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New Officers Elected for CSM

by Wright Culpepper

Officers were recently elected by the body for the Christian Student Council. These officers will be in charge of coordinating religious activities for the 1980 school year.

Bruce Boyles, a rising senior from Kings Mountain, NC, was elected president of the council. Bruce has been involved in various aspects of the CSM including the Search for Extraordinary Men and Women. He has also served as director of the Calvary Baptist Church in Mars Hill. Bruce will bring fresh enthusiasm and energy to the CSM program.

The new officers are: Amy Hamrick, vice president; Lynn Flemming, secretary; Kerry Sheets, treasurer; Danny Fincannon, worship director; and Chuck Taylor, interaction chairman. Tim Taylor has been appointed CSM Choir Director.

The new council hopes to offer a varied program with new ministries and services for the students of Mars Hill College. Already, they have attended planning sessions and a workshop in preparation for next year. They are also discussing the responsibility which has been placed on them.

The council is open to any ideas or suggestions concerning the activities of the Christian Student Movement.

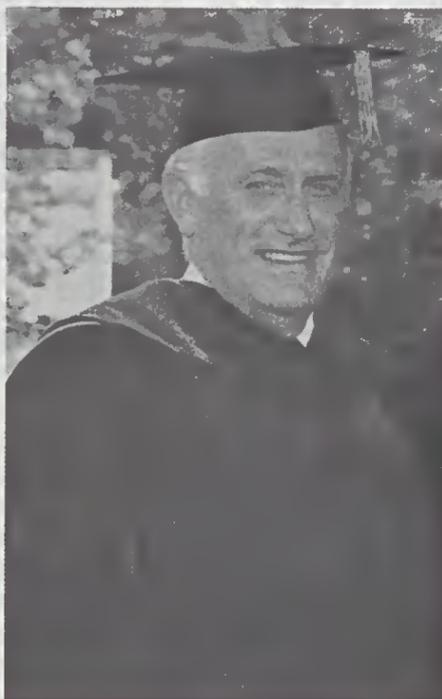
Dr. Bennett To Preach Baccalaureate Sermon

Dr. Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer elect of the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Mars Hill College during graduation weekend, May 18-20.

Dr. Bennett, an Asheville native and a Mars Hill alumnus, will assume the duties of the top administrative post of the Southern Baptist Convention June 1. He will become only the fourth person to head the Executive Committee, which handles business for the 13 million-member-convention between annual sessions of the convention. In addition to administrative and coordinating responsibilities, the Executive Committee also handles approximately \$75 million per year in contributions from member churches.

Commencement weekend will officially open with an exhibit of student art Friday afternoon, May 18, in the Fine Arts Building. The Board of Trustees will hold their semi-annual business meeting Saturday morning, May 19; and at noon the trustees will meet with the Board of Advisors in a joint luncheon. On that evening the college will honor graduating seniors and their parents and other guests at a banquet in Coyte Bridges Dining Hall. In addition to recognizing the seniors, the occasion will also provide recognition of five long-time members of the faculty who are retiring and several other faculty-staff members who have served 25 years.

Those retiring include Miss Mildred Bingham, former chairman of the Department of Business and Economics who joined the faculty in 1937; M. H. Kendall, Bost Professor of Religion and former chairman of the department who has served for 40 years' Dr.



next day at 11 a.m. in Moore Auditorium. The college community meets at this service with the congregation of the Mars Hill Baptist Church. Finally, the highlight of the weekend, the graduation ceremonies, will be held in Moore Auditorium at 3 p.m. with Dr. Richard Hoffman, vice-president for academic affairs, presenting approximately 277 seniors, to whom Dr. Fred. B. Bentley, president, will present degrees.

Dr. Bennett grew up in Asheville where he was a paper boy for the *Asheville Times*, a doorman at the Plaza theatre, and active in the First Baptist Church. He is a member of the Class of 1948 at Mars Hill and holds a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University. He studied at Duke University's divinity school and earned a divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was a Navy pilot during World War II, and has pastored churches in North Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Louisiana and served as chaplain of the Kentucky State Reformatory and Kentucky's Women's Prison.

