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Commencement Set For May 18 & 19

MARS HILL — A two-day schedule of traditional events May 18 & 19, has been announced as the college prepares to close out its 118th academic year. The events will begin Saturday morning, May 18, when the Board of Trustees holds its Spring business meeting at 10 a.m.

Highlights of the weekend will be the annual "Alumni Day" on

Saturday; the baccalaureate service on Sunday morning, delivered by Dr. Perry Crouch of Raleigh; and the graduation exercises Sunday afternoon, at which approximately 300 seniors will receive degrees.

Dr. Crouch served the First Baptist Church of Asheville from 1944 through 1963. The nominal head of the Baptists in North Carolina, Dr. Crouch is the general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, which claims more than a million members in 3,300 churches from the mountains to the sea.

A native of Alexander County, Dr. Crouch was educated at Lenoir Rhyne College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Prior to his pastorate in Asheville, he served churches in Morganton and Fayetteville. He served on Mars Hill's Board of Trustees from 1960 through 1963.

Alumni activities will officially start with a meeting of the Alumni Association in Belk Auditorium at 3:30 Saturday, but a registration table will be set up in the main lounge of the new Wren College Union from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, and again on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Class reunions will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday in the college union with the classes from years ending in "4" and "9" being honored. Highlight of the activities will be the banquet Saturday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Coyte Bridges Cafeteria.

Following the dinner, a pops concert by the Departments of Music and Theatre Arts will be held in Moore Auditorium. Curtain time for the show is 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, events will shift from former students to the present graduating students. Dr. Crouch will deliver his baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday in Moore Auditorium. The congregation of the Mars Hill Baptist Church will join in this service and the college choir will present special music.

At 3 p.m., the processional of students and faculty will march into Moore Auditorium for the commencement rituals. Dr. Richard Hoffman, vice president for academic affairs, will present the graduating class and will preside over the individual recognition of seniors who have completed degree requirements. Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of the college, will present each individual his diploma and will then address the graduates briefly. No other commencement address is planned.

During the weekend an exhibit by students and members of the Art Department will be on display in the Fine Arts Building. Alumni President Lenoard Tilson of Winston-Salem urges "all former students, especially those classes having reunions, to make every effort to attend our Alumni Day and Commencement Weekend celebration."

New Editors for '74-'75

The Communications Board announced the following new editors at the close of their business meeting Tuesday, April 23: Hilltop editor: Sarah Traylor; Laurel editor: Susan Benjamin; Cadenza editor: Linda Davis;

and WMHC station manager: Ernie Howard.

Miss Traylor is a rising junior from Fayetteville, and is an Elementary Education major. Miss Benjamin is a rising senior music major from Charlotte.

Miss Davis is a rising senior English major from Forestville, Maryland. Ernie Howard is a rising sophomore from Burnsville and is a Business Administration major.



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College Receives \$35,000

MARS HILL — Mars Hill College President, Dr. Fred B. Bentley, has announced that a grant for \$35,000 has been received from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations this week. The grant was made to the college's capital development fund and will be used to amortize two of the school's newest buildings, Wren College Union and the Cornwell Building.

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations were established in 1952 by Mr. Davis and in 1965 following his death. Arthur Vining Davis was the son of a Congregational minister, who moved with determination into the business world after graduating first in his class from Amherst College. He started as a bookkeeper with the Pittsburg Reduction Company and worked his way to the presidency of the company which had been renamed the Aluminum Company of America.

In 1949 he had advanced to the Chairman of the Board of Alcoa and moved his residence from Pittsburg to South Florida. He had invested substantially in land there and in the Bahamas and was director of numerous major corporations. Mr. Davis, at his death in 1962, was one of Florida's best known and respected businessmen.

Dr. Bentley stated that the grant will be used to provide equipment and furnishings for the new buildings. Wren College Union, which was formally opened during homecoming this year, is a \$1.2 million structure named for Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Wren of Gastonia. The Cornwell Building, a classroom and faculty office building dedicated during the 1973 graduation exercises, is named for Mr. George Thomas Cornwell of Morganton.

In accepting the grant Dr. Bentley said, "We are indeed thrilled that we have been selected to receive this grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. This grant comes at a time which is very valuable to Mars Hill College. While we have formally occupied our two new buildings, this grant will enable us to furnish and equip them to a higher degree than would be possible at the present time."

Spring Festival Next Week

Wren College Union and various other organizations have planned an exciting and dramatic Spring Festival for students at M.H.C. which will last from April 29th until May 5, 1974.

To start the Festival, the concerts and Dance committee will be sponsoring an outside concert featuring the "Mission Mtn. Woodband," called by some the "greatest electric bluegrass combo from Montana is described by the Chicago Daily News as "an incredible array of five country boys who had the audience jumping and scratching and hollering like nothing short of Tennessee Lightning." They "evoke hand clapping every time" with a style that features long rhythmic banjo riffs which build and build until they suddenly explode, typical of the "hoe-down sound". Steve Riddle, the group leader, sings lead and harmony and plays the bass. Rob Zuist combines unusual talents on banjo, electric guitar, flute, and mouth harp while also singing lead and harmony. Greg Reichbery is the group's drummer and percussionist. Richard Johnson, the lead guitarist, also plays mandolin and sings harmony while the fifth member of the group, Terry Robinson, plays acoustic guitar.

Don't miss this concert to be held in the parking lot behind

Moore Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. April 29th. There is no admission charge.

On Wednesday May 1st lasting from 3 till 6 p.m. will be "May Day" sponsored by the Student Gov't Association - an afternoon of fun, games, excitement, and laughter. This May Day celebration, to be held at Fox Recreation Field, will feature activities sponsored by various organizations, ranging from pie throwing to climbing a greased pole. A May Day court will be made up of girls representing each organization sponsoring an activity. The Queen will be elected by students at lunch May 1st and will be crowned at 6 P.M. closing the festivities. The afternoon will be packed with continuous activity. Each organization can charge a small fee for the game or contest so bring your spare change and join in the activities.

On Thursday the freshman class will sponsor a dance with the El Ad Fabulous Fifties Review featuring Glen M. Rice, Jr. This group plays music from the fifties and early sixties, concentrating on beach music. However, you will be able to hear any song that you ever liked. This event will be a strict dance lasting from 8 till 12 P.M. Everyone is invited.

On Friday the coffeehouse

will sponsor a concert beginning at 8. The film committee will sponsor a film "The Bobo" starring Peter Sellers & Britt Eckland.

On Saturday the Concerts & Dance Committee will sponsor a dance featuring "Fine Bone China." This group is one of the finest rock'n'soul bands on the east coast. Having three blacks & three whites in the group, Fine Bone China is able to play all kinds of music, ranging from the Allman Brothers to Gladys Knight and the Pips. Fine Bone China features hot and heavy brass with three and four-part vocals.

Fine Bone China has been playing at most of the major colleges in the South and recently closed a standing-room-only engagement at a major club in Augusta, Georgia along with the world-famous recording stars "the Coasters."

Myron Alford, manager & producer of Fine Bone China says "We love our music and the goodtime feeling that comes from it." The group tries in every way possible to convey this feeling to the audience. Fine Bone China is a group you should see. Be at McConnell from 8 'til 12. Everyone is invited and there is no admission charge.

Finally, on Sunday night May 5th the film committee will sponsor

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