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Twenty-six seniors have been chosen to represent Mars Hill College in the 1968 edition of the national publication "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." They are (l. to r.), top row: David Jones, Ann Russell Lancaster, Frances Bee Mayo, Perry White, Catherine Martin, Jay Flippin, Maxie Ann Rayford, Janis Elam, Carroll Reed and Joel Reed; second row: Ann Cantrell, Ruff Wheless, Judy Whitlow, Beverly Cansler, Clarence Young, Martha Morris, Richard Gaskin, Sylvia Fulbright, Charan Dibert and Paul Early Jr.; third row: James Smith, Bill Dyar, Rebecca Bergen, Ronald Aldridge, James C. Richardson and Mary Ann Smith.



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Collegiate Who's Who Picks Twenty-Six Mars Hillians

Thirteen men and 13 women—all seniors at Mars Hill College—have been chosen for inclusion in the forthcoming edition of the nationally recognized publication "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

The list was revealed this week by Registrar Robert Chapman, whose office handles the nominations and related paperwork. As in previous years, all of Mars

Hill's nominations for the honor were accepted by the publication's editorial board.

Those selected (pictured above) vary in their major fields and extracurricular activities, but they share a common dedication to their studies. All are high-ranking academically.

The ones newly chosen for the honor constitute only the third group of Mars Hillians ever to appear in the publication. Twenty were picked for the 1966 edition and 23 were selected for 1967.

Thus far Mars Hill has been represented only by seniors although juniors are eligible.

Nominations for "Who's Who" are made by an anonymous faculty committee and tallied by Mr. Chapman, who submits the names to the publication's senior editor. The final decision as to which ones will be included in the publication is usually announced in November from the publication's headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The publication is a bound volume of biographical sketches on outstanding college students across the nation. A frame-able certificate is awarded to each person chosen to appear in the book. At Mars Hill these certificates are presented during commencement.

In addition to the recognition at commencement, those named to "Who's Who" will be cited in a special section of the yearbook. Editor Mike Swaim said appointments will be made soon with the 26 honored students for the making of individual pictures for the 1968 Laurel.



Vocalist Returns

The "Singer of the Year," Mrs. Marilyn Burris (above) of Greensboro, will give a recital in Moore Auditorium at 8 p.m. Monday, to which the public as well as the student body and faculty is invited.

Mrs. Burris is the wife of Dr. William Burris, head of the Department of Political Science at Guilford College. Dr. Burris was a member of the Mars Hill faculty during 1960-61.

A graduate of Meredith College and Manhattan School of Music in New York, Mrs. Burris won the "Singer of the Year" title in national competition earlier this year sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Her appearance here is part of a nation-wide tour arranged as one of the prizes in the contest.

Mrs. Burris won the "Young Artist Award" in Charleston, S. C., in 1959 and subsequently appeared with the Charleston Symphony. She also has been soloist with the Manhattan Orchestra the University of North Carolina Symphony and has performed several times in the UNC Opera Theater.

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Convention Approves MHC Title III Request

In a surprising reversal of previous stands the Baptist State Convention approved Tuesday and Wednesday a request that Mars Hill College be allowed to participate in a federally-funded Title III program for faculty development.

The request was brought to the convention, meeting in Asheville, on a motion by the Rev. John Knight, pastor of the Calvary Church of Asheville who was re-elected a trustee of Mars Hill during the same convention session.

An overwhelming majority of the 2800 messengers approved the motion Tuesday afternoon despite vigorous opposition. Opponents of the measure, led by the Rev. H. L. Ferguson of Charlotte, tried unsuccessfully Wednesday to get the messengers to rescind their action.

The Rev. Nane Starnes, another Asheville pastor who is also a trustee, spoke strongly in favor

of Mr. Knight's motion as did Dr. Joseph McLain, Shelby pastor, and others. Several of Mars Hill's trustees were present to support the request, which they had officially endorsed at a trustee meeting here May 28.

President Fred Bentley was elated by the convention action. He said he interpreted the two overwhelming votes as indication of the feeling of a majority of North Carolina Baptists.

Mars Hill College does not have sufficient faculty members with the doctorate to meet accreditation standards and is short of teachers with three year's graduate study beyond the bachelor's degree.

The convention action permits the college to apply to the federal government for funding of a two-year faculty improvement program, in which Mars Hill would be affiliated with the University of Georgia. Here's how the program would work:

A current member of the faculty who needs additional graduate study would be granted a leave of absence with pay. The University of Georgia would provide a teaching fellow (acceptable to the MHC administration) to replace the faculty member on leave. The teaching fellow's salary would be paid out of Title III funds.

This program has frequently been referred to as "federal aid"; however, Mr. Knight carefully explained that all of the funds (approximately \$140,000 in this case) go to individuals and not to the college.

Decision Due On Accreditation

A decision will be made during the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Dallas, Nov. 26-29, on Mars Hill's application for accreditation as a senior college.

President Fred Bentley and Dean R. M. Lee will attend the meeting. They have agreed to telephone the results back to the campus immediately following the vote, but Dr. Bentley jokingly told the faculty last week, "If it's unfavorable, I may just go on to Mexico and live in exile."