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DEBATE TEAM ATTENDS TOURNEY

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Contrary to popular belief Mars Hill College has a debate team. The team was organized November 25, 1974 and is sponsored by Dr. David Knisley. Members of the team are: A Team - Scott Sivils & David Rankin; B Team - Steve Boyce and B.S. Franklin. During December 6-8 the team attended their first debate held at the University of So. Carolina. The other teams participating consisted of those from Carson -

Newman, UNC-CH, Duke, UNC-W, UNC-G, Davidson Savannah State and USC. Each school sends between two to five teams to participate. The issue debated at this meeting was: "Resolved: That the power of the Presidency should be significantly curtailed." In the course of the debate, there are two teams representing either the affirmative or the negative position. The affirmative speaks first with an allotted time of ten minutes then the negative is given the same opportunity. The process is then repeated with a

different speaker representing the same school. The second stage is rebuttal. The negative side speaks for 5 minutes attempting to refute the affirmative case. The affirmative is allotted another 5 minutes in order to make his stand clearly understood. The process is again repeated and this segment is completed. The judge, (chosen from a different school other than the schools being represented) decides the debate on the basis of organization, content, presentation and

the validity of the argument. Since this meeting was a tournament each debated six rounds. During the debate the team must alternate between the affirmative and the negative. After the six rounds 8 out of 21 teams are chosen for the quarter finals and then the winner is chosen from the 8. In their first showing, the MHC debate team exhibited a lot of preparation considering the very short time with which they had to prepare. Under the circumstances states Steve Boyce,

"We made a fine showing for Mars Hill College. We gained a lot of experience and we now know what to expect. I feel the team will do 100% better at the next tournament." According to Scott Sivils, "As far as my lack of experience as a debater, I feel I learned a lot in a few short minutes." Ben Franklin says that, "there is plenty of room on the team for more members. If you are interested please contact any member of the team or Dr. David Knisley."

BALTIMORE MISSION PLANNED FOR JANUARY 1975

Encouraged by the success of a group of students who carried out a special project in Baltimore, Md., during the 1974 semester, another group of Mars Hillians is planning a similar mission project for the coming January short term. Twenty-seven students currently are signed up to participate in the project, which will be carried out Jan. 7-23 under the sponsorship of the Seventh Baptist Church of Baltimore. The endeavor, called "The Baltimore Mission Project," will be a learning and service adventure for the participants, conducted in the environment of the inner city of a large metropolitan area. The students will

be staying in a retreat center owned and operated by the sponsoring church. First they will undergo three days of orientation to inner city life under the direction of experienced mission personnel from various churches which serve in the Baltimore ghetto. After the orientation they will work in seven major areas of social ministry: a day care center, a soup kitchen, a well-baby clinic, a coffeehouse for youth, a coffeehouse for the elderly, a thrift shop, and a half-way house. On weekends the group will be divided into revival teams which will go into the Baltimore area churches, telling a-

bout their experiences in the mission project. Several members of the group comprise a folk team which has been invited to participate in a special citywide crusade in Fredrick, Md., Jan. 17-19. The entire group will take off one Saturday for a tour of the nation's capital. Joining the students for part of the time will be Richard Sale, new director of the college counseling center. Most of the students participating in the project will receive mini-semester credit through the Religion Department. The project is being planned and directed by a steering committee headed by Darryl Elster. Others

on the committee include Valorie McNabb, Judy Bates, Glenna Sturgill, Sheila Speight, and Richard Sale. In addition to these, other students who plan to participate in the mini-term project include: Pat Burchett, Henry Tingle Paul Haywood, Adele West, Danny Georges, Dennis Daniel, Lori Smart, Rick Parris, Sherry McGuire, Terry Vaughan, Mark Dickerson, David Brisson, Cindy Hill, Dee Smith, Suzanne

Simpson, Janice Taylor Diane Campbell, Jackie Tillery, L. E. Williamson, Thomas Hinson, and Sondra Price. College Chaplain, Robert Melvin, is advisor to the mini-semester class. The pastor of the Seventh Baptist Church praised the efforts of last year's student group as "an unqualified success." In a letter to Mr. Melvin he cited the Mars Hillians as "the best student group we have ever had."

CADENZA NAMED ALL-AMERICAN

CADENZA, The literary magazine of Mars Hill College has been awarded the highest rating given any college publication by the Associated College Press for the second straight year. The magazine was awarded the ACP's "All America" award by

Otto Quale, director of the ACP, who commented that the magazine "is a pleasure to read and Mars Hill College is fortunate to have such a voice." The magazine was originally founded by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council and has con-

tinually been among the college magazines to receive grants from the council. This year's grant totaled \$300. The grant is used to encourage competitions that offer cash prizes for original

MISS LAUREL PAGEANT

Many exciting additions have been made to the Miss Laurel Pageant this year. The Pageant, to be held this year on Jan. 30, 1975 at 8:15 pm., in Moore Auditorium, will again be sponsored by the Sinfonians of Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity. John Psychas and Charles Conner who are co-directors of this year's pageant, have been working hard to see that this pageant will be the best ever. There will be a slate of five judges

to select Miss Laurel 1975 and they are: Mr. Richard A. Wood, Jr. Mayor of Asheville, Ms. Claire Burggrun Music Inst. Asheville, Dr. J.K. Manley, Pres. of Asheville Jaycees, Mr. Pedro Paciencia Professor of Music Brevard College, Ms. Beverly Vaudin Fashion and Advertising Mgr. of Belk Asheville. Also, for the first time, there will be a scholarship of \$300 awarded to the contestant crowned Miss

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