

TRUSTEES ELECT EDUCATOR AS 19TH PRESIDENT

A 36-year-old educator has become Mitchell College's 19th president.

Dr. Barton Robert Herrscher of Durham, associate director since 1968 of the Junior and Community College Division of the Regional Education Laboratory for the Carolinas and Virginia (RELCV), was named by the Board of Trustees Oct. 20 and will assume full duties of his office Feb. 1, 1971.

He succeeds President-Emeritus John Montgomery in the administrative post whose previous occupants since the college's opening in 1856 have included 14 men and four women.

5 Interviewed

According to Board Chair-

man J. P. Huskins, the trustees' five-member executive committee interviewed five prospects from a field of "22 or 23" applicants before nominating Dr. Herrscher to the whole board of 30 persons for final approval.

The filling of the position culminates a search that began last March when Mr. Montgomery, who held the office for 23 years, announced that he would retire from the presidency at the close of the 1969-70 academic year.

Earned 4 Degrees

Educated in the public schools of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Herrscher received degrees from Harris Junior College (A.A., 1953) and Harris Teachers College (B.A., 1956) in

that city. He was awarded his M.Ed. degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, in 1957 and his Ed.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1967. At the latter institution he was a Kellogg Fellow and associate dean of students.

He has held teaching positions at Southern Methodist University, University of California at Berkeley, Junior College District of St. Louis, California State College at Long Beach, College of William and Mary, N. C. State University, Duke University and Virginia Commonwealth University. He has also served as associate director of the Institute in Junior College Administration at Duke University.

President Herrscher has been listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* (1955), *Who's Who in College and University Administration* (1970) and *Community Leaders of America* (1970).

Published Articles

In addition to being a consultant for the past two years at numerous colleges and universities, Dr. Herrscher was a field reader for the U. S. Office of Education in 1969. He has presented several papers at professional conferences and has co-authored numerous articles for publication, including "A Learning-Oriented System of Instruction" in this month's issue of *Junior College Journal*.

He is married to the former (Continued in Next Column)

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DEATH CAR AND CRASH SITE—Sue Nicholar (inset) lost her life in this green, four-door compact car (left photo) shown in the lot of Yadkin Valley Motor Co. Inc., North Wilkesboro. Operated by John Williams, the auto was struck by an oncoming vehicle and came to rest against the telephone pole at this intersection (right photo). The spot is in Wilkes County about 7½ miles north of the Iredell County line. (Photos by Young and Rudy)



Stephanie Fitzsimmons. The couple has one daughter, Stephanie Ashton, 6, who is in the first grade.

According to Dean Kenneth Bradshaw, the Herrschers will maintain their residence at 3502 Randolph Road, Durham, until next summer when they will move into the college's presidential quarters at 603 Walnut St. Although he will live in Statesville second semester, the new president will commute to his home on weekends, Dean Bradshaw said.

NEW PRESIDENT . . .



DR. BARTON R. HERRSCHER

QUIP OF THE DAY — From a South African textbook on criminology: "In extreme cases marijuana can so destroy a man's character that he mixes freely with persons of another race."

JOINT SERVICES

Rites Held For Highway Crash Victim

Memorial services for Miss Susan Jane "Sue" Nicholar, 19, were held simultaneously Oct. 10 in Shearer Hall and in Swarthmore, Pa., home of the auto crash victim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent Nicholar.

Dr. Richard L. Morgan, college chaplain, officiated at afternoon ceremonies here honoring the memory of the sophomore coed, who was killed instantly Oct. 4 in a four-car collision at the intersection of N. C. 115 and Balls Mill Road (rural road 2474) five miles south of North Wilkesboro and 27 miles north of Statesville.

Miss Nicholar was a passenger in a 1969 Simca operated by John Calhoun Williams III, 19, also a sophomore. Both were taken to Wilkes General Hospital, where Miss Nicholar was pronounced dead on arrival.

Driver Injured

Williams suffered numerous lacerations of the body, includ-

ing deep cuts of the left arm requiring 40 stitches, college officials said. Hospital sources listed his condition as "satisfactory" and discharged him the third day after his admittance.

According to a statement attributed to Williams by Director of Student Affairs D. E. Spencer, the fatality happened while Miss Nicholar was sleeping.

The accident occurred on a two-lane, straight stretch of highway at 5:55 p.m., investigation showed.

Visited A. S. U.

The couple reportedly was returning to Statesville from Boone after visiting Appalachian State University, where they had planned to transfer. They had been seen by several persons on the Mitchell campus earlier that Sunday afternoon.

Highway Patrolman Terry R. Stokes reported that Williams slowed behind a 1968

Plymouth being driven by Wallace Ballard, 28, route 2, Statesville, as Ballard slowed for an unidentified car to make a right turn.

Hit Head-on

Patrolman Stokes' investigation showed that the Williams' vehicle was hit head-on in the chain reaction accident by a 1969 Dodge operated by Mrs. Rosezell Caudill Anderson, 44, Country Club Road, Wilkesboro, who was injured and admitted to Wilkes General Hospital.

The Anderson car, which was being driven north, skidded to the left and struck the Ballard auto in the left rear before colliding with the Williams car in the south-bound lane.

The fourth vehicle, a 1962 Plymouth operated by Fred Lee Nash, 42, route 6, Hickory, approached going south, crossed the center line and went off the left shoulder of the road-way, hitting an embankment

in an effort to miss the pileup.

The Williams car and the Anderson car were heavily damaged. Several hundred dollars damages were estimated to the other cars.

7 Participants

In addition to Dr. Morgan, participants in the Christian Science memorial service included Mrs. Josephine Bunch, organist; Dean Kenneth Bradshaw; David Singletary, president of the student body; Sidney Lanier, president of the Student Christian Association; Mrs. Jean Duffy, soloist; and Williams.

In addition to her parents, Miss Nicholar is survived by an older sister.

The deceased, a graduate of Swarthmore High School, attended Mitchell College in 1969-1970 and resided in the Main Dorm. Last summer she studied at Community College of Delaware County in Media, Pennsylvania.