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Derby Day is a Success

Derby Day, April 13, was a day of fun and games on campus as more than 300 students participated in the third annual affair. A spokesman for the Derby Day committee termed the day "a huge success."

The traditional chariot race, greased pig chase, bicycle race, greased pole climb, pie-eating contest and tug-of-wars were wild, as is the custom. Added this year were the water-balloon toss, scavenger hunt, apple bob, piggy-back race, and modified chariot race. Several clubs on campus aided the all-day festivities by selling various concessions.

Harry "Greek" Cavalaris was master of ceremonies and joined the festivities by "taking a dip" into the apple-bob pool as well as mud bathing in the tug-of-war trough.

The pie-flinging, mud-slinging events were followed by a fried chicken picnic on Huffman Beach.

At 8 p.m. the Jesters set up the amphitheater for the Derby Day concert. Most viewers and participants apparently enjoyed the concert.

According to Terry Parker, Derby Day co-chairman, it was the best Derby Day yet, and quite a success. Participation was excellent, and it brought a welcome change for an 'off' Saturday afternoon.

A partial list of winners are: greased pole—David Keen, chariot race—Alpha Phi Omega, Modified Chariot Race—Spilman, Pie-eating contest—Mombo Johnston, apple bob—Doug Hoy, Girls greased pig—Britt Brittle and Rose Parsekian, Piggy back race—Bobbie Miller and Mike Webb, scavenger hunt—freshman class, and tug-of-war boys—P.E. majors (girls) Sigma Alpha Chi.

The committee for Derby Day expressed regret that everyone could not be a winner. They did have a word for the losers, however, "Just wait until next year!"



Hilltop photographer Ted Ellmore caught this group of girls, evidently enjoying themselves after the greased pig competition at Derby Day.

Nixon Takes Campus Poll By Wide Margin

Richard Nixon emerged a better than two-to-one victor over his nearest opponent in a presidential primary held on campus April 14, in a moderate turnout of student voters. Around 450 students cast ballots for the Presidency.

Nixon racked up a total of 169 votes to lead Robert F. Kennedy, his nearest rival by 98 votes. Kennedy polled 71. In third place was Eugene McCarthy with 69. Fourth place went to Nelson Rockefeller with 51 votes.

Others receiving votes included George Wallace, 29; Hubert Humphrey, 23; John Lindsay, 14; Lyndon Johnson, 2; Charles Percy, 1; and Pat Paulson, 1.

In the gubernatorial race for Governor of North Carolina, James Gardner won with 88 votes.

He was followed by Bob Scott with 73 and Mel Broughton with 70. John Stickley got 15 and Dr. Reginald Hawkins polled 4.

In the race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Republican Joe Morgan won with 76 votes. He was followed by Democrats Everett Miller, 44; Raymond Stone, 43; and Craig Phillips, 41.

The Democratic defeat in the state races was attributed to a split in the Democratic vote. According to campus political experts, the Democrats could expect to take the governorship and the Superintendent of Public Instruction in a one-to-one battle. It was conceded, however, that Nixon could probably take anyone in a one-on-one battle for the Presidency.

Nixon's total represents approximately 37.5 percent of the total vote. The number two man, Kennedy polled only 15.7 percent of the total vote.

The vote may indicate a trend in collegiate thinking, or it may merely be a trend in North Carolina Baptist college thinking. Wake Forest held a similar primary in February, and Nixon emerged victorious, with around 58 percent of the total vote.

The election at Mars Hill was sponsored by Mr. Richard Hoffman's political parties class. Reportedly, a general election for the campus is slated in the fall.

Mr. Hoffman expressed his thanks to all those who voted in the election. He also expressed his appreciation and thanks to those who carried out the administration of it, especially Terry Parker.

For its March meeting the club had a field trip to the Gerber baby food plant in Asheville. Following the tour the club had a dinner meeting with Mr. Thomas Mackinon of Ernst & Ernst in Charlotte speaking on data processing.

