

Sandhills College News

Sandhills Community College has been authorized by the N. C. State Board of Education to award two additional Associate Degrees, according to Dr. James J. Altendorf, dean of instruction, which will enhance the two-year educational programs. The Associate in General Education Degree and the Associate in Science Degree will be awarded for the first time at the Sandhills commencement ceremony in May as well as Associate Degrees in Liberal Arts and Applied Science which have been authorized since the college opened to students in 1965.

Dr. Altendorf explained that the Associate Degree in General Education was primarily for persons interested in just two years of college and who take credit courses according to their interest. Ninety six quarter hour credit are required for graduation.

The Associate Degree in Science will be awarded to students who plan to continue at senior institutions for degrees in the sciences and professions. The two years on the Sandhills campus are

planned for pre-law, pre-medicine, pre-forestry, pre-dentistry, pre-veterinary medicine and so on. Ninety six hours in the basic courses are required for the degree.

Sandhills, which is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the N. C. Association of Colleges and Universities, the N. C. Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing, provides academic and occupational education programs at modest cost. The excellence of the curriculum, the calibre of the faculty and the low tuition fees are factors in the remarkable growth of Sandhills from 384 students in 1965 to 1079 students last fall.

Also the learning resources at Sandhills College, the library, audio-lab and the audio-visual center, are recognized as outstanding for a comprehensive community college. More than 23,000 books, 200 magazines and periodicals, over 800 film strips and 5000 recordings are available to students and teachers. The information retrieval system, individual dial systems for students to "listen in" on lectures, and lessons,

lists some 500 programs in languages, history, music appreciation and other courses to augment classroom instruction.

Sandhills Community College will initiate two engineering technology programs in the fall of 1970, both awarding Associate in Applied Science Degrees upon the completion of the two-year programs.

Announcements of the new occupational courses, Civil Engineering Technology and Architectural Engineering Technology, was made this week by Dr. James J. Altendorf, dean of instruction at Sandhills College, and Henry I. Rahn, chairman of the department of technical vocational education.

The two programs are being established at Sandhills following an intensive study of the personnel needs of the area and state, Rahn said. According to a recently published compilation of job opportunities anticipated in 1970, 2,242 engineering technicians will be needed in North Carolina. The survey was made by several state and national agencies including the Bureau of Employment Security of the U. S. Department of Labor, the N. C. State Board of Education, the N. C. Department of Community Colleges, the Employment Security Commission of N. C. and the N. C. Bureau of Employment Security Research.

Sandhills College officials spent several months developing the curriculum for the new programs. They have been assisted in the planning by a local advisory committee of experts in the field of engineering including W. Calvin Howell and John F. Faulk, architects of Southern Pines; Hubert L. Clement, assistant chief engineer, J. P. Stevens, Aberdeen; Malcolm B. Green, United Telephone Company, Southern Pines; A. Allen McDonald of the Carriage Building Supply Company; Fred H. Beck, district engineer of the N. C. Highway Department; R. D. Williams, area traffic engineer of the State Highway Commission; J. E. Causey, contractor of Lakeview, and William Laslett, Fayetteville architect who is chairman of the committee.

The Civil Technology

Program will train technicians to serve in planning and supervisory positions in the construction of highways, bridges, power plants, dams, airfields, water and sewage treatment plants, industrial buildings and utilities. Graduates will be qualified to work on a team with skilled craftsmen and engineers in the broad field of construction with the opportunity of rapid advancement to party chief, inspector estimator, material tester or construction equipment salesman. Initial employment possibilities exist with the state highway department, city and county engineering departments, private engineer and contractor firms in North Carolina and also with such agencies in other states and overseas.

The Architectural Technology Program will qualify graduates for employment in the field of architectural drafting and will afford opportunity for rapid advancement in technical knowledge and efficiency. Upon completion of the two-year course, they will be prepared to serve as technicians in architect's offices and have the ability to turn the professional architect's original design sketches into working drawings and blueprints for the builders. Basic courses in English and Speech will give graduate a background for developing broader aspects of architectural practice, such as specification writing and construction supervision.

The curricula of both of the new programs will include courses in English composition, algebra, physics and statics for the first two quarter terms. Each of the programs will offer specialized courses in the other five terms, Rahn said.

Applications for admission to the Architectural and Civil Engineering programs are now being processed by the Sandhills College Admission office. To be eligible for enrollment students must be 18 years old or older, must be high school graduates or have a state-approved equivalent education with credits in algebra and geometry. Applicants will be personally interviewed and given the American College Test by college officials.



ANNUAL PROGRAM - Members of the Sandhills Choral Society who will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" Palm Sunday are Walter L. Green, Jr., accompanist (front left to right) and Russell McAllister, Jr., director; second row, William S. Dockery, Delores Leggett, Gloria McLaughlin, Rene McAllister, Mrs. Mamie L. Leggett, Mrs. Thomas O. McAllister, Doris O. McAllister, Shirley Leggett and Allen Morrison; third row, Mrs. Helen P. McLaurin, Doris A. McPhatter, Alice Malloy, Alice F. Galbreath, Joan Wells, and Cathy Gilchrist; fourth row, William G. McAllister, Sr., James A. Lett, Warren McAllister, William Matthews, Jr., James Adams, Jr., James Graham, David Locklear, William Campbell and William G. McAllister, Jr. Not pictured, Carnell McLaurin.

