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Captain Rudy Reeves, after surpassing the school record of 191 rebounds in a single season, is drawing closer to the individual scoring record of 431 points held by Doug Pickard of the 1965-66 squad. Reeves needs only 60 points in his remaining five games to set a new record and etch his name on another line in the Blue and Gold record book.

Walker Discusses PE Program

By Smith Goodrum

Editor's Note: The Hilltop held its interview for this issue with Dr. W. P. Walker, chairman of the Physical Education Department. Dr. Walker is a native of Western North Carolina. He received his undergraduate degree at Furman and his doctorate at Florida State. He and his wife came to Mars Hill with their three young children three years ago.

Dr. Walker discusses the Physical Education Department of the college with the same enthusiasm that he has instilled in the department since taking over the chairmanship three years ago. He attributes part of the success of the department to the new physical plant. This has enabled arrangement of properly balanced teaching stations, good equipment and facilities, and freedom in planning, i. e. fencing, wrestling, aquatics and a complete gymnastic program. The real strength, however, is the high calibre instructors and students that he works with.

Dr. Walker takes pride in the six areas of training now available and gives the credit to the initiative and ideas of those he works with. At first students were hesitant to speak out not really believing their ideas were sought. It was not long, however, until the department was a complete interchange of ideas.

The program division is headed by the Core Program for sophomores and freshmen. Not only are the students given close supervision as to course selection, but special efforts are also made to set an example to the majors in the department. The Professional Major Program is for future teachers and coaches. The Varsity Program is for the highly

skilled individuals.

Dr. Walker anticipates a successful football team under Coach Shealy. He also plans to expand the women's varsity program to include tennis, swimming, and gymnastics. The Men's and Women's Intramural program keeps the gym occupied most of the time. As for the Recreation Program "... I don't know of any other four-year college in the southeast which even attempts to run a program like we do," and this includes Furman and Davidson. Any course taught that does not require close supervision can be practiced in the gym at any time. Dr. Walker acknowledges "... 110% cooperation from the students. We don't have to worry about students taking or destroying property. I've always noticed this and think it speaks highly of the students."

There are two special programs under way now that deserve special attention. The "Trampolineze" is a new concept combining the trampoline and the trapeze. The equipment, designed by Mr. Phillips, is mobile so that the group can perform anywhere. Mike Wood, Rose Parsekian, and Bob Gregory have done outstanding work in this field.

The Acrobatic Square Dance Team is a unique idea and has attracted attention across the state. Miss Tyler has worked closely with this group.

Members of the department are also excelling in the academic field. Jerry Gault expects publication soon in the prestige periodical "The Educator". Jerry de-

veloped a knowledge test on handball that is analyzed statistically. He has received a favorable response from several knowledgeable areas.

Buddy Bass is working on a study that may have important consequences in the field of mental health. He is working with mentally retarded children to compare their mental aptitude scores with their physical fitness scores. It is significant that these students are doing work that involves publication which is beyond the success of many in graduate school.

The Physical Education Department is also developing programs that will involve and incorporate the community. Beginning February 8, a recreation program for faculty and staff youngsters will begin that will also include some community youth. The fees paid by the faculty will also cover the underprivileged youth. A summer day-camp program will operate for three weeks; funds will be sought to support the program for 50 indigenous youth. The department is interested in seeing a one-to-one social interaction on the part of parents and children for positive development.

Dr. Walker is interested in Mars Hill as a whole. He was on the committee that formulated the absentee policy that went into effect last fall. He feels that if the teacher-student relationship has any significance the student should be in class, this is in response to the current complaints of the impersonal attitudes and practices on college campuses.

"The contest of the liberal arts college has gone down the drain. It has grown historically and is hard to define in the modern day. Mars Hill's role is going to have to be to meet the needs of several students, intellectually and socially.

"The idea today is service and we can play a role in this region. Located as we are at the tip of the state where nothing is really advanced, we can really serve a purpose. We have tried to have programs that will involve the culturally deprived and hope to include as many as possible."

