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The Society for the Advancement of Management will hold its first meeting Wednesday, September 25, at 6:45 p.m. in the Memorial Library Faculty Lounge. The guest speaker will be Mr. Bob Terrell, columnist for the Asheville Citizen-Times.

S.A.M. is the nationally recognized professional organization of managers in industry, commerce, government and education, and the pioneer in management philosophy. The campus division of S.A.M. serves as a bridge between college training and the business world.

S.A.M., in association with business executives, provide students with an insight into the actual practice of the management profession and further the growth of all students, regardless of their knowledge, broadening their outlook, and developing an understanding of the problems of business plus an appreciation of the free, private, competitive enterprise system.

Any student (sophomore through senior) with a sincere interest in the art and science of management is welcome to attend the first meeting of S.A.M. Details for application for membership will be provided.

COMPETENCY-BASED WHAT???

So you've heard that freshmen at Mars Hill are involved in something called a "competence - based curriculum". Do you know why that strange sounding animal is? Could you explain it to someone else? It not, read further and maybe you'll learn more about that which you've trapped yourself into.

One way of attempting to understand the new curriculum is to compare it to the former curriculum. Under the previous curriculum, students graduated from Mars Hill College by completing the courses required by the core curriculum, or departmental majors. Under the new curriculum, only the Mentor Seminar is required as a specific course. All other requirements are stated in terms of competences to be demonstrated and the student chooses learning experiences he or she needs from suggested courses offered by the college.

Under the competence-based curriculum, students will still take courses, engage in independent study, participate in internships and enjoy educational travel as they now do. The difference is that these learning experiences will be selected according to the learning needs of individual students as they seek to attain college competences. This curriculum will bring together the many diverse learning experiences offered by the college into a consistent whole so that a student's education will be less fragmented. In addition, where students already have knowledge and skills relevant to the college competence requirements, they would receive certification of the possession of such competences and build upon them rather than duplicate previously gained competence.

The six general competences to be required of students at Mars Hill derive from six broad areas of meaning in which mankind has sought to arrange his experience and achieve better understanding. These areas are basic symbolic communication, science, aesthetics, personal and cultural value, personal knowledge and synoptic knowledge. Students will be led to explore and develop competences in approaching themselves and their world from each of these six basic frameworks. The competences go beyond requiring knowledge about these six realms of meaning to specify experience in developing skills in each realm.

The competences, as presently developed, are as follows:

- 1) A graduate of Mars Hill College is competent in communication skills.
- 2) A graduate of Mars Hill can use knowledge gained in self-assessment to further his own personal development.
- 3) A graduate of Mars Hill College comprehends the major values of his own culture, the major values of one alternative culture, and can analyze relationships between the major values of at least two cultures.
- 4) A graduate of Mars Hill College understands the nature of aesthetic perception and is aware of the significance of creative and aesthetic dimensions of his own experience.
- 5) A graduate of Mars Hill understands the basic elements of the scientific method of inquiry and applies this understanding by acquiring, identifying and analyzing information which leads to scientific conclusions.
- 6) A graduate of Mars Hill College has examined several attempts to achieve a unified world view and knows how such attempts are made. The graduate is aware of the broad questions that have been posed in the history, philosophy and religion of the western civilization and can assess the validity of answers given to these broad questions in terms of internal consistency, compar-

ative analyses and his own position.

7) A graduate of Mars Hill College is competent in an area of specialization.

Statement of the competences with the overall development of its students as persons and not just walking encyclopedias.

We are presently trying to make the competence statements as accurate and specific as possible while still retaining and emphasis on flexibility to respond to the needs of individual students. The major outlines of the curriculum have been formulated and faculty are beginning work on they design of learning experiences to assist atudents in attaining the competences. If we have done our work well, Mars Hill College should have a curriculum which clearly states what we mean by a liberal arts education, communicates to the students precisely what is expected of them for a bachelor's degree and

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BEST LAID PLANS...

by: Dick Newsome

As of early last Tuesday afternoon, Fanny, an all-female, band was going to give Mars Hill College one of the best shows ever. Was going to, Right? Right. A strange thing happened on the way to fame and glory here at M.H.C.

Phil Weast informed the College Union Board Tuesday afternoon that Fanny had canceled the concert that had been scheduled for September

28. The reasons for this are connected to their recording of a new album and problems with their management.

The College Union wanted to emphasize that there has not been a loss of any

money and that this is not a repeat of the "Badfinger Affair." It seems that this is the case and fault, if any, lies beyond the College Union and the school.

What now? It is likely that another

group will be chosen from the same price range. The purchase would be from the agency that was involved with the booking of Fanny, this being the Johnny Hensley and Mears Agency.

The concert committee is working to see what they can come up with. Hopefully we can count on the committee using judgment by not rushing into anything and by taking into consideration students' opinions.



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