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INSIDE:

OPINIONS

Many student have found problems with the last election. Two letters to the editor deals with this subject, while another letter deals with the selection of RA's, RD's and RM's.

Features

The New York Stock Exchange welcomed a group of Mars Hill students over Spring Break.

Endnotes

Finally, the outcome of Summary of Murder is told, and Sylvia outdoes herself! Also, check out Dateline because we would hate for you to be late for school next year!

SENIOR STUFF...

Pages 3 and 4 are dedicated to the Seniors especially as a list of graduates is given, along with some poems and advice for the Seniors.

EXTRA! EXTRA! Four Year Depression Nears an End *Seniors to Graduate!*

Andrea Deaton
staff writer

Annual graduation activities are just around the corner, and this year's plans may prove to be the greatest yet! Plans for the graduating class of 1992 include: the opening of the Senior Art Exhibit, the graduate banquet and music concert following, and Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies. The class of 1992 will celebrate in style as they bid farewell to their home for the past few years.

The 251 graduating seniors in the class of 1992 will find May 8-10 to be anxious and eventful days. Friday will unveil the Senior Art Exhibit by Holly Howard and Mark Laszlo in the Weizenblatt Gallery in Moore Auditorium. The gallery will be open to the public this weekend on Friday evening, Saturday evening before and after the music concert, and Sunday between baccalaureate and graduation exercises.

Saturday morning will mark the semi-annual meeting of the trustees of the college for a business session of the board. Then Saturday evening the Senior Banquet hosted by the Alumni Office will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the college dining hall. It will feature music, a skit, the annual presentation of the senior class gift and awards, and recognitions of Who's Who of American Col-

lege Students and the Alumni Association's Outstanding Senior Award. The class of 1992 will honor a member of the staff who has been especially helpful to class members during their four years on campus with the Outstanding Faculty Award.

Following the banquet the annual Graduation Concert in Moore Auditorium will begin at 8 p.m. Performances by the Bailey Mountain Cloggers, Jazz Band, Choir and Chamber Choir ensembles will provide the evening's entertainment.

On Sunday, May 10, which is also Mother's Day, Dr. Edwin Graves Wilson, long-time faculty member and former academic dean and provost of Wake Forest University, will deliver the baccalaureate address at 11 a.m. in Moore Auditorium. Dr. Wilson is an esteemed speaker and scholar in the area of English Romantic poets (*see related article*).

The afternoon's activities are scheduled to shift location to Meares Stadium which will host the graduation ceremony for the first time ever. Last year's graduation was also planned for the outdoor stadium; however a morning rain forced the alternate plan to be activated which was to have the exercises held in Moore Auditorium where it has been held since 1961. This plan will once again be in effect.

The colorful and traditional procession of faculty in academic regalia will be led by Emmett Sams of the mathematics department, who is the ranking member of faculty in years of service. This will be his first and last time because he will retire following the ceremony after 45 years of service.

225 students will cross the stage on Meares Stadium field, receive their diplomas, and become official alumni of Mars Hill College as Dr. Earl Leininger presents the diplomas and Dr. Fred Bentley confers the degrees individually. Bentley will also give a short address.

Will it rain? Senior Jonathan McCoy replies, "I certainly hope not. I have over

twenty people coming from various places who all expect to see me graduate! It sure would be hard to pick the six that could [if graduation was to be held in the gym]. Besides, I have dreams at night about sitting outside with my sunglasses on at graduation!"

The location of graduation was moved because of a majority vote by the Senior class to enable the graduating seniors to invite an unlimited number of guests because the stadium can accommodate 5000 whereas the auditorium can seat only 1800. The College Concert Band will begin playing at 2:30 which will then be followed by the graduation exercises at 3 p.m.

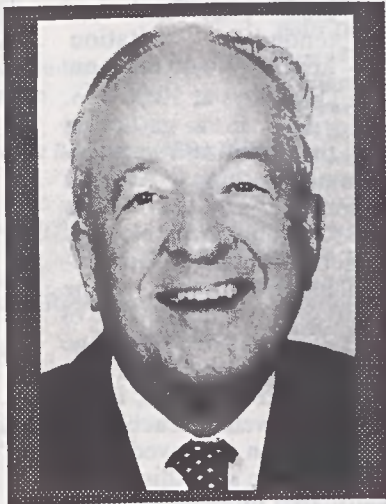
As the seniors look back on their years at Mars Hill College they have very fond, and quite humorous memories of practical jokes, romantic relationships and friendships, projects, classes, and professors. "I will miss the predictability of Mars Hill. There's a comfortable state of mind here. From now on it will be so unpredictable," states Jonathan McCoy.

Kristina Langston adds, "What I will miss most is the people and the mountains. I'm ready to move on and do things with my life beyond Mars Hill College."

Baccalaureate '92

"Mr. Wake Forest," Dr. Edwin Graves Wilson to speak

Donna Hooker
staff reporter



Mars Hill's baccalaureate address is scheduled for 11:00 am on Sunday, May 10 in Moore Auditorium. Dr. Edwin Graves Wilson, Vice President for Special Projects since 1990 and member of the Board of Trustees since 1991 with Wake Forest University, is the honored speaker.

Dr. Wilson has been associated with Wake Forest, the baptist university in Winston-Salem, NC, for 53 years. This has earned him the title 'Mr. Wake Forest.' His duties at Wake Forest have ranged from being a professor of English to acting as assistant Dean, and from being the Dean to being the Provost.

Dr. Wilson enrolled at Wake Forest in September of 1939. When he graduated in 1943, he left Summa Cum Laude. He then moved on to the Navy where he became a Lieutenant in 1945. Since then, he has been honored with a doctorate from UNC-Greensboro, and of course, returned to WFU.

As an expert on the Romantic poets, he is considered a brilliant man and is admired for his outstanding speeches. The 251 graduates should enjoy his presentation at the Address.

