

WELCOME ALUMNI

Formal opening of Belk Auditorium and Wren College Union will highlight the two-day Homecoming activities this weekend.

The events will begin with the arrival of the Board of Advisors Friday afternoon. The 100-member board will hold a business meeting and election of new officers following a dinner Friday evening.

Climaxing the evening's events will be the formal dedication of the Belk Auditorium. The ceremony begins at 9:45 p.m. in front of the auditorium which is adjacent to the college union.

The 300-seat facility is named for the late Mrs. Mary Lenora Irwin Belk, wife of the co-founder of the Belk stores throughout the South. Members of the family will be on hand for the unveiling of the plaque commemorating Mrs. Belk's memory.

Friday's activities will conclude with a concert by the Warner Brothers recording group "Earth, Wind, and Fire," in Moore Auditorium. No admission will be charged for the concert which starts at 8 p.m.; but a current ID card or ticket will be needed. Those interested in obtaining tickets should

contact the director of the college union (phone 689-1121).

A registration desk will be set up in the central lobby of the college union Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. All visitors and alumni are requested to register there.

A luncheon honoring Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Wren of Gastonia, for whom the \$1.2 million college union building is named, will be held at noon. Dr. Wren is a fourth-term member of the Board of Trustees and was the recipient of the first honorary doctorate ever awarded by the college.

Portraits of Dr. and Mrs. Wren will be unveiled during the formal opening ceremonies to be held in the reception lounge of the huge and luxurious new building at 1 p.m.

A pre-game show by the marching band will signal the start of football activities with the kick off of the Mars Hill-Gardner Webb game slated for 2:30. Half-time action will again feature the band, directed by Ray Babelay, and the crowning of the homecoming queen.

In other activities, the fourth annual Alumni Council workshop will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday

and the Business Club Alumni Association will hold its 34th annual reunion in the lower lobby of Memorial Library immediately following the football game. The group will hold their annual banquet in the college cafeteria at 7 p.m. The weekend will close with a victory dance in the McConnell Building starting at 8 p.m. for which there is no charge; and a special preview production of "Rivals," a musical adaptation of Sheridan's "The Rivals" by faculty member C. Robert Jones, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the recently renovated Owen Theatre.

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ERIC GARNER new HILLTOP EDITOR

by Cole Harris

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1973, the Communication Board of the college selected Eric M. Garner as the new editor of the Hilltop Student Newspaper. With this selection Eric became a member of the Communication Board which consists of representatives from the administration, faculty, SGA, representative from each class, the 4 advisors, and the leaders of the 4 student communications media. These four are Ken Chamlee, the editor of the literary magazine "Cadenza"; Priscilla Canupp, the editor of the yearbook *Laurel*; Roy Gullick, the station manager of WMHC radio; and finally Eric Garner as the editor of the Hilltop.

Eric began as interim editor for the past issue. As of his appointment on Oct. 2, he has begun to build a staff and work for a newspaper which he describes as, "constantly working to improve as a paper which can represent all aspects of campus life and college functions. It



The 1973 Homecoming Court

Left to right: Myra Sue Small, freshman; Jean Robinson Cherry, senior; Rita Jean Moore, junior; and Karen Louise Hutchinson, sophomore.

is vital that all four of the communications media, here at MHC, cooperate and help one another whenever possible." The Hilltop is the most active of the media, here on campus, in presenting current news.

Keeping harmony with the other media; satisfying the students, administration, faculty, and community; working hardily with his staff; and maintaining good business records and procedures in producing a student newspaper, is the high pressure job which Eric now holds. Eric is a sophomore English major. He presently is serving with Senior John Allison as co-directors in the Sports Information Department. He is also serving as President of Myers Residence Hall. Eric has

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Schedule of Homecoming Activities

Friday, Oct. 26:

- 8:00 p.m. Concert by Earth, Wind, and Fire
- 8:00 p.m. Premiere of the *Rivals* (alumni only)
- 9:30 p.m. Dedication and Ribbon Cutting for Belk Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 27:

- 8:00-11:30 a.m. Wren College Union Open for Tours
- 1:00 p.m. Dedication and Ribbon Cutting for Wren College Union
- 2:00 p.m. Pre-game Parade at Meares Stadium
- 2:30 p.m. The Mighty Lions to Battle With the Bulldogs of Gardner Webb
- AT HALF-TIME--Presentation of the Homecoming Court and Selection of the Homecoming Queen
- 8:00-12:00 p.m. Dance in McConnell Gym Featuring "Cambridge"

Sunday, Oct. 28:

- 8:30 p.m. Movie in Moore Auditorium, "Vampire Circus"

Wednesday, Oct. 31:

- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Two Big Horror Flicks in Moore Auditorium, "Countess Dracula" and "The Other"

RIVALS

by Jim Baker

The musical comedy *Rivals*, billed as a "Happy New Musical," is going to be presented Nov. 3 and 5-10 in Owen Theatre by the Mars Hill College Drama Department. This play, which was written by one of our own faculty members, C. Robert Jones, has never been presented anywhere before and is sure to delight lovers of music and comedy.

Directed by Mr. T. Thomas, the cast includes Pam Smith as Lydia (female lead), David Covington as Absolute (male lead), Dr. Earl Leininger as Sir Anthony Absolute, Pam Polk as Juliet, and Neil St. Clair as Faulkland. The setting of the play is

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