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Professors' Experiences Range From Garlic to Movies

ask. Dr. Stern studied mathematics, political science, and international relations in school, but his lessons in life may have been learned outside the classroom. Even as a child Larry Stern was drawn toward the scientific study of the unknown and wanted to become an astronomer. But at one point, Stern considered the ministry and began by organizing local Vacation Bible Schools. Later, he became a summer interim pastor for six churches at one time. Stern added that he has also served as a resident director of a dormitory and a church janitor.

Both Stern and another political science professor, George Perry, have known the life of dairy farm workers. Perry, who boasts of experience in selling appliances and toys, carting bags of cement for a construction crew, and bagging groceries, had studied history and government with both the ministry and law vying for his future plans. Deciding not to go to law school, he entered Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. This was far from his boyhood fantasy of becoming a

test car driver or radio D.J. Recalling his days as a camp counselor and one year as a seventh grade teacher, Perry pictured a career in education. This eventually became a reality that brought him to Mars Hill.

Picture Jim Lenburg as a U.S. Senator. It was his favorite image as a boy and he longed to serve his country in this capacity. To prepare for this he studied history and political science in college and graduate school. However, in his sophomore year of college, Lenburg felt that he might have a great deal to offer as a history professor and began his training and journey in the profession that would lead him to Mars Hill. Along this journey he was required to practice teaching as well as pursue his studies. Though not completely alien to his field, he was assigned to teach Afro-American studies. His students?—maximum security prisoners. "I couldn't see myself doing that forever," commented Lenburg.

Strange food and customs, eccentric authors, and foreign lands are the topics common to Katherine

MacCoy's classes. She lectures from her own experience. Whether she admits it or not, she has lived the life of the romantics. As a child, her dream was to become a knight in shining armor. She planned to slay injustice and bring peace to the world. She also wanted to travel. She has proof of the latter. With her sights set on journalism she worked as a copygirl and eventually as editor of a small newspaper. While working on her undergraduate studies at Antioch, Ohio, MacCoy participated in a work program that included hoeing corn in North Dakota and living in a boxcar. While spending most of her youth living in a various parts of Latin American and working as an adult for the U.S. foreign service in Guatemala, MacCoy became fluent in Spanish. Still intending to become a journalist or working for the State department, MacCoy took a temporary position teaching high school Spanish. "It clicked. I decided this is what I wanted to do," added MacCoy.

Look closely behind those glasses. Have you seen that face on the big screen? C. Robert Jones has done

more than teach Introduction to Theatre. Speaking of his roles in several films, Jones said that "the most unusual movie part I've ever played was a prisoner. I had to stay in jail all day." Jones' talents extend beyond acting. He has studied English and Spanish and also speaks French. Other than acting, Jones has worked as a pianist in a jazz band. Clearly, his childhood desires to become a teacher and a pianist have been fulfilled.

Little boys in Tom Plaut's house were taught to have lofty ambitions. During World War II, Plaut could think of nothing greater than being a fighter pilot, but he figured he'd probably be a foreign service diplomat. He started out in the right direction by entering Harvard University. While in college he earned extra money by caring for an aged yacht. When it came time to make a living, Plaut turned to speech writing. Often he was forced to write speeches for things he did not believe in. When he tried to picture himself doing that

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Mars Hill: Past and Present

not the same Moore Auditorium that was built in 1955, (the one presently in use). The old auditorium stood where Cornwell and the road that runs in between it and the fountain is. It held 750 to 800 students. Twice a week, the students would go to chapel, and Dillingham said one "could get expelled for missing very many sessions." It was not easy to skip a chapel either. At one end of the row, a faculty member would sit, and at the other end, a member of the student government would sit.

Because the rules were so strict, the pranks that were played back then were also more inventive. Back then, classes began and ended on the toll of a bell, the same one now located in Marshbanks. Only one key opened the door to the bell, and this key was usually given to the most trusted student on campus.

One night, a group of college students decided to pull off a prank. They obtained a cow, and placed her in the sunken gardens just below Marshbanks. From her collar, they ran a rope and attached it to the bell; therefore, every time the cow would move, the bell would ring.

In the middle of the night everything was set up; the cow moved, and the bell rang throughout the campus. When the security guard heard the bell, he searched the grounds, but could not find out why the bell was making all that noise.

The student with the key was summoned, and asked if he had any part in this rude awakening. He, of course, said he wasn't, and the bell kept ringing. Morning came, and the cow was finally discovered, but even to this day, it is not known who the culprits were.

Another prank had a different ending. At one point, streaking was a fad. One night, a group of college men decided that they were going to strut their stuff. They went out one at a time, and the first young man ran into a bit of trouble.

At this time, Treet dorm was still standing. It was a ladies' dorm located where Blackwell Administration building now stands.

story-telling session sitting to Richard Dillingham. He, cluttered with manila Mars Hill paraphernalia, the curator of the museum always seemed to be coming. He would finish something in that story yet another.

It was only in a pair of jeans and a shirt, and it looked as if he stepped out of a story- and the stories began. In the beginning days of Mars Hill, the done differently than college has been. Dating was allowed since 1952, an abnormal event usually spontaneous in the state school, and the national organization to have the ladies back in by 11:00. A curfew was not. All freshmen would back in their dorms by in trouble.

was also required in the of the school. It was held auditorium, however; it was

MHC Charges Administrative Leadership

MARS HILL - A reorganization of leadership at Mars Hill College has been directed by the board of trustees in hopes of improving the school's development program without interfering with day-to-day management.

At his request Dr. Fred B. Bentley, who has been president of the college since 1966, will assume full-time duties in development and in managing college investments. Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf, currently vice president and academic dean, will assume a new title, provost, and will become chief executive officer, handling the internal management of the college.