The next meeting is to be a picnic on April 23. All business students are urged to attend.

Spring Festival Set For Next Saturday

The first annual Spring Festival will begin at 2 p.m. next Saturday, April 27. It will be held in the amphitheatre. The queen of spring, as selected by the student body, will be Miss Ginger Eddleman, escorted by Joel Reed. Miss Mary Shepard is to be the maid of honor, escorted by Jack Frederick.

There are three attendants from each class. Representing the senior class are Maxie Rayford, escorted by Mr. Richard Rayford; Russ Lancaster, escorted by Robert Henley; and Ann Cantrell, escorted by James Wilkes.

Junior class attendants are Jean Dunn, escorted by Steve King; Sally Spaulding, escorted by Bill Dyar; and Lynette Vaughn, escorted by Wayne Barber.

Mary Belle Lawton, escorted by James Carroll; Maria Hunt, escorted by Bob Drake; and Pam Murray, escorted by Jerry Blevins are the sophomore class attendants.

For the freshman class, representatives are Nancy Collis, escorted by David Smith; Janet Lester, escorted by Michael Gillespie; and Myra Smith, escorted by Ed Griffin.

At the Spring Festival festivities, the choir and band will perform "Testament of Freedom," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and selections from the Sound of

Music. Robert Rich will direct the choir and Wayne Pressley will direct the band.

Trumpeters will be Don Peach and Tony Dinapoli.

Vera Melvin will be the crown bearer.

A reception will be held in Chambers Lounge after the festivities. Faculty members, court and their families are invited. The girls' dresses are being supplied by Ivey's of Asheville.

The Spring Festival takes the place of May Day, a long-standing tradition of Mars Hill. It was not feasible to have a May Day this year due to the new school calendar.

As she has for many years, Miss Virginia Hart is the director of the "May Day—Spring Festival" activities.

It was felt that something important would be lacking from the semester and school year if the "May Day tradition" were allowed to lapse into history and memories of days gone by.

Upward Bound Program To Begin

by Penny Roberts

Dr. John Hough has announced the receipt of a federal aid grant of \$66,609 for participation in an Upward Bound program. The grant lasts for 13 months—from May 15, 1968 to June 15, 1969.

Upward Bound is a program for high school students who are disadvantaged both economically and culturally.

There will be an eight week program here in the summer for about 50 students. Dr. Hough hopes to keep in close contact with the students throughout the year, and hopes the same students will return the following summer.

The students, rising sophomores and juniors in high school, will be offered instruction in math and English in the mornings. The afternoons will be devoted to physical education and drama. Cultural tours and trips will be on nights and on weekends. Such trips will be to playhouses, outside dramas, and other such places. A trip to Raleigh is a possibility.

Dr. Hough, the project director, drew up the program which includes seven teachers from high schools and colleges and seven students who will work as tutors, counselors in academic work, and will live in the dorms with the students. Teachers from Mars Hill participating in the program are Mr. James Thomas, Coach Charles Phillips, and Mr. Emmett Sams.

The 50 students will come from South French Broad High School, Erwin High School, North Buncombe High School, and the five Madison County high schools.

SAM Gets University Rank

The Mars Hill Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management has been granted permission by the Admissions Committee of the University Division of the Society for the Advancement of Management to become a member of the University Division. Since the campus chapter was organized in 1965 it has been under the Junior College Division. According to a spokesman for the chapter it is a great honor to receive university status. The Admissions Committee stated, "From the fine spirit that has been evident, we are confident that the Mars Hill Chapter will soon take its place among the top in the University Division." New officers of the Mars Hill Chapter were elected in January

and will serve during the current semester as well as the fall semester next year. The officers are: Stan Sellstrom from Asheville, president; Don Gilreath from Charlotte, vice-president; and Linda Morrison from Hendersonville, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Charlie Narron is the faculty advisor.