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Newton to be Missed

By Daniell Hartness

After thirty years of respectable teaching at M-AC, Professor of Bible and Philosophy Dr. John Newton will retire in May.

Newton's long line of achievements began after college graduation at Georgia Tech, where he majored in Electrical Engineering. After receiving his bachelor's, he enlisted in the Navy and served through the Korean War.

After the war, he enrolled in the Pastorate Program at Columbia Seminary to receive his masters in Theology.

Newton began his teaching career at Bell Haven College located in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1964 he began teaching at M-AC, and continued to earn his Ph.D.

When asked how he felt about leaving, he expressed some sorrow, "I have a lot of close ties here."

Subjects included in his teaching career are: Humanities, Philosophy, and upper level Bible courses. He even taught Physics with Bible instructor David Parks.

A Change for the Better...

By Kerle Peterson

College work study assignments have changed, work study recipients are no longer assigned to their positions by the financial aid office, but most make a definite effort to seek out their own employment.

In the past, students awarded work study money filled out a request form for the job that they felt qualified for, and the supervisors that were departments heads would also fill out a request form for the students. This all went to the financial aid Office and recipients were then placed into positions. This caused a great deal of

Lookout for Sliding Trails

By Jeff Lang

The condition of the trail system on Lookout Mountain is deteriorating.

Environmental Science major Derek Sims verified the erosion of Lookout Trail that took place during a rain storm.

Sims asserted, "There were a lot of exposed root systems visible on the trail. At times the trail, even in dry weather, is muddy and rutted from the mountain bikers."

One reason for the erosion, given by Sims, is the increase in hikers due to the Montreat Conferences.

Environmental Science major Sean Anderson declared, "I think erosion is bad. there should be a moratorium on allowing to use the trail until damages can be repaired."

Newton taught several faculty and staff that are currently at M-AC now. Vice President of Student Development Charlie Lance, Lance's wife, and their children were all enrolled in Newton's classes.

Director of Admissions Dave Walters and Walters' son also share

On some sections of the trail erosion has caused a steep incline to develop, making for potentially treacherous footing during wet weather.

Sediment has drained off trails onto plants disrupting the off-trail environments.

Sims commented that he believes that the Environmental Science majors should commit to maintaining the trail system on Lookout and develop some kind of long-term study of the effects of mountain biking on the trail.

"Lookout is a wonderful retreat from the daily grind of academics. It's a shame to see it going downhill. Some type of regulation is needed to protect the trails from the current degradation," he added.

Senior Outdoor Recreation major Randy Olson declared, "The Retreat As-

sociation has done a good job trying to maintain the trail. The log rises they've placed on parts of the trail are okay but pose a hazard trying to get down the mountain at night in emergencies. Students could help out a lot more if they really wanted to."

All Environmental Science majors spoken with agreed that the key to rebuilding the Lookout Trail is through student involvement in all the facets of trail renovation.

Sims pointed out that the Izaak Walton League (IWL) has a number of strategies concerning stream and trail erosion prevention and that the IWL plans are the most cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and would allow for the most student involvement possible.

Lance's experience.

Professor of Bible Darwin Glassford studied under Newton, and he will replace Newton's position as Head of the Bible Department.

Newton continued, "It will be a rest for me, since the college is working me to death."

After this semester, Newton and his wife Jean will join with their children's radio ministry to aid in communications for Trans World Radio.

There was a retirement party for Newton on Saturday, April 9. One hundred and sixty people came to show their appreciation and respect for Dr. Newton.

College Work Study Becomes a Real Job

unhappiness on the parts of students and supervisors if the proper match was not created.

The new system was developed from a review of other college work study programs. And will provide students with the opportunity to find a work study position, but the student must go to three different interviews with the supervisors that they would like to work for and then it is up to the supervisors whether or not they hire them.

If a student had shown that they were being responsible for looking for a position, but had not had any success

in finding a position, then that student will be placed by the Financial Aid Office, and will not risk losing their reward.

However, according to Wanda Olson in the Financial Aid Office, if a student does not make the proper effort in finding a position, then they will risk losing their reward.

Honoring the Honorees

By Joyce Downs

The 1994 Spring Honors Convocation held last Wednesday night acknowledged various individuals who have shown outstanding dedication to their role as part of the college. Two new awards established this year were added to the ceremony: The SGA Excellence Award and the Kim Denise Trapnell Servant Leader Award.

The SGA Excellence Award is presented to a member of SGA who has shown devotion and outstanding leadership throughout the year. This award was presented to senior class president Randy Olson. The Kim Denise Trapnell Servant Leader Award is presented to a student who best shows through his service, attitude and relationships, the heart of a servant. This award went to senior Rodney Scott.

The other special awards included the Elizabeth H. Maxwell Literature Award, which was presented to Kim Trapnell and Mark Bolick.

This year there were three recipients of the Greybeard Players Theatrical excellence Award: Janie King, Rod Stewart, and Mark Wright. Senior Lovanda Fast was this year's Music Award Winner. Head of the document Center Kevin Hord was recognized as

There were several mixed reviews from students on whether the new system for assignments will work. Chris Cauley who has been awarded a work study position verbalized, "It will help students find a job in the real world." While others just thought that it was a hassle.

this year's winner of the SGA Person of the Year. Senior Paulette Mixon who is studying overseas in Egypt this semester was named the recipient of the Faculty Service Award. Finally the David L. Parks Distinguished Professor Award was presented to Dr. Darwin King Glassford, Professor of Christian Ministries, Bible, and Greek.

This year, the *Agape* yearbook was dedicated to Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs Betty Ferrell. Mark Gibbs was recognized by Dr. Darwin Glassford as an outstanding student in Greek.

Special music was performed by soloist Michael S. Ballard, who was accompanied on the piano by M-AC's own professor Thomas S. Stierwalt. The special guest speaker of the evening was Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas Mr. John William Lancaster. Lancaster's brief message focused on the importance of giving great recognition to outstanding achievers who have contributed to society. He discouraged giving all the attention to the tragedies and fallacies of others. "Good things need to be held up, so all can know," stressed Lancaster as he closed his message before the presentation of awards began.

Weight Room Facilities Criticized

By Joyce Downs

As energetic individuals hurry to McAlister Gym to pump-up for summer, criticisms circulate throughout the campus about the weight room's appearance and its old equipment.

Athletic Director and Coach Steve McNamara defended by communicating that the weight room has been tremendously improved since he arrived at M-AC five years ago.

"There were no free weights five years ago, except for the dumb bell racks," recounted McNamara.

Since that time, the weight room has been recarpeted and the walls have been painted. McNamara pointed out that even though the other equipment is old and lacks good appearance, it is perfectly safe, and safety is his major concern.

The only items that are not in working condition are two exercise bikes that have not held up over the years. McNamara explained that as the Athletic Director, Physical Education teacher, and Basketball Coach, he desires to see more equipment and better facilities.

However he stated that he realizes that weight equipment is expensive and that there's only a certain amount of money to go around. He accepts the fact that the school's priority is somewhere else, like in improving dorm facilities and such, but believes that someday there will be enough money to cover the school's athletic needs. Right now he's very optimistic because of the school's long range plans including the building of a new sports activity center which may include new weight equipment.