



Alexander Williams and Joanna Denton rehearse a scene from the play "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" now staging at Mars Hill College.

## 'Whose Life Is It Anyway?' Opens Spring Theater Season

The first production of the spring semester at Mars Hill College will be Brian Clark's powerful Broadway drama, "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" The play centers around Ken Harrison, a sculptor who becomes a quadriplegic following an automobile accident. Harrison, portrayed by Alexander Williams, a freshman from Georgetown, Ken., decides that his life is not worth living without being able to work. He attempts to discharge himself from the hospital, an action that will surely bring about his death.

Adeed Fakoury, is not able to accept any patient's choice to die. Harrison is supported in his decision by Dr. Clare Scott, portrayed by Joanna Denton, a junior from New Cumberland, Penn. The right-to-die choice has become a public issue numerous times since the parents of Karen Ann Quinlan received permission to disconnect her life support systems. The most recent story has been that of Hector Rodas, a quadriplegic who was allowed to starve himself to death. A dozen states now have right to die laws on the books and another 40 have adopted "living will" laws allowing the removal of life support systems from patients who request it.

On Broadway, Tom Conti won a Tony for this performance as the sculptor Harrison.

Mars Hill's production opened Wednesday in Owen Theatre and continues with 8 p.m. performances through Saturday. There will be a special 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Reservations may be made by calling the Owen Theatre Box Office at 689-1239 from 1 to 5 p.m. daily.

## Peek Not Formally Charged

A story that appeared in last week's News Record incorrectly reported that Chief Deputy Dal Peek of the Madison County Sheriff Department had been charged with following too close behind in a three-vehicle accident Feb. 14 in Johnson City. A records clerk with the Johnson City, Tenn., Police Department incorrectly read a line on the accident report.

The investigating officer found that Peek was at fault for the accident, but for insurance purposes only, according to a police department spokesman. The officer did not formally charge him with a traffic offense, according to the spokesman. Also, the police report makes no mention of alcohol being involved in the accident, contrary to some rumors going around the county.

## Marshall Board To Participate In Special Insurance Program

The Marshall Board of Commissioners agreed Monday to participate in the N.C. League of Municipalities Insurance program.

The move, which is expected to cost the town some \$25,000 in initial fees alone, is necessary because private insurance companies are unwilling to provide coverage to municipalities, Marshall Mayor Anita Ward said.

"None of the insurance companies are covering municipalities anymore," Ward said. "I don't know

why they are having too many claims."

Marshall received notice earlier this year that Nationwide Insurance Co. will no longer provide insurance coverage to the town. The town's policy expires Wednesday.

Marshall has found itself in the same dilemma facing many other municipalities and counties across the nation.

SkYROCKETING insurance settlements are at least partially to

blame for insurance companies' unwillingness to provide coverage for local governmental entities, according to industry analysts.

The League of Municipalities plan will cost the town about \$4,000 for coverage through the end of the fiscal year, Ward said. The insurance pool, which involves more than 200 municipalities statewide, will require an annual payment of \$12,000, she said.

The town will also be required to place another \$12,000 into a certificate of deposit for use in case the League of Municipalities encounters a larger claim than it can handle with its insurance pool, Ward said.

The town will also be required to pay about \$25,000 in initiation fees and other costs, she said.

## Cash Flow Workshops Set

Two workshops on Managing Cash Flow have been scheduled by the Small Business Center of Asheville-Buncombe Technical College.

The first session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; the second session is scheduled from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Both programs will be held in the Simpson Auditorium on the A-B Tech campus.

Workshop leader Jack Bostrom will review cash flow analysis and capital gain strategies. He will help par-

ticipants to better understand the financial position of their companies through a discussion of the planning, utilizing and maximizing methods used to increase profits.

A former employee of Eastman Kodak, Bostrom has been a consultant and financial advisor to construction and manufacturing industries for more than 10 years.

A \$25 fee for registration and hand-out materials will be charged. To pre-register by telephone, call A-B Tech 254-1921, ext. 128.

## UNCA Visitation Day Saturday

High school students and others who are considering college are eligible to attend Red Carpet Day on Saturday at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The annual campus visitation day runs from 12:30 to 5 p.m. and features campus tours and workshops on financial aid, academic programs, the

honor's experience, student support services, on-campus life and minority student life.

The concurrent workshops will be repeated so that participants can attend more than one.

Interested students should call the UNCA admissions office at 251-6481 for more information.

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