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## Carpe Diem: Seize the Day

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*Carpe Diem*, Latin for "seize the day" is the theme for Christian Focus Week 1990. The dates of February 19-22 are jam-packed full of discussions, seminars and concerts all over campus. Why the theme *Carpe Diem*? The idea came from the movie *Dead Poets Society* starring Robin Williams. Throughout the movie, Williams, playing a teacher at a college prep school for boys, told his students to stand up for what they believed in, to carry out their dreams and to make the most of today because they wouldn't live forever. When dwelling on the theme further, the old wise Aesop's fable came to mind: "The Ant and the Grasshopper":

One frosty autumn day an ant was busily storing away some of the kernels of wheat which he had gathered during the summer to tide him over the coming winter.

A grasshopper, perishing from hunger, came limping by. Perceiving that the industrious ant was doing, he begged for a morsel from the ant's store to save his life.

"What were you doing all during summer while I was busy harvesting?" inquired the ant.

"Oh," replied the grasshopper, "I was not idle. I was singing and chirping day long."

"Well," said the ant, smiling grimly as he locked his granary door, "since you will have to dance all winter."

**Application: it is thrifty to prepare for the wants of tomorrow.**

Preparing today for tomorrow for the Christian means laying up treasures in heaven. No one will be able to borrow from anyone else's. Matthew 25:40 says when acts of love and compassion are done toward our fellow man, they are done for Jesus - that's treasure.

For people who do not know who Jesus is, Christian Focus Week is a time to "seize the day" of learning. People can find out who he is, what he's done and how he can be real in their life.

Every time you see an ant or grasshopper around campus, take time to

stop and think which you would rather be.

To begin the festivities, A concert by Ed Kilbourne, a Contemporary Christian Folk singer, will be held Monday at 7:30 in Moore Auditorium. A reception will follow afterwards for everyone to welcome our guest speakers and performers.

Among the highly educated, experienced and highly demanded speakers will be Dr. George Sweitzer who holds doctorate degrees in Chemistry, Philosophy and Science. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and other honor societies. He has served as a consultant to numerous academic, industrial and government agencies.



Dr. Sweitzer will be speaking Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Moore Auditorium. A feed-back session on Tuesday morning's discussion will be held in Belk Auditorium Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Dating and preparation for marriage seminars will be offered twice because of their popularity in past years. The seminars

will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Phil and Candy Allen from First Baptist Church of Asheville, well-trained and experienced seminar leaders of dating and marriage enrichment, will be returning for a second year.

Additional speakers include: Dr. Hardy Clemmons, pastor of First Baptist Church Greer, S.C.; and Reverend Joe Bounds, Minister of Youth and Adults at First Baptist Church of Lumberton. Rev. Bounds will lead a seminar entitled "Self-Esteem and Discovering Your Gifts." Malcolm Privette, physician's assistant and teacher at University of Florida, will lead "A Scientist's Christian View of Life."

The seminars will be offered at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Other seminars from which students may choose include: "The Message and Medium of MTV" by Dr. Leon Smith, professor of Communications at

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## A Part of the Orient

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Mars Hill recently had a visitor all the way from the orient - Yuan Bing from the People's Republic of China.

Bing was the tour guide and interpreter for the faculty who traveled to China last spring. Bing was planning to travel to the States but after the Tiananmen Square Massacre, his trip was delayed. In the fall, Bing traveled to Doane College in Nebraska where he taught classes.

Yuan arrived in Mars Hill the week of January 15. He provided four workshops for faculty on Contemporary China and China under Communism. He traveled to many area high schools, spoke to the scholars on campus, held one of the Great Decision Lectures and spoke for a community life credit event to students.

Yuan loves to be busy and was glad that his days were filled to the fullest. He stayed with Dr. Jon Crawford, and then Dr. Jim Lenburg. He got to see the area sites such as the Blue Ridge Parkway, but also traveled to see Atlanta.

Dr. Crawford said Yuan represented

his country in a way you cannot get from books.

Yuan said that the hospitality of these professors and the great interest of the students in China impressed him the most. He even had parties in his honor.

He loved to share his views with the teachers and students here at MHC. But not only did he share, he learned. He learned a great deal about the school system and how it differed from his country.

Yuan said he would take back the hospitality and friendliness shown to him here in North Carolina and let his country know how interested the people here are in China. He would also take back stronger friendships he made with the faculty from last summer's trip and also the new ones he made. He hopes that mainland China students will attend Mars Hill in the future since none go here now.

Bing wanted to express appreciation to all those who had a part in his stay. He wishes Mars Hill the best as he continues his travels to California.

## The Unhealthy Planet

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When driving down the road, do you ever notice the litter fallen by the wayside? If you are like most people, you probably do not even notice it anymore. It is now such a common practice for some people to throw cigarettes, cans, bottles and wrappers out of their cars that they have totally forgotten what they are really doing.

Besides marring the roads, spoiling the landscapes and polluting the water, much of this wasted litter can be reused! Aluminum cans; clear, brown and green glass bottles; plastic milk and water bottles; large and small plastic soda bottles; newspaper; and cardboard are just a few of the recycleable products that many people discard without a thought.

Fortunately a few students at MHC do realize this and are doing something about it. These students, along with Dr. Don McCleod and other MHC faculty, have formed a new organization concerning the environment. They want to inform the public of major environmental problems and let them know what they can do to help.

At the group's second meeting, Thursday, February 1, they finalized plans to begin a recycling project on campus: "We intend to start slow, collecting only bottles and cans from the dorms, townhouses and apartments. If this project works, we'll plan to expand it," Brian Widener, one of the members of the organization, said.

He and several others have plans to make posters explaining the process before they begin and then to establish collection points in each dorm and also in the utility rooms of the townhouses and apartments.

The group wishes to remind you that everyone is responsible for taking care of our planet and anything you do to help will benefit all of humanity. Anyone who wishes to join with them in making changes on this campus and for the Earth is welcome to come to the next meeting. Look for posters announcing date and time, or stop by to see Dr. Don McCleod in Wall Science Building for information. No experience is necessary, just a desire to improve the environment. Even if you're not interested in joining the group, please show your concern for the world we live in through participation in this and other projects and programs. Watch for information on up-coming projects for the environment, but most of all keep the environment on your mind all day, everyday.