

Puppeteers

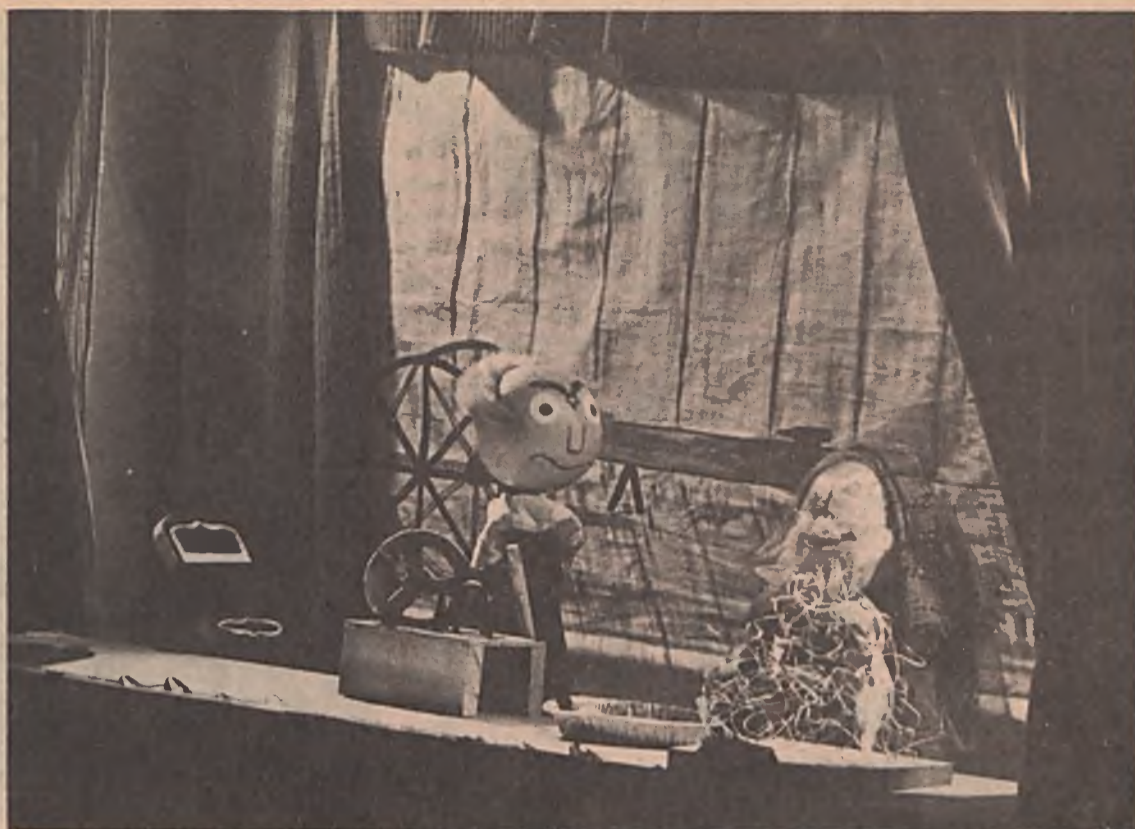
Four students from Mars Hill college who received one of nine grants from the North Carolina Bicentennial Program, have been successful in arousing the interest of elementary school students in Madison County in the history of their country.

The grant awarded by the state agency allowed the students to purchase the materials they needed, including the stage, scenery, all lighting equipment, and 19 puppets and costumes. The students are: Rochelle Dunn, a native of Henderson; Lucy Patterson, a Jacksonville, Fla., native; Lois Vanderpool, an Ocean City, N. J., native, all sophomore elementary education majors; and Stephanie Johnson, a Lynchburg, Va., senior drama major.

The four students have been working closely with Deborah Compton, Third Cen-

tury Artist in residence at Mars Hill and a professional puppeteer. With the help of six Madison High students, David Lee, Mark Moore, Linda Ammons, Burton Fox, Rebecca Suitt, and Dawn Clemmons. All scenery was painted by MHC student Karen Boone. The 10-member group wrote five original scripts based on tales from the Appalachian region, and have produced the shows in each of the elementary schools as well as the child care center in Madison County.

The scripts were taped by the students with music provided by Lou Therrell of the college staff, a well-known musician. Other local musicians participated in the project as well. The shows have been well received by the schools and the project will come to a close during a county-wide Bicentennial festival May 9.



"Wicked John" is one of five original scripts written by the 10 member group of puppeteers at Mars Hill College and Madison High School. Here Wicked John receives three wishes from St. Peter. PHOTO: CAMPBELL

New Housing Program: Survival

The Student Development Office has instituted a new housing program for the 1976-77 school year by interrelating the academic and personal aspects of student life. Dean Gehring and his staff are no longer going to let freshmen "sink or swim". The Student Development staff feels that too many freshmen did not come back after first semester last year because something was lacking.

Part of this new program will include all-freshmen residence halls. The male students will be housed in Melrose, Brown, and Spilman and the female students in Edna Moore and Stroup. Each floor in these dormitories will have a residence assistant (RA) and a residence tutor (RT); both of which will be upperclassmen. The residence tutor is a totally new idea in dormitory life. These tutors should have at least a 3.0 quality

point ratio and be able to relate to others well on a one-to-one basis. The duties of these 13 RT's will be to help freshmen survive academically and personally. They will be trained by the new counselor; learning how to work with groups, being competent in freshmen courses like English and Math, and knowing the requirements and basic premises of the competence-based curriculum. They will hold "how to" seminars with students: how to read, review, write papers, study, budget time, etc. Ms. Jane Holcombe will be the Associate Dean of Student Development and will be in charge of the RT program and the counseling center.

Another new angle in housing next year will be the Dixon-Palmer apartments for male students. Woodrow and Cooper are going to be torn down and Treat will be replaced by the Blackwell Administration Building. No one will be assigned to

Treat unless absolutely necessary. The 20 four-person apartments will provide 80 new residence spaces.

Freshmen women and men will both have curfew next year; unless otherwise specified by the parents. The alternatives being offered to the parents are the following: 1) A student may not have sign-out privileges or late permissions, 2) A student must abide by the school's policy of curfew during the week, but sign-out on the weekends, 3) A student may sign-out any night, 4) A student will not be required to sign-out. Freshmen who are 19 years old or over or are veterans will not be restricted by any of the above regulations.

The coordination of the academic and personal areas is a new idea in college life and student development. There are no other colleges that have instituted a similar program: helping freshmen survive.

University Industrial Dialog

by Steve Webb
Recently, Mr. Roy Wood, business instructor at Mars Hill, and three students attended a University Industrial Dialog. This dialog was sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, and was held at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City. The purpose of this dialog was to help students gain a better understanding of the free enterprise system in America. This was accomplished by small group meetings, in which the students conversed with several presidents and officials of industry from the southern part of the United States. Various questions were asked concerning college

graduated seniors, and students in general.

The Mars Hill group had the privilege of meeting and talking with Larry Waylam, president of Berkline Corporation, which is located in Morristown, Tenn. Mr. Waylam answered questions dealing with job placement, government intervention hindering free enterprise, involvement of business and businessmen in a community, and the pros and cons of unions.

This dialog held at ETSU was most interesting and informative. The students who attended express their appreciation to the National Association of Manufacturers for sponsoring this event.

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