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## Lenburg to Head History Department

Dr. Evelyn Underwood, a native of Haywood County who has taught at Mars Hill College for 32 years and guided the college's history department since 1962, will give up the chairmanship of the department at the end of the current academic year. She will continue to concentrate on teaching and other special interests.

Appointed to succeed Dr. Underwood as head of the department is Dr. James Lenburg, a native of Indianapolis. A member of the Mars Hill faculty since 1973, Lenburg earned his undergraduate degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, and his master's degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He was awarded the Ph.D. in political science from Penn State University in 1973.

While at Penn State, he taught courses in

Afro-American and American History. In a special class, he taught history courses to the inmates of Rockview Correctional Institution. Prior to that, he taught American and Asian History at Alfred University in New York and from 1967-1968 he taught American History at Bowling Green. He was awarded the John Schwartz History Prize for an essay, "The Emergence of the GOP as a Majority Party," he authored at Bowling Green.

Lenburg will take over leadership of the department at Mars Hill from Miss Underwood on June 1. Miss Underwood, who began her career at Mars Hill in 1944, attended the public schools of Haywood County and finished her undergraduate work at Women's College, now UNC-Greensboro. She earned

both her master's degree and the Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has also studied at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland).

Dr. Underwood began her teaching career in Clyde. After one year in the public school there, she transferred to the Waynesville Township High School. Later she taught in the Gastonia city schools, and came to Mars Hill when the school was still a junior college.

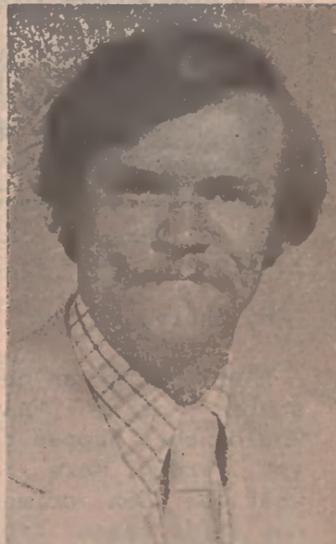
In addition to her teaching duties, Miss Underwood is involved in numerous civic and cultural affairs of both Madison County and the Western North Carolina region. She is county-wide chairman of the local bicentennial celebration and is a member of the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

Throughout her career, Miss Underwood

has been extremely active in the Baptist Church. Over the years she has been a leader in the Women's Mission Union and other phases of mission action. Presently she teaches a women's Sunday School class; and she was recently elected chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, a rare distinction among Southern Baptists. She was first ordained a deacon in 1970.

Schooled in the traditional approaches to the study of history and its presentation in elementary and secondary schools as well as colleges, she has become involved in recent years with oral history, an approach that utilizes interesting bits of local history that have been passed from one generation to another

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Dr. Lenburg (TOP) takes over the chairmanship of the history department from Dr. Underwood (BOTTOM).



## New SGA Officers



New SGA officers. From left to right: Hal Hill-Chief Justice, Patti Mills-President, Steve Webb-Vice-Pres. (Martha Kimsey-Secretary and Ruth Rohleder-Speaker of Joint Council not pictured).

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### THE HILLTOP INTERVIEWS PATTI MILLS

HT: How do you feel, as a woman, having been elected SGA President for 1976-1977?

Patti: I don't look at myself as being a woman president, I just look at myself as being president of the SGA.

HT: Why did you run for this office?

Patti: I felt that I had the qualifications that were needed for president. I've been involved in SGA since I was a freshman; I feel that I have done my best, and I will continue to do so. That is, I will continue to stand up for student's rights. Just as Mars Hill College is known for its innovative curriculum, I would also like it to be known for its interest in the rights of the students.

HT: How did you feel running un-opposed?

Patti: I wish I had had some opposition because it created problems as to what lengths I should go in my campaign. I did not know whether to think that the job as president was too much to tackle or that there was so much apathy that no one else wanted the job.

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