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## Fall Break Trip Coming Up

By Chad Smith

The American Studies 401 class will plan a trip during Fall Break for students who are interested in touring St. Augustine, Fort Carolina, St. Simons, Darien, Savannah, Edisto Island, and Charleston.

The cost of \$50 dollars will be required up front with anything left over to be divided and reimbursed.

Faculty members and all students are invited and are asked to see Dr. Jack Crawford as soon as possible.

The maximum number to go on this trip is 10 and reservations are expected to go quickly.

## Mulhammer Experiences a Miracle

By Phil Parker

Mike Mulhammer, an incoming freshman who was accepted to attend M-AC this fall did not expect to be at the Rehab Nursing Unit at the Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC.

But because doctors found an unexpected formation of a brain tumor, Mulhammer is now learning some basic functions that some may take for granted.

After 4 weeks in Intensive Care, Mulhammer moved into intensive rehabilitative therapy and evaluation. There, he began his recovery through team therapy to assist him in physical strength, speech, and occupational skills.

This information was learned by a letter sent to the college by Mike's family. Prayer support for Mulhammer's progress has continued since the news of his surgery.

Another letter was sent by his family on September 23 as an update on his current progress. The letter stated that Mulhammer has made great progress since entering rehab and continues to get stronger everyday. However, due to the nature of the brain surgery, he must relearn many everyday tasks.

When the new and returning students arrived at the beginning of the semester, a banner was available for students to sign and give support.

According to David Walters, Admissions Counselor, this banner now hangs in Mulhammer's hospital room. Walters stated, "I was gratified by the response of our students in the types of notes written on the banner. I sense that Mike appreciates the personal and loving environment of the M-AC campus."

Mulhammer still plans on attending M-AC as soon as recovery is full. Letters of encouragement are greatly appreciated according to his family.

Letters can be sent to: Mike Mulhammer c/o Wake Medical Center, 3C Rehab Nursing Unit 3000, New Bern Ave., Raleigh, NC 27610

## Document Center Manager Battles for His Life... Mean Streak Defies Terminal Illness

By M. Janie King

Spina Bifida is a crippling, terminal affliction which document center manager Kevin Hord has dealt with since birth.

This mutation occurs when the spinal cord is left exposed and unprotected due to a defect in the closure of the spinal column.

Problems occurring from Spina Bifida include bladder and bowel function problems, spine and limb deformities and even paralysis and death.

At 35, Hord is the oldest living person with Spina Bifida recorded in North Carolina.

He has lived with the fact that he will probably die from this condition all of his life. His doctors consider Hord a miracle case because he has lived so long.

Hord stated, "I've always accepted that I will have a shorter life span than everyone else. If I live to be past 50, I will be tremendously happy. I'm just glad to have made it to 35."

"My doctors tell me to go ahead and do everything I want to do now. I don't know how long I'll have, but who does? I know what has kept me around this long: my pure mean steak," he continued with a smile.

Hord also has a condition from his Spina Bifida called hydrocephalus in which the spinal cord constantly thinks it is injured and therefore produces too much spinal fluid.

He has had a shunt (metal plate) put in his head which communicates to the spinal cord to stop producing so much fluid.

Hord was born in 1959, when

even less was known about what to do for Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus than the little that is known now.

For the first four or five years of his life Hord was in a wheelchair and would still be there today if his mother hadn't exercised his legs daily.

Hord exclaimed, "We couldn't afford therapy so my mother stretched out my legs herself everyday and did a lot of therapy in swimming pools with me."

"I hurt so much when she

## Club Variety Arouses Student Interest

By Stephanie Young

There are several clubs and organizations at M-AC that offer activities to suit student's wants and needs.

An example of this is the National College Honor Scholarship Society of Alpha Chi. Senior Jeff Reardon serves as president.

For thespians on campus, Alpha Psi Omega, the national dramatic fraternity, is available. President Janie King, Vice President Kat Ballou, and Business Manager Denise Oblander have all been heavily involved with the fraternity since its initiation last April.

President of the Business Club Jeff Garrett, Vice President Eric Brown, and Secretary Wendi Garrett will bring in members of the business world to speak to its club members. This will be called an Executive Lecture Series.

French Night in the cafeteria will be hosted soon by members of the French Club. Advisor Dale Britton, along with Club President Jeremy Whitteveen, Secretary Melissa

did it, but if she hadn't I would still be in a wheelchair."

Hord also assured that it was support of his family that helped him through many hard times.

He remembered, "When I was a kid, my brother never made me feel bad about my disability. He always tried to do stuff that I could also do."

Hord is presently a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Spina Bifida Association.

Two weekends a year he

Brown, and other members will entertain students with singing and french cuisine surrounded by the ambiance of France.

Fun and games is the theme of the Gaming Club. A paintball tournament will be scheduled for the weekend following fall break. Chair Scott Ward and Vice-Chair Chris Holda offer the opportunity for fellowship with other students who want to get away from campus and have a little fun.

President Elizabeth Kitsteiner, along with Vice-Presidents Jonathan Bennett and Carol McMahan provide students with many diverse opportunities for students through the Student Christian Association. The Chapel Committee, a ministry of SCA, plans Chapel services for the year. Joe Troutman is in charge of the committee.

SCA also is involved in the Big Brother/Big Sister ministry. Participates involved themselves in the lives of the kids at the Presbyterian Home for Children. Steve Whitworth heads up this ministry.

also attends Camp Carefree in Durham, North Carolina, which is a camp for children with Spina Bifida.

He states, "I love to see the kids, but on the other hand it makes me feel so helpless."

Hord will be travelling to other states to give DNA and perform other tests to help with research for Spina Bifida.

He stated, "I don't care where I have to travel or what I have to do. I'll do anything to help the children."

The Drama Ministry, intended to demonstrate Christ through mime, skits, song and sign language, is coordinated by Carlyn Schutt.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets on Monday nights in the lobby of the Belk Center. The president is Jonathan Bennett, the vice president is Christy Waddell, and Rob Lewis is in charge of the music.

Building houses for the needy is a job for members of Habitat for Humanity. Member Pharon Anderson contributes to the effort of the group.

Zola Griffin and Lisa McMurry head up the Missions ministry and members will be traveling to inner-city Atlanta, Georgia to minister.

A contemporary Praise and Worship group meets on Wednesday's nights and is lead by Kitsteiner.

A local ministry for the Princess Pearl Retirement Center is coordinated by Scott Jenkins.

Chris Sorenson is in charge of Vesper meetings that meet every Sunday night.