



G. A. T. E. W. A. Y.

by: Ruth Rohleder

"Keep the cars moving!" "Be sure to wear your name tags." "The Wren College Union Building is next to the cafeteria." These plus many more statements were made by the orientation staff Friday, August 22, when the barrage of freshmen came excited, curious, and eager to Mars Hill College.

From 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock, the new students were moving into their rooms, meeting roommates, getting to know the campus, and, hopefully, feeling right at home. During the afternoon, freshmen met with their Mentor

groups. Here they found the answers to questions, were filled in on the week's activities, and had the opportunity to meet fellow classmen. That night, after an outdoor supper, freshmen congregated at the amphitheater where President Bentley welcomed them and they were told of many opportunities in which they could get involved; Student Government, College Union, and other campus organizations.

G.A.T.E.W.A.Y. got off to a good start but it didn't "just happen." Judy Bates, a junior at M.H.C., was appointed Chairperson of the whole shabang and she work-

ed long and hard this summer to make the freshmen feel as welcome as possible. With the arrival of the orientation staff, Judy assigned the workers to their committees and gave them a syllabus for the following week. Everyone pulled their load and with impressive intelligence and baffling footwork, G.A.T.E.W.A.Y. ran as smooth as silk.

Judy had these comments to make, "I was very impressed with the excellent staff.

Without them, orientation would have been impossible. I would like to give special thanks to Ruth Rohleder who helped me this summer and to Mickey McLaughlin and Jon Moseley for organizing the entertainment for the week. I also received a lot of cooperation from the departments in setting up the various programs. The freshmen were most cooperative and they seemed to be really interested in their college."

Two members of the orientation staff expressed their opinion of G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.

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Curtis Crouch - It was much more organized this year. The staff was a pleasure to work with and I'd

really like to get involved with orientation again next year.

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Freshmen arriving for G.A.T.E.W.A.Y. PHOTO: CAMPBELL

\$157,250 Grant

A \$157,250 grant has been announced by Mars Hill College president Dr. Fred B. Bentley. The grant, from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, is to continue work on the college's competence-based curriculum. In making the announcement Dr. Bentley said that the grant is the largest program grant in the school's 118 year history. The grant follows a \$100,000 grant made by Kellogg to the college in 1973.

In accepting the grant, Dr. Bentley said that the two grants "have enabled us to make giant studies in becoming one the recognized national leaders in the field of competence based

curriculum. It is the hope of Mars Hill College that we will be in a position to assist other institutions who are interested in faculty development, evaluation, and other aspects of such a program. I am extremely pleased that the directors of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation have elected to support the innovations taking place at Mars Hill College."

The grant will be used to implement a faculty development program over a two year period which will be directly related to the college's new academic program. According to academic vice president Dr. Richard Hoffman, who guided the faculty team which for-

tribute to the faculty and staff of Mars Hill and, in a large measure, justifies the tremendous work done by the faculty in initiating the competence program. Since the Kellogg Foundation rarely makes a follow-up award, this grant is highly significant."

The funding will also allow the college to participate in national workshops and conferences. In the past year, such exposure has brought college and university officials from across the country to the Mars Hill campus.

The competence-based curriculum was introduced on an experimental basis during the 1973-74 school year and on

a curriculum-wide basis this past year. In establishing the competence-based program, the college has identified certain educational and skill competencies which represent full emotional, intellectual, and psychological development of the student. In contrast to traditional approaches, the new curriculum emphasizes the accountability of the college in the progress of its students.

In announcing the grant to Mars Hill, George Hanson, Kellogg official, said that the foundation was "delighted to be in a position to assist Mars Hill College in this important project."

Dr. David Knisley, professor of History, will

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New Faculty

Dr. Richard L. Hoffman, vice-president for academic affairs at Mars Hill College, has announced the addition of 10 faculty members at the Baptist affiliated college. The new faculty members join the departments of History, Math, Music, Social and Behavioral Sciences, English, Business, Biology, and Physical Education.

With the new additions, Mars Hill will have a total of 106 faculty members as the college opens its 120th year later this month. The new members are:

Jon Gregory Crawford, named an instructor in the college's History Department, comes to Mars Hill from the University of North Carolina where he has completed preliminary exams toward his doctorate. A native of San Jose, Calif., Crawford earned his bachelor's degree at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and his master's at Claremont Graduate School. At Pomona he was named to the All-League football team. In preparation for his Ph. D. he has studied and travelled extensively in England and Ireland.

Eddie Jo Jarrett, named an instructor in the English Department, has been a part-time instructor at the college this year. She is a native of Banner Elk, and received her bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University as well as her master's degree. She is continuing her study at

Duke.

Carl S. Weeks, a native of Savannah, Ga., has also been appointed an instructor in the English Department. He earned his bachelor's degree at Emory University where he was a member of the Glee Club and Sigma Chi fraternity. He earned his master's degree from the University of Georgia and taught freshman and sophomore composition there last year.

Griffin E. Lloyd has been appointed assistant professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He is a native of Montgomery, Ala., and completed his undergraduate work at Auburn University. He earned his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Georgia and has continued studying at Mississippi State University, while teaching there last year.

Also in the Social and Behavioral Science Department, Fay Coker Walker has been named director of Social Work Program and instructor. She is a native of Roanoke, Va., and an alumna of Mars Hill when the school was a two-year college. She received her bachelor's and Master of

Social Work degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For the past three years she has taught community development at UNC-Ch's School of Public Health.

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Special Interests

by Mickey McLaughlin

During the summer, Wren College Union designed four new programs: the Special Interest College, the Craft Program, the Southern Appalachian Forum, and the Last Lecture Series.

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