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Dances, Concerts, Parade Highlight Homecoming



Homecoming 1976 brings students, alumni, administration, and faculty together for reminiscing about "The Way We Were." Photo by John Campbell

The Special Events Committee of Wren College Union is proud to announce that this year's Homecoming promises to be one of the best in a long time. In choosing an appropriate theme, "The Way We Were," the College Union has striven to bring back some of the spirit that was once present at "the Hill." All segments of the campus community have made sure that this year's events will be more exciting than ever. With dances, parades, parties, concerts, a ball game, and just plain fun, the tone has been set for the making of new memories. Already, this week has seen a variety of special features sponsored by organizations all over campus. The Visiting Artists and Lecturers Committee, in an attempt to bring quality film to the Mars Hill campus, presented "Man in the Glass

Booth" on Tuesday. The remainder of the week was highlighted by a junior-sponsored powder puff football game, a cartoon festival from the Film Committee, and a concert in the Coffeehouse. In addition, all week long groups have worked busily on floats and displays in order to promote spirit at Mars Hill.

But Homecoming is not over yet--not by a long shot--for the climax of events will occur this weekend. Friday night the festivities continue with a dance, featuring "Bill Deal and the Rhondells" in the cafeteria from 9 pm until 12 midnight. The charge will be \$1.50 per person, \$2.00 per couple, and ID's must be shown. On Saturday, those participating in the parade will meet at 12:30 pm in the

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Bentley Enthusiastic About Student, Community Contributions

As President Fred Bentley looks over the beginning of the college's 121st year, he has some very positive feelings about Mars Hill. Far from just citing promising statistics he talks enthusiastically about the contributions of individuals from all parts of the community to the continued growth of the college.

According to Bentley, "total enrollment is about where we want it," though the increase did not materialize due to the absence of fifty commuters. Unfortunately, such a gap meant that college income fell \$75,000 short of

the expected amount. Therefore, Bentley has figured out many ways to cut corners--telephone bills, lights, heating, xeroxing, and other areas. With cutbacks in excesses, however, he says that the budget will be fine.

Concerning student living accommodations, the President says that the overflow in Treat and Myers attic is now changed. With 52 no-shows (27 upperclassmen and 25 freshmen) there was plenty of room for additional students. Also, with 75 December graduates, and several possible dropouts and suspensions, it will be

possible to finally tear down Treat.

Once Treat is removed, additional funds will be needed for the construction of a new administration building, the Blackwell building. (Only \$400,000 of the needed \$1 million has been raised.) This money will come primarily from donations and not from student fees. With plans already prepared and okayed, hopes are high for groundbreaking by spring.

Perhaps more striking than his knowledge of capital out-

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