Sandhills Choral Society To Present Program Sunday At Piney Grove Church

"The Seven Last Words of Christ" will be presented Sunday at 5 p. m. at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church by the Sandhills Choral Society. The Rev. Thomas Walker is pastor of the church.

The Society was formed in 1961. However, one year earlier, Russell McAllister, Jr., Minister of Music for the Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Reelford, and presently director of the Society, decided to do something out of the realm of ordinary church music. Armed with the belief that all things are possible, he set out to do "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

There was not a musician within the local church that could accompany the choir. Walter L. Green, Jr., Minister of Music for the St. John Baptist Church of Aberdeen and the Spring Branch Baptist Church of Wagram, was contacted and he consented to serve as accompanist. Thus was born a partnership that has grown stronger as the Society grows older.

The first presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" was accepted with such enthusiasm that the original group decided to expand and make the presentation an annual affair. People from the churches in the surrounding counties were invited to join. With the group no longer the Piney Grove Baptist Church Choir, a new name had to be found. This was born in January 1961 The Sandhills Choral Society.

Aside from the annual presentation of the Seven Last Words on Palm Sunday, the Society has given concerts of sacred music in many of the surrounding cities and towns. They provided the music for the dedication of buildings and grounds at the Sandhills Community College. After their performance there, Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of the college wrote, "I have heard nothing but the highest

of compliments of the superb performances of this choral group. What an asset to the community."

The membership of the society has been as high as forty and as low as twenty. At the present time, there are twenty-three active members. The participants' ages span more than thirty years, and

there occupations are a mixture of students, teachers, housewives, semi-professional and professional personnel. Participation in the choral society is voluntary and membership is open to everyone.

The director, Russell McAllister, Jr., of Rayford and the accompanist, Walter L.

Green, Jr., of McCain, are both graduates of North Carolina Central University (formerly North Carolina College at Durham) but neither majored in music. Both seem to have God-given talents in the field of music, and both seem bent on using their talents to spread God's message through the medium of music.

Cuke Growers Can Choose Between 2 New Herbicides

Help is available to North Carolina cucumber growers this spring in their annual battle with grasses and weeds. Two recently approved chemical materials have given good results in tests conducted by the Extension Service at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Walt Skroch, extension horticulture specialist, said bensulide (Prefar) and nitratin (Planavin) "did a good job on grasses and on some of the broadleaf weeds."

He added, "I think farmers can use either of these materials on cucumbers this year with good results."

However, he emphasized that neither bensulide nor nitratin provides total control. "They knock out the grasses very well, but the control is not as complete on the broadleaf weeds. Farmers will still need to use mechanical methods if they want to get all the weeds."

The herbicides were tested on plantings of several cucumber varieties last year at 10 locations in the commercial cuke growing area of the state. Control was commercially acceptable at all locations.

The bensulide was shown to be completely safe in that no stunting of the cuke plant was noted. Nitratin resulted in some plant damage where water stood on the row. "The row must be raised where this

material is used," Dr. Skroch said. Nitratin is much less expensive than bensulide.

In further comparison of the two materials, nitratin is applied after the cucumbers are planted. Bensulide is used as a pre-plant herbicide.

Dr. Skroch commented that cuke growers probably will

want to consider using a herbicide where hand labor isn't available or its cost prohibitive. "Either one of the two herbicides can help," he said. "But they should not be relied upon for complete control."

County extension agents can help answer questions growers may have regarding use of herbicides on cucumbers.

Rotate Corn For Billbug Control

Corn growers can do the best job of controlling billbugs before the crop is planted.

Most of the serious damage done by this pest occurs where corn follows corn in rotation. So the best way to avoid damage is to rotate corn with other crops.

Billbugs are described as "snout beetles or weevils" by Dr. John Falter, extension entomologist at North Carolina State University. They resemble other common relatives like the cotton boll weevil. There are at least three species that attack corn.

The primary injury to the corn seedling is caused by the adult feeding at the base of the stalk or just below the soil surface. They pierce the stalk

with their beaks and feed on the tender inner tissue. This causes the bud leaves to wilt and die.

On larger plants, leaf feeding becomes obvious as the leaves extend and unroll. Rows of holes across the leaf can be seen.

Dr. Falter said severe bud damage causes many plants to die while others send up suckers or are stunted. Often, these abnormal plants have billbug larvae feeding inside the stalk. However, grubs are often found in normal appearing stalks. The larval feeding within the stalk is usually not serious.

Two methods of control are suggested:

1. Rotate corn with other crops. This is the cheapest and best method of control. The billbug crawls to reach new fields from an infested field. He can crawl about a quarter mile.

2. Where crop rotation is impractical, chemical control of the adult billbug by soil application of recommended chemicals is possible. County extension agents can advise farmers on types of chemicals that can be used for this purpose and describe the most effective method of application.

Plate Sale At Antioch Fri., March 20

There will be a community Plate Sale at Antioch Community Center Friday, March 20, beginning at 11 a. m.

Chicken and barbecue will be served for a dollar a plate, with the proceeds to go for construction of the recreation and day care center already begun.

The sale is sponsored by the Antioch Community Organization.

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