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\$2,250 RECEIVED FROM McCURRY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Mars Hill—\$2,250.00 from the estate of an Albemarle woman who died in 1971 has been made available to MHC for scholarship awards for the spring semester of the current school year.

Trustees of the Wilma L. McCurdy Memorial Scholarship Fund recently notified President Bentley that \$2,250 will be available for the spring. They asked that the college receive applications for the scholarship money and process them according to previously agreed upon rules.

David Matthews, director of financial aid, said current students interested in applying may obtain an application form in his office on the ground floor of Spilman. He would like to have all applications in hand by Thanksgiving in order that the Financial Aid Committee might review them properly before passing them along to the trustees of the memorial scholarship for final approval.

The trustees have agreed that no stu-

dent may receive more than \$750.00 from the fund in any single academic year. This means, therefore, that the awards to be made for the spring semester probably will be \$375 each, Mr. Mathews explained.

Mrs. McCurdy was the widow of D.B. McCurdy, who was president of the First National Bank of Albemarle for many years. In her will she left various small sums to relatives and slightly larger amounts to several colleges and other institutions, including \$5,000.00 to Mars Hill. The bulk of the estate,

which was originally inventoried at approximately half a million dollars, went into the memorial scholarship fund, out of which scholarships are to be provided to students attending the seven Baptist colleges in North Carolina.

Qualified students from anywhere in North Carolina may apply for one of the scholarships, but preference will be given to those from

Stanly County. Awards are made on the basis of the applicant's character, academic standing and financial need. The college may specify varied amounts for the scholarships, but no recipient may receive more than \$750 in a single year.

The trustees appointed by the will to administer the fund include the trust officer of the First Union National Bank of North Carolina, the president of Wingate College, and the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Albemarle. The latter, the Reverend Harold L. McDonald, is also a trustee of Mars Hill College.

In announcing the allotment of the first money from the fund the trustees also indicated to President Bentley that \$4,500 has been tentatively committed to Mars Hill for McCurdy scholarships during the 1975-76 academic year. Procedures for making application those grants will be announced later in the current school year by Mr. Mathew's office.



Cheryl Thomas



Karen Caldwell

FAMILY PLANNING

by Cheryl Thomas

Karen Caldwell and I attended a Family Planning Workshop in Asheville on October 10 and 11, 1974. It was at the invitation (of certain interested students) of Mr. Bill Renfrow, Health Educator for the Land-of-the-Sky Region of Health Services. Our main goal in attending the workshop was to possibly establish an Information Center with services dealing in Family Planning and Health on the Mars Hill College campus.

The workshop, which was held at the Holiday Inn in West Asheville consisted of lectures on anatomy and physiology, con-

traceptives and counseling methods, but also of smaller group sessions which involved role playing and methods of guidance and counseling. The total experience turned out to be informative and a very good review for Karen and me.

We feel that there is a need for family planning information on our campus with a setting that is both confidential and on a peer level which is informal. We now wish to volunteer our services to any male or female persons whether married, engaged, or single.

Karen is a senior sociology student who

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