Dr. Walker emphasizes Physical Education over Athletics because the latter only meets the needs of the highly skilled. He considers physical education an integral part of the total education of the individual and yet just one part of the total fitness. He wants to have a successful program but feels the students should be given a prerogative — the right to make a choice in their activities. He stressed the economic importance of physical fitness in attaining employment. In essence Dr. Walker and his staff are trying to develop a program of benefit to the training of the majors and of value to the total development of Mars Hill.

Symposium to Focus On Social Patterns

"Changing Social Patterns" is the theme of the fifth annual Spring Symposium, slated to begin Saturday evening, February 22. Dr. Evelyn Underwood, head of the History Department and chairman of the Symposium Committee, terms this year's symposium the most informative and important to date, and a "very timely subject of wide human interest, applicable to the entire academic community in dealing with problems concerning all of us in this Age of Transition."

Dr. Underwood believes we must begin to take a more humanistic view of all the changing values affecting traditional institutions such as the church, woman's role in society and the family, which are causing widespread social unrest and frustration.

"The contributions of all ages and social groups must be encouraged and respected," she expressed, "especially in this age of emphasis upon the machine and commercialism, maintaining income levels, the problem of leisure time, racial readjustment, and the tendency to allow the creative of old, disadvantaged, and forgotten persons to stagnate, while society orients most of its interest around the younger generation."

The symposium begins on Saturday this year as the weekend is open for more off-campus people to attend and also offers the students a better schedule. This year also features a kick-off dinner Saturday evening honoring

the first speaker, David Brinkley, veteran news analyst and commentator.

One of the foremost contemporary American savants, Brinkley is a native North Carolinian and began his journalism career with the Wilmington Star-News. He was first teamed with Chet Huntley for the 1956 National convention, which was a success; this event led NBC to introduce the two as anchormen for "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" in October of that year. During the years since that date, their daily news program has become one of the nation's most popular newscasts with a nightly audience of more than 20 million people.

Among other honors, Brinkley was appointed a member of the National Council on Arts by President Johnson and was chosen for the 1967 Golden Key Award by six leading educational organizations for his contribution to national welfare. Brinkley's address, "Crisis in American Society" will provide a distinctive outline for the following lectures dealing with the "Changing Social Patterns."

The 8:00 Sunday evening address, "Traditional Values in Transitions," introduces Dr. Stewart A. Newman, presently professor of philosophy at Campbell College. Highly recommended by three Mars Hill faculty who were previously his students, Dr. Newman holds degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and South-

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\$700 Grant Will Finance Local Tutoring Program

Mars Hill College has received a \$700 tutoring grant from the Southern Education Foundation, according to Dr. Richard Hoffman, Director of the Community Development Program on the campus.

The new program is to be directed by Mrs. Ellen Price, wife of the pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, who will work in cooperation with the community development program.

In a pilot program with plans for future expansion, the participating college students will receive one hour of credit for a practicum in political science.

Mrs. Price, who formerly taught in a special institute in Laurinburg before her husband became pastor here, gave the following details on the program and her goals for the project:

"Present plans call for 10 college students to be assigned as tutors in the black community of Hillcrest inside the city of Asheville; 19 more are to be placed in various areas of Madison County.

"Two weeks of training sessions began Monday. The beneficial experiences for Mars Hillians, however, will likely come in working with youngsters who need special tutoring and companionship. This is the point at which the collegians will probably learn most what the tutoring program is all about," Mrs. Price said.

She sees a two-fold goal in the new program, which gives the college still another chance to relate to the people of the surrounding area in a helpful way. Children who are under-achievers because of environmental disadvantages will be exposed to an enriching and challenging opportunity to develop. At the same time, the college student tutor will have an opportunity to bring his own talents and creativity to bear in a one-to-one relationship.

"It will be an opportunity for the college student to test the applicability of his own liberal education by being a formative influence in today's society," she said.