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## President Jenrich Pledges SGA Support

"If a student has a problem, we want them to come to us so we can help solve the problems through the proper channels." These were the words of SGA President Daniel Jenrich.

SGA (Student Government Association) is the "voice of the student body". "We can't exist or do any good without the student's voice", said Jenrich. Daniel Jenrich is a senior from Charlotte, NC and majors in business. He has been involved in SGA for two years.

Sophomore Beck Harlow is SGA's vice president. Her home is Baltimore, Maryland and her major is undecided. Secretary Charlene Ray lives in Marshall and is a senior.

Other officers include: junior Michael Mays, Attorney General from Morristown, Tennessee; senior Doug Cornman, Chief Justice from North Augusta, SC; Dave Williams, Attorney General staff member from Stewart, Florida;



photo by Tom Bain

officers: Kevin Hopper, Becky Harlow, and Danny Jenrich

Cliff Bowen, member of defense staff from Newportnews, Virginia, and Kevin Hopper, treasurer from Asheville, NC.

SGA wants to help students in many ways. An emergency loan fund is available for those needing a loan. With up to \$50 available to students who need it. Student Government has already rented refrigerators to students and has recently renovated McConnell gym. More plans from McConnell gym are being made, including a lighting system. The government association is also planning to organize campus activities and is working with the Christian Student Movement and the alumni in planning a dance for homecoming.

"Our main concern is being available to the student body" concluded Jenrich. "We want the students to go to their senators with any problems and we want the senators to go to the students. It's no one way street."

A suggestion box is in the Wren College Union at the information desk. Students are urged to place any suggestions or complaints they may have in the box.

Patrick Payne

## MHC Begins Its 125th Year

Founders Day, this October 12th, will mark the 125th anniversary of Mars Hill College. Mars Hill College is the oldest educational institution still on its original site in Western North Carolina, and the first school established in the state west of the Blue Ridge Mountains by the Baptists.

Before the college was established, local citizens sent their children to a Methodist academy near Burnsville, North Carolina. The Baptist parents became increasingly disturbed as the Mars Hill youth began to unite with the Methodist Church. Among the local Baptists who were disturbed by the change was a man named Edward Carter. Founders Day is observed annually on October 12th as is the birthday of Edward Carter. He felt that his children should be educated in a Baptist environment, and with his influence, other local people agreed to cooperate in building their own local school. A campaign was waged until the necessary thousand dollars was subscribed for the first building. After the building was completed, the trustees found themselves \$1875 in debt. The contractors proceeded against a man named J.W. Anderson, who was president and secretary of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Anderson had a negro slave named Joe. The sheriff seized Joe until the claim was settled a few days later. In September of 1856 the new school opened under the name of the French Broad Association. The first president, W.A.G. Brown, was chosen by the board of twenty-five trustees. Brown is remembered for his sincere faith in God, his love of learning, and his pioneer spirit qualities which are still upheld by Mars Hill College today.



Donna Rogers, who died August 17

## Donna Rogers, 19, Dies In Tragic Car Accident

Donna Rogers, a nineteen year old Mars Hill junior, died a tragic death in a one-car accident on the Blue Ridge Parkway on August 17. Donna was a native of Mars Hill. The daughter of Leonard Lee and Nina H. Rogers, she had two brothers.

Donna was a member of California Creek Baptist Church where she was involved in Acteens, a Baptist organization for teenaged girls. She represented her church several times at "Munda Vista," the North Carolina State Acteen's Camp. She also served on the church's social committee, assisting with special church dinners and fellowships. Dot Cody, Secretary to the College Business Manager, and Donna's neighbor, says, "Donna was always willing and capable of performing every task the church gave her. She loved everybody and expressed this love outwardly."

Donna graduated from Madison High School in 1978. She was actively involved in many clubs and organizations: cheerleading, track, Future Homemakers of America, the Monogram and Spanish Clubs, and High School Chorus. Friendly and out-going, Donna served in several leadership positions and was awarded the Susan Britt Citizenship Award.

After high school, Donna chose to attend Mars Hill. On her application, she listed her reasons for choosing Mars Hill. "The main reason I chose to attend Mars Hill College was because it is a friendly, well-located college. It gives a person a very nice selection of courses and fields of study in which he or she could go far." Donna perhaps came into the most contact with students at Mars Hill during her short stay here in her job in the service line of the college cafeteria, quickly earning the reputation of being a warm, caring, and friendly person.

Donna Rogers touched the lives of many with her smile, her warm concern, and her Christian love. She will be missed and remembered by those she left behind.

Patty Edwards

Brown was succeeded by Reverend J.B. Marsh in 1858, and in 1859 the school was given the name of Mars Hill College. The Civil War broke out, and Marsh resigned in 1861 when he found the situation unbearable. Reverend Pinkney Rollins succeeded him and tried to keep the school open, but in 1863 the doors were closed. Rollins reopened the school in 1865 for seven years, until the college was used for an orphanage from 1873 to 1875. Finally the school was re-established and has remained open since Mars Hill College did not effectively begin fulfilling its mission for a Christian education until Robert Lee Moore became its leader in 1897. His forty-year career was the beginning of a new era for

Mars Hill College. The enrollment in the year 1900 was approximately 175 people in the whole school. By the year 1950, the freshman class alone was 547 people.

Mars Hill officially opened its 125th academic year this fall with a faculty workshop. This workshop featured Dr. Antonio Pinilla, Honorary President of the University of Lima (Peru), President of the National Research Council of Peru, President of the Peruvian-British Cultural Association, and Vice-president of the International Association of University Presidents. Dr. Pinilla holds degrees in law, political science, and philosophy from Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru and a PhD in education from the University of

Wisconsin. Founder and past president of the University of Lima and the National Pedagogical University, he has been Minister of Labor in Peru, an extraordinary Ambassador on Special Commission, and a member of the Administrative Council of the Labour International Organization in Geneva and president of the committee for the protection and integration of indigenous tribal and semi-tribal populations in independent countries for that organization. Dr. Pinilla was a guest of Mars Hill for several days and presented an address to the faculty and staff of the college entitled, "Increasing our International Awareness."

Lynn Schluraff