The changes, which have been approved by the executive committee of the board of trustees, will become effective June 1. Meanwhile, a search committee will seek a new academic dean to take office by Aug. 15, succeeding Schmeltekopf. Bentley will retain the title of president and be responsible to the trustees. Schmeltekopf will report to him.

In proposing the changes to the 36-member board of trustees, Bentley said he wants to devote himself full-time to the development program, which is responsible for raising both capital and operating funds for the \$10-million per year institution. James R. Cox is director of development.

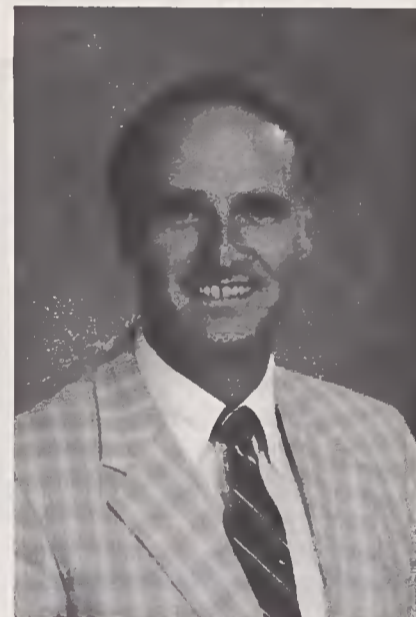
The college is in the midst of a multi-million dollar capital "Campaign for the Future," seeking funds to build a chapel and a new cafeteria and to renovate the current cafeteria into a new library and the current library into an adult education center. The campaign was officially launched last September, and preliminary work has already begun on the chapel.

"The potential for raising money for our Campaign for the Future is real and promising," Bentley told the trustees, "but the task will require extensive time and continuous effort. My day-to-day administrative responsibilities as president simply do not leave me sufficient time to pursue these possibilities".

Schmeltekopf, a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and holder of a doctorate from Drew University, became Mars Hill's chief academic administrator in 1985. He has already guided the 85-member faculty in an extensive re-organization of the general education program and is currently directing other curriculum modifications to strengthen teaching and learning at the 132-year old Baptist college.

Schmeltekopf briefly sketched for trustees four areas of college operation which he feels need "close attention" in the months immediately ahead: enrollment, evaluation of the academic program, buildings and grounds on the campus, and budget.

He said he is prepared to give such attention "on a day-by-day basis" to these areas and that his partnership with Dr. Bentley will "enable him



President Fred B. Bentley



Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf

'88 Phonathon

National Phonathon drew March 3rd meeting both dollar goals and then fund-raiser for the money that helps meet the college's expenses not a tremendous student organizations the Phonathon. 180 % of the student body, fund raisers. These fund raisers. Marsha Director of Alumni Account the college should be student volunteers; meet their fund raising workers who had work Phonathons helped this support and parped make this year's whelming success. Phon brings in over 1/2 the Annual Fund. This reflects the positive, 1/2 of the college to the 1/2 of the alumni who Phonathon are making to the college.

son's Student Director, 39, worked extensively raiser. She was in preparation for the ng and training callers ding with alumni. Marid, "Amy Gaskin was valuable. She was the ondent with all alumni onation. She worked the calling sessions in calls herself to keep a



The '88 Phonathon a success.

phone from going uncovered and she helped secure gift certificates. She understood perfectly the importance of the Phonathon to the students, the organizations, and the college."

The overall success of the event can best be seen by noting the grand totals: the pledge goal of 3,000 pledges was surpassed by 7% with a total of 3,226 pledges raised and the dollar goal of \$60,000 was surpassed by 25% with a total of \$75,238 raised. The top fund raising organizations for most pledges raised and most dollars raised were as follows: First place: Business Honor Club and Psychology Club, led by Greg Googer and Mary Denny, raised 482 pledges,

Iota Chi Alpha, led by Wendi Mangum, raised \$11,402; second place: Iota Chi Alpha raised 473 pledges, Delta Kappa Theta, led by Rod Hemphill, raised \$11,200; third place: SGA Senate led by Joanna Deaton, raised 458 pledges and \$11,080. The top fund raising individuals for most pledges raised and most dollars raised were as follows: First place: Chip Thompson (Business Honor Club) raised 197 pledges, Richard Ouzts (Sigma Chi) raised \$5,052; Second place: Richard Ouzts raised 172 pledges, Chip Thompson raised \$5,000; Third place: L. Scott Smith (SGA Senate) raised 141 pledges and \$3,145.

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(Bentley) to proceed on the capital campaign without the demanding interferences of institutional operations."

A native of Roanoke, VA, Bentley attended Baylor University on an athletic scholarship. He received a bachelor's degree in music there in 1958. He later earned a master's degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and the doctorate from Indiana University. He was a member of the faculty at the University of Louisville when the Mars Hill trustees picked him to succeed Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, who retired in June 1966.

Mrs. Bentley is an alumna of Mars Hill. She and her husband have three grown children, all of whom have also attended Mars Hill.

Bentley, 52, who was inaugurated in November 1966, led Mars Hill to full accreditation as a senior college soon after taking office. Over the years he has been active in various educational organizations. He has served as president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and as president of Western North Carolina Tomorrow. He is currently president of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. In 1987 he was cited by a national study as one of the top 100 college presidents in the nation.

Schmeltekopf is a native Texan and also graduated from Baylor. His degree from Southeastern Seminary in 1966 was a Master of Divinity degree. His Ph.D. from Drew was in 1975. Prior to being selected as academic dean of Mars Hill, he was an executive with the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington. Most of his professional career prior to that was in higher education.

Schmeltekopf, 47, and his wife have four children, including a daughter, Elizabeth, who is a freshman at Furman University.

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