has been a Mars Hillian ever since she was six months old and a member of the faculty for 38 years;

William Whitney, professor of accounting; Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson, reserve librarian; and dormitory hostesses, Mrs. Rose Main Melrose and Mrs. Maria Sparrow of Stroup.

All were honored by their colleagues last Saturday night at a dinner in the cafeteria.

Additional accolades await them on May 27 during the annual alumni banquet, when many former students will have an opportunity to express their feelings.

Mr. McLeod—widely called "Mister Mac"—has been the official voice of the college for most of his 43 years here.

A native of Roberson County who was reared in South Carolina and did his undergraduate study at Furman, Mr. McLeod served under Mars Hill's three most recent presidents.

With the assistance of a student, J. P. Huskins, now editor and publisher of a daily newspaper in Statesville, Mister Mac established the HILLTOP as a campus newspaper at the opening of the fall semester in 1926 and served as advisor for many years.

In 1955 the college published the official history of its first 100

years. The volume, entitled FROM THESE STONES, was written by Mister Mac. In preparing the book he spent several years in careful research, seeking out long-forgotten minutes of important meetings, talking with old-timers who had known the original founders of the college, even visiting neglected graveyards to obtain strategic dates from weathered headstones.

Mister Mac was an official correspondent for the Asheville CITIZEN-TIMES for more than 25 years and served as chief press officer of the college for even longer.

Several college publications have felt his editorial genius, including the catalogue and a twice-yearly alumni magazine which is distributed to nearly 15,000 people. His creative writing and journalism classes have produced several authors, and his dry wit and Job-like patience (he is an ordained minister) have contributed to the life of the campus, the local church and the community.

As he explains in an inimitable speech style, Mister Mac began a few years ago "fading out" with regard to several of his non-teaching responsibilities. The press relations duties were assumed by Walter Smith, who this year has assumed the editorships of the catalogue and the alumni magazine.

When the 112th school year begins in August, Mister Mac's position at the helm of the English Department will be filled by a newcomer, Joseph Palmer Schubert of Colorado; however, the beloved professor will still frequent the campus. The trustees have authorized him to begin a post-retirement task of up-dating the official history of the college.



Art Club Founded

A new club for Mars Hill students interested in art is presently being formed. Three meetings have been held, and complete organization is scheduled for next year.

Gene Boone has been elected president and Heather Brose, vice-president of the 20-member group. Club activity plans for the fall semester are not yet complete.

Purposes of the club are to enable interested students to bring art activities to the student body through club projects. Mr. Robert Haycraft will serve as advisor.

A senior art exhibit is now on exhibition in the Fine Arts mezzanine. Works of Jos Vandermeer, Carol Campbell, and De Etta Watson are on display. Vandermeer received second prize in a student exhibit at Northwestern Bank Building 12 May. His work is still being shown in the bank at this time.

Degrees To Be Conferred

Degrees will be awarded to approximately 205 members of the Class of 1967 during commencement exercises in Moore Auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday, 28 May.

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Preliminary figures supplied by the registrar indicate the following breakdown: BS degree, 104; BA, 85; Bachelor of Music, 7; Bachelor of Music Education, 9.

Hill Journeys To Philippines

Dennis Hill, a senior in Mars Hill College, is among 61 young people invited by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to train this summer for journeyman service overseas. Final approval depends upon completion of training.

In addition, about 11 persons are expected to receive the Associate in Arts diploma in business and six others, commercial certificates for successful conclusion of one-year courses in business.

Dennis expects to work at the Baptist student center in Dagupan, Philippines.

Last year the figures were 195 total, 97 BA, 92 BS, 4 BM, 2 BME, 3 AA and 5 CC.

Southern Baptist journeymen are single college graduates under 27 years of age who spend two years overseas sharing their Christian faith while performing certain skills under the direction of career missionaries.

This year's commencement will see a departure from a longstanding custom, that of having both a baccalaureate and a commencement speaker. Dr. Elmer West, pastor of the local church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the auditorium at 11 a.m., but there will be no commencement speech.

A history major at Mars Hill College, he intends to enter the ministry.

Members of the Class of '67, whether graduating or not, have been invited with their guests to the annual alumni banquet, which will be in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 27 May.

Commenting on journeyman service, Dennis says: "There are many people who cannot go abroad to serve God. If I am able, I think it is part of my responsibility to do so. I expect to gain much more in experience than I can give in these two years."

Dr. H. F. Robinson, an alumnus of '37 who is administrative dean for research at N. C. State University in Raleigh, will be the dinner speaker. A special feature of the evening will be the presentation of alumnus and alumna of the year awards.

He and the other prospective journeymen will enter training at Virginia Interment College, Bristol, Va., on 17 June. Their curriculum will include Christian doctrine, Bible, missions, evangelism, area studies and world affairs, language study, training for special skills, health and personal development, and physical education.

Other activities scheduled during the commencement weekend include performances of Shakespeare's play TWELFTH NIGHT Saturday, reunions of classes of 1902, 1907, 1912, etc., business sessions of the alumni association and the board of trustees and an organ recital by Mrs. Donna Robertson.

These trainees bring the Foreign Mission Board's overseas staff to nearly 2,300.

Hilltop Merit Buttons

- vote republican - Dr. Underwood
- MR. sominex - Dean Lynch
- STOP SIGNS FOREVER - Mr. Tilson
- the greasy spoon - Cafeteria
- Miss Handbook '67 - Mrs. Clark
- JOKE of 67 - Lyceum Series
- super john - John Stancil
- I LOVE ME - Dr. Jenkins
- nobody loves me - Campus Cop
- HERD OF TURTLES SPEED AWARD - Tilson's Engineers
- STAMP OUT BUTTONS - Hilltop
- IMPOSSIBLE DREAM - Federal Aid
- WALLACE '68 - Fernando Downs
- Big sister - Mrs. Carson
- Abolish Editors - Dave Hopstetter
- Mumble Mumble Mumble - Mr. McLeod
- STRANGERS in the NIGHT - Dean Logan
- WHEN I WAS A BOY - Dean Lee
- I WANT MY NAME IN THE hilltop - Wayne Hunt
- There's always room for JELLO - Cafeteria
- I Don't Make the Rules - "Miss Julia"