

# CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

## MHC to Become Computer Linked

The Mars Hill College campus will be intra-linked by computer in two and a half years, college president Dr. Fred Bentley told the school's Board of Advisors Friday, Oct. 4 during their semi-annual business meeting. "I am convinced that one of the ways Mars Hill College can stay ahead of the game is through computerization," he told them.

The college has had some assistance from an outside consultant and will receive additional assistance this year when a cable television company installs cable in each residential room on campus. At the same time the cable is installed, four inch PVC pipe will be installed to carry fiber optics. This will eventually allow students computer access to the library and other facilities on campus. Administration and faculty offices will also be able to network across campus.

Bentley also dealt with the Mars Hill report to the Institutions Relationship Study Committee of the NC Baptist

State Convention. Currently, Mars Hill's 36-member Board of Trustees all have to be NC Baptists and must meet certain other quotas, for example, 25 percent must be from churches with a membership of 400 or less, and no church may have more than six members serving on Baptist agencies or boards.

"Quotas must go," he told the advisors. Each of the college's trustees serve a four-year term, so nine must be replaced each year. Mars Hill's recommendations are that of the nine, five would continue to be NC Baptists, two may be Southern Baptists outside the state, and two may be Christians of other denominations. The report also includes recommending that the trustees be allowed to control all fiduciary aspects of the college. Currently some proposals must be approved by the state organization. The study committee will make its final recommendations at the 1992 state convention in Winston-Salem.

## OUTLOOK '91

### Careers in Health Administration

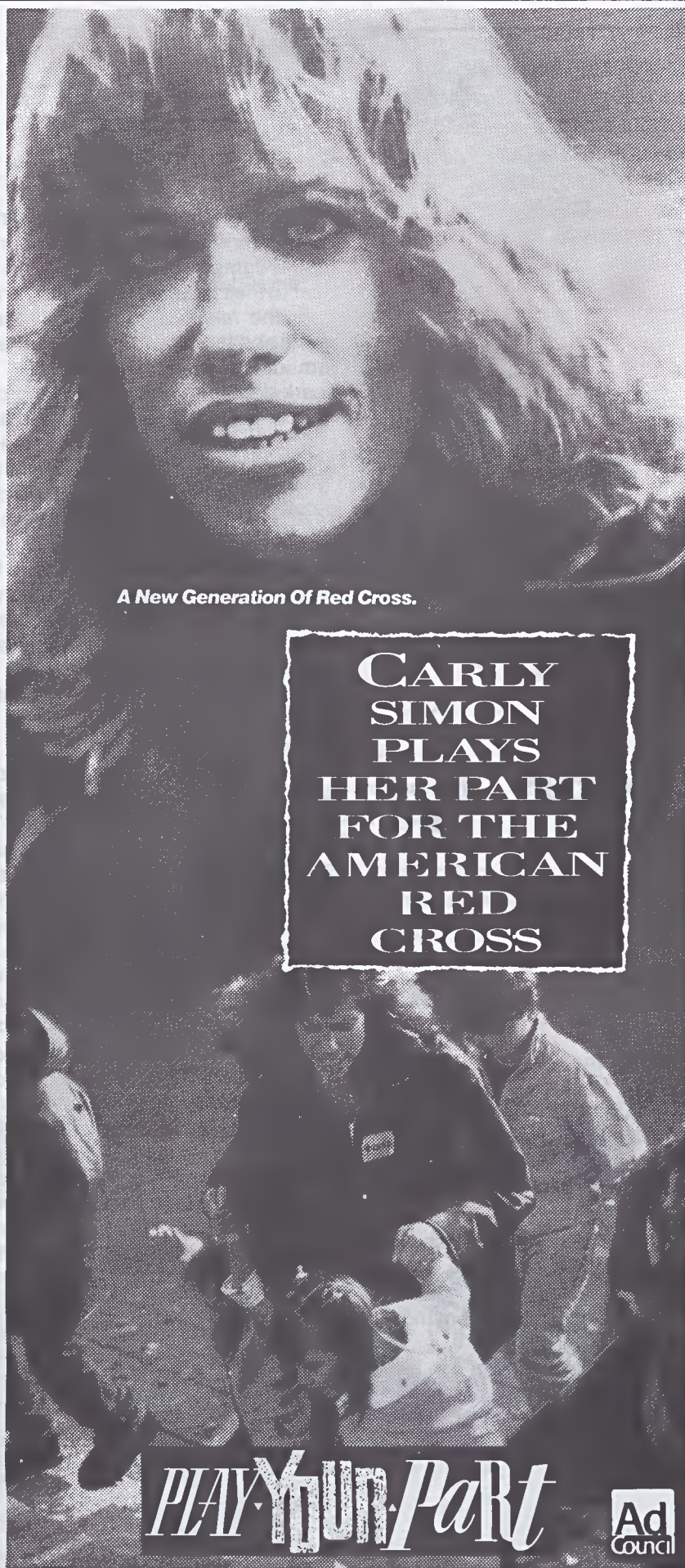
Arlington (Va.) Graduates with master's degrees in health administration are in great demand and graduates find jobs in their field quickly, a survey administered by Korn/Ferry International and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) finds. The average health administration graduate with an MHA, MBA, or other master's-level degree found employment in 3.8 months, 73 percent reporting that the position they accepted was their first choice. Six months after graduation, 90 percent of the graduates reported having obtained employment. The average salary was \$35, 833 for master's graduates.

Students typically take two to three years to earn a master's degree in health administration. Programs are located in schools of business, medicine, public health, and public administration and award degrees such as MBS, MPH, MHA, AND MPS. Some programs prefer students to have prior work experience in the health field, while other do not. Health administration graduates work in settings such as hospitals, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), health care consulting firms, insurance companies, long-term care facilities, and government agencies. They may have operating responsibilities in general administration, financial analysis, information system, health promotion, management of cost containment programs, and other planning functions.

Health administration is an increasingly popular field for women. 59.4 percent of the survey respondents receiving graduate degrees were women, up from 40 percent in 1979. Of those receiving undergraduate degrees, 72.1 percent were women. Increasing numbers of women are expected to be represented among hospitals' senior executive leadership in the future. "Women should take note, health care is a very receptive industry for aspiring women executives," said James N. Heuerman, Managing Vice President of Korn/Ferry International's Health care Division in San Francisco.

AUPHA President Gary Filerman, Ph.D., said, "The survey proves what health administrators know -- health administration is a good career field. The work is demanding, but it is also rewarding and consequential. Administrators make a vital contribution to the quality of health care and well-trained people are a necessity."

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