In 1960 he joined the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board as Superintendent of new work. Since then he has held administrative positions with the Home Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and since 1967 has been head of Southern Baptist work in Florida. He was awarded an honorary degree from Stetson University in Deland, Florida in 1968.

The Bennets have three children, the youngest of them, Cynthia, graduated from Mars Hill last year.

Evelyn Underwood, former chairman of the History Department who joined the faculty in 1944; Dr. L. M. Outten, professor of Biology who occupies the Chair for Ecological Research and who is also a former chairman of the department, having joined the faculty in 1946; and Mrs. Marian Tisdale, assistant professor of French who has been at Mars Hill since 1965.

The baccalaureate sermon will be held the

Jog-a-thon!

by David Bowerman

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes-Jogathon for the March of Dimes is on Saturday, April 21. Of the nine participating as runners, two MHC members, Bill Chase and Jesse Cowan, will go the extra mile, so to speak. The participants ran an average of five miles but Jesse ran 25 miles while Bill ended with 30.

The endeavor was the result of days of planning and conditioning. The result was a successful jogathon, coming from pledges, for the March of Dimes. Bill's comments on his part in the jogathon, and why he decided to run 30 miles, "To help out the March of Dimes, and to go the extra mile." Bill feels that the best way of helping out and at the same time setting a personal goal for himself. Jesse, for a different reason, he was paralyzed at the age of 10 and feels that he is sharing the joy of being able to run. Bill and Jesse won for their efforts.

The FCA plans to sponsor another jogathon, with a slightly different format, according to Chris Watts, who is participating in the event. The next one is planned as a road course, as opposed to the current one used in the last one. Checkpoints will be used to set intervals for the runners. It is hoped that more people will be interested in participating in the next Jogathon.

CO-OPS: People Working Together

When people work together to help each other, instead of simply themselves, all will benefit in the end. Such is true of a co-op. What is a co-op you may ask? Well, it's when a group of people decide to eliminate the 'middle-man', and go straight to the wholesaler in purchasing their food. In this way they cut down the mark-up prices in grocery stores put on products in order to pay for employees' salaries, advertising, etc.. (Although there is a 10% mark-up with a co-op; still there is a considerable savings compared to the markup in commercial stores.)

Now you have the chance to be part of such a venture. John Senechal a student who has had past experience in working with co-ops, is leading a small group of interested students, faculty, and community people in establishing one in Mars Hill. Presently, this group has

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A Senior's Reflection

by Ellen Peterson

In pondering over my four years at Mars Hill College, I realize I have experienced what may be some of the most memorable moments of my life. This is not to say I will not have any more, or that I will no longer have any better times, (I simply refuse to believe such rubbish) but these years may have molded me into what I may or may not be in future years to come. I am not considering the academic aspect only, but my social and spiritual life as well. As a senior about to embark from these sheltered moments, I will be the first to say that as the time to graduate grows nearer, the more I reminisce about my past years here.

Imagine this, (and perhaps relate to this, too) a scared, excited, freshman girl soaking in the novelty of college life. Suddenly the door of independence is introduced to her, and she cannot seem to consume enough at one time. Signing out past curfew, or even coming in at one o'clock on weekends when your high school rules were for eleven o'clock is a dream. Staying up all night to talk with you "roomie" and eat and discuss your dating life (or lack of it) until wee hours in the morning, and then decide to look over your Logic homework you suddenly remembered you forgot to do is even more exciting to recall. I remember dressing up for Halloween and seeing a movie at Mars Theatre, going to Yogi's and then visiting the guys in Melrose. Wearing a nose warmer into the cafeteria with six of your other friends and causing snickers was perhaps the most fun of all. In between all of this, I managed to make it through the year academically.

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