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## COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Mars Hill College has announced the schedule of the 119th commencement ceremony at the Baptist related college. The schedule combines "Alumni Day" activities with the baccalaureate and commencement programs over a two day period, Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, the 18th.

The weekend activities will actually get under way with the opening of an art exhibit in the Fine Arts Building Friday afternoon featuring the work of the senior art majors. The \$1.2 million Wren College Union will be the scene for nearly all of the alumni activities Saturday, which starts with the annual business meeting of the alumni association at 3:30 pm. Class reunions will also be held in the college union with the years of 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, and 1970 being honored.

The alumni annual banquet, to be held in Bridges Dining Hall, will begin at 5:30 p.m. It will be the occasion at which members of the 1975

class will be welcomed into the ranks of the alumni. It will also be the time for awarding of "Alumnus and Alumna of the Year" honors to two former students.

Activities during the weekend will also include the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees. The 36-member policy-making body will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday to approve the 1975-76 budget, review faculty appointments, and to consider a 10 year "master plan" of the college's department.

Following the trustee meeting, the board will participate in a joint luncheon with the college's 100 member Board of Advisors.

On Sunday, the spotlight will shift from former students to present graduating seniors in the ritual of the baccalaureate and commencement services. The Honorable Robert B. Morgan, Senator from North Carolina will be the speaker for the baccalaureate service, which will be held in the college's Moore Auditorium at 11 a.m.

Senator Morgan, a native of Harnett County, was educated

in the public schools of Lillington and received his bachelor's degree at East Carolina University. In 1949 he received his L.L.B. degree from Wake Forest University School of Law.

Senator Morgan saw duty with the Pacific Fleet during WORLD WAR II, and was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict. He has served in both the United States Naval Reserve and the U. S. Air Force Reserve. He recently retired as Air Force Reserve Lt. Colonel.

In 1955, he was elected to the State Senate and served in that body for five terms. In 1965, his fellow senators named him President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Senator Morgan was elected Attorney General of North Carolina in 1968, and again in 1974, polling more votes than any other candidate for statewide office.

In 1974, Morgan was elected to represent North Carolina in the United States Senate by a majority of 250 thousand votes. He carried 94 of the state's 100 counties.

It was as Attorney General that Morgan gained recognition as a forceful advocate of reform in the areas of correction, mental health, and education. He created the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division to protect the interests of the public consumer, and was recognized nationwide as a pioneer in the consumer protection movement.

Morgan's continuing interest in education has led him to serve nine terms as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of East Carolina University. He is presently a member

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Archie Campbell, Alumnus of the Year



Kathy Wallin, Alumna of the Year

## ALUMNI

Archie Campbell of Nashville, Tennessee and Kathleen Wallin of Mars Hill will be honored as Alumnus and Alumna of 1975 during Alumni Day activities Saturday.

Over 280 seniors will receive their degrees Sunday afternoon, the culmination of the two-day graduation weekend. Senator Robert Morgan, North Carolina's representative in the United States Senate, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning in Moore Auditorium.

Archie James Campbell, a native of Bull Gap, Tennessee, is a member of Mars Hill's Class of 1935. He studied art while at the Baptist-related school, but later

found the entertainment business more lucrative than art. He moved to Knoxville where he was hired by radio station WNOX. After serving with the U.S. Navy in World War II, he returned to Knoxville where he had a radio show featuring such guests as Chet Atkins.

He became a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 1958 and has become a well-known figure in the recording business as well as TV, movies, and personal appearances. Perhaps his greatest notoriety came when he signed as a comedy star with the "Hee Haw" television series in 1969. He earned the coveted Country

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Senator Robert Morgan, Commencement Speaker