

LUNSFORD FESTIVAL

MARS HILL-The Eighth Annual Bascom Lamar Lundsford "Minstrel of the Appalachias" will be a three day affair this year at Mars Hill College. October 3, 4, and 5 have been set as the dates for this year's festival.

Billed as "The world's most authentic festival of mountain Music and dancing," has added a night of dancing to the festivities. Thursday night, October 3, smooth and clog dancers as well as dance teams will compete for trophies in the weekend's only competition. The dancing will start at 7:30 P.M. in the college's Moore Auditorium, and trophies will be awarded in both junior and adult classes. An admission charge of \$.50 for students and \$1.00 for adults will be charged. All admission charges will be used to establish an Appalachian museum and resource center.

On Friday night, October 4, local and college musicians will participate in a festival of traditional mountain music. Collegiate dance teams will also compete for trophies. The event will start at 7:30 P.M. in Moore Auditorium and an admission charge of 50¢ for students and \$1 for adults will be charged.

Saturday will again be a big day in the festival with events occurring all day. Repeated from last year will be the very popular workshops. Outstanding mountain musicians will conduct workshops in clawhammer and bluegrass banjo playing, guitar picking, ballad singing, the dulcimer, and the fiddle. Workshops in both smooth and clog dancing will

also be held. The workshops will start at 10 A.M. on the green in front of the Dining Hall and in the Amphitheatre.

Weavers, whittlers, quiltmakers, spinners, and woodworkers will be on hand all day Saturday, displaying their crafts and demonstrating their skills in front of the Country Boutique.

A "jam session" will follow the workshops and last all afternoon. These sessions will give opportunities for old friends to get together and for new acquaintances to be made among the many fine musicians expected to attend.

The mountain music festival will be held at 7 P.M. Saturday night in Moore Auditorium, where musicians and dancers will gather to honor the

memory of Mr. Lundsford and to carry on the tradition he began nearly half a century ago. Winners from the dance contests will dance in an exhibition. Admission for the night is \$.50 for students and \$1.00 for adults.

This will be the second year the festival will be held without Mr. Lundsford's presence.



New Grading Policy

by Sam Easterby

The faculty in its meeting of September 10 adopted two proposals recommended to them by the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee. A new grading policy and an academic suspension policy, as of January 1, 1975, will become a part of the continuing and intensive study of the total educational program here at Mars Hill.

The grading policy will eliminate F's, D's, WF's or what are thought of as negative grades but will retain the traditional A's, B's, and C's.

The revised policy will also contain the grades S for satis-

factory, I for incomplete, W for excused from the course for medical or other significant personal problems by the Academic dean, and X for auditing a course. For example; if a student feels that he has developed through reading or practical experience an expertise in a certain area and can meet the competency level required in that area, he may be tested by an assessment team from that field and receive credit (A, B, or C) for the course.

The rationale behind changing the grades is that "the present system mixes positive grades (A, B, C) with negative

grades (D, F, WF) and these negative grades may be based on incomplete evidence."

According to the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee "negative grading reflects no decisions, since under the competence curriculum the burden is on the student to demonstrate minimum competence and on the instructors to certify competence is demonstrated to his satisfaction."

Credit gained by examination, or CE, will cost a student 20 dollars per credit hour. If a student fails his exam under the CE, half of the money will go towards

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Grand Jury Indicts Schilling In Murder Case

The Madison County Grand Jury indicted a 21-year old Mars Hill College student for murder Monday of last week in the death of fellow student Sally Bell Moffitt, 18, in October of 1973.

Wayne Schilling of Mount Holly, N.J., was arrested some six

months after Miss Moffitt's body was found at the junction of the Mars Hill, Burnsville - Johnson City highways Oct. 12, 1973, and probable cause was found in the case in July.

Schilling is presently at home, free on \$25,000 bond, ac-

cording to the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The case has not yet been calendared for trial, a spokesman said. According to college authorities, Schilling is under an interim suspension pending the outcome of the trial.

