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mance of the traditional Pop's concert featuring the college choir. All students and campus visitors are welcome to attend, however. The show will be directed by Dr. Bill Thomas and will have a country western motif.

The Baccalaureate address, on May 19 at 11:00 in Moore Auditorium, will be given by Jean J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. A native of Duncan, OK, Mrs. Kirkpatrick is a graduate of Stephens College and Barnard College. She holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. She has done post-doctoral work at several other institutions, including the University of Paris and Georgetown University, and has received honorary degrees from other institutions. A

Democrat, Mrs. Kirkpatrick had been extremely active in the National workings of the Democratic Party before President Reagan chose her as his U.N. appointee. From 1972 until 1974 she served as Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Convention's Committee on Vice Presidential selection and in 1976 she was a member of the convention's membership credentials committee.

This woman has been the author of many articles for national magazines and education journals. Among the several books that she has written are "Political Women" in 1973 and "The Reagan Phenomenon" in 1982. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who served throughout the first Reagan administration, returned to private life in January, resuming a teacher

career which she had interrupted in 1981 to accept the U.N. post. Her baccalaureate address will certainly be an honor for the class of 1985.

The Commencement exercises featuring the awarding of degrees will take place in Moore Auditorium at 3:00. Approximately 275 graduates, including those who graduated in December, as well as those who will graduate in August will participate. Dr. Grayson will deliver his commencement speech and there will also be an organ recital by Donna Robertson.

The Hilltop salutes the class of 1985 and wishes them the most sincere wishes of success as they leave Mars Hill College!

Courting Mountain Style

By ROGER WHITENER
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In pioneer days if a girl, either by chance or divination, managed to locate a suitable prospect for a husband, she still faced a major obstacle: getting to know him well enough to decide whether she wanted him for a husband.

Sometimes a mountain girl would accept the first available candidate just to get away from the hardships at home, but generally she demanded at least a brief courtship.

This might involve being walked home from church, talking with the young man on the front porch or in front of the fireplace, visiting in the barn, lying, fully clothed, on the bed in a variation of New England bundling. All these activities were, of course, generally either in view of earshot of the young lady's parents.

The "walk home" was usually the initial stage of the courtship, perhaps even the means of first bringing the couple together. If the young lady were attractive or otherwise desirable, she might have already "kicked" (turned down) other prospects before allowing her choice to do the honors.

The walk was usually subdued and awkward, for an eagle-eyed mother and curious children were sure to be in attendance. Once home, the young man usually beat a hasty retreat, though on a second visit he might be invited to the porch to "set a spell" with the family.

Saturday night courting or "sitting up" was often the next step, at which time the couple again sat with the family around the fireplace, attempting private conversation under difficult circumstances. In New England the couple might advance their romance through the use of a

courting stick, a hollow stick some five or six feet long through which endearments might be shared. Little mention is made of this device, however, in Southern Appalachian courtship tradition.

A further advance in the couple's relationship might include a visit to the nearby barn. According to Dr. Cratis Williams, Appalachian folklorist, this step did not indicate questionable behavior on the part of the young people; rather it merely allowed them a bit of freedom for getting to know each other better.

The final step in the courtship, according to Dr. Williams was the Southern Appalachian version of bundling.

"In Kentucky," says Dr. Williams, "The couple would lie fully clothed on the bed, being very careful that their position was across rather than longways of the bed. This was different from the New England and Pennsylvania practice which allowed the couple to stretch out in normal bed position, though often with a safety board between."

In either instance bundling was looked as a proper aspect of courtship since most relationships reaching this stage resulted in marriage.

Especially careful mothers occasionally provided their daughters with courting or bundling stockings which covered them from the waist down and removed all possibilities of hanky-panky. Such garments were often handed down as heirlooms.

Obviously many mountain courtships were too brief to be overly involved with tradition. The young were frequently still strangers when the marriage knot was tied. Others, however, chose to follow established patterns and probably made better marriages as a result.

Athletes of the Year



Congratulations to Todd Blondin and Lavonda Wagner for being named Hilltop Athletes of the Year. The outstanding individual performance and contribution to team performance of both Todd and Lavonda was the basis for selection as Athlete of the Year.

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graduate school part time at VCU. Business major Jeff Morgan will be married on the day prior to commencement, and then will work for a firm in Atlanta. Lisa Anderson, an English major, will be wed in the college's amphitheater soon after graduation and will pursue a career in education.

The Hilltop's current Editor, David Wachter, will report to Pensacola, Florida, to begin flight training for the U.S. Navy. It has been stated by a Navy Lieutenant that only one in 1,000 applicants are accepted into this program. David says, "I am excited about graduating! I've got the 'flying fever', but I'll miss Mars Hill and the people here."

Graduation is definitely an exciting time! As one senior expressed his enthusiasm, "Think of the most awesome, wonderful feeling—triple it, and that's what it feels like to be graduating!" Another member of Mars Hill's Class of '85 said without hesitation, "...the essence of bliss!"

Looking For Something To Do?

By DAVID WACHTER
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Last Friday I had the chance to travel to Pope Air Force Base (near Fayetteville, N.C.) and meet the members of the Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds are the U.S. Air Force's aerial demonstration team who's aerial artistry is nothing short of fantastic. This summer the Thunderbirds will have several shows throughout the Southeast which include the following:

- May 12 Dobbins AFB, GA
- 15 Maxwell AFB, AL
- June 1-2 Greenville, SC
- 8 Harrisburg, PA
- 9 Myrtle Beach AFB, SC
- 12 Moody AFB, GA
- 15 Eglin AFB, FL
- 16 Dothan, AL
- July 4 Memphis, TN

If you live near, or will be in the vicinity of any of these show sights, make plans now to see the Thunderbirds. Their precise high-speed jet maneuvers will be something you won't soon forget.



Flying their F-16A Falcon Fighters, the U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds make a pass over the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.