## Hutt Reflects Concern For Students' Realization **Of Academic, Personal Goals**

For Dr. Bill Hutt, assistant professor of biology, teaching at Mars Hill is an exciting challenge. And considering all the places he has been, that must be a great compliment to the college. Born in Noordwyk Binen, the Netherlands where his father worked for the Dutch government, Dr. Hutt was the ninth of fourteen children. Not until the age of six did his family move to the United States, then to a dairy farm in New York state. Because of the constant contact with animals and the environment, there Dr. Hutt developed an avid interest in living things that served as a foundation for his later biological studies. The pleasure of rural life, like attending very small close-knit schoolhouses, played a great part in his childhood experience even after his family moved when he was twelve to upstate grape country near Newark, New York.

He was soon to leave New York State, however, attending Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a school associated with the Christian Reformed Church. There he intended to become a math major but due to the influence of a good teacher he inevitably returned to what would be his first love--biology. After working his way through college he taught for several years in junior high schools in Grand Rapids. Also, the year after he graduated from Calvin he married his wife Marlene.

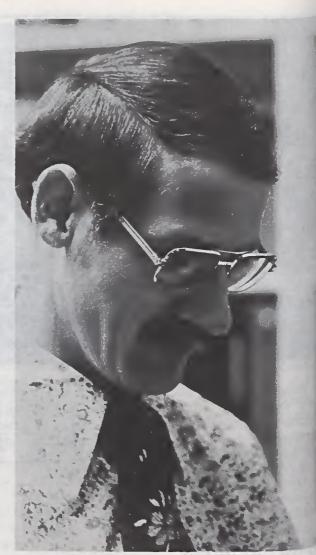
Dr. Hutt, however, was not to become a permanent resident of Grand Rapids. Not too long after his marriage he and

Marlene moved to Ft.Lauderdale, Florida; he taught senior high school in Miami. Living that close to the ocean, Dr. Hutt soon became interested in the study of marine life and in the process decided to go on to graduate school. He attended the University of Georgia, starting on his Masters in Biology, but liked it so well that he decided to stay. In 1972 he received his Ph.D. in cellular biology. His graduate studies did not end there, however, for he attended the University of North Carolina from 1972 until 1974.

Dr. Hutt had known about Mars Hill before he heard about an opening in the biology department but he didn't know quite what to expect. It appears as if his hopes were borne out, though, for his impressions are all favorable. He enjoys this area, the school and the students he works with and believes the faculty and administration are progressive and dynamic. He is also very concerned about the undergraduate program and consequently likes the competence program and the type of students it attracts.

His main desire as a teacher is to help people reach their goals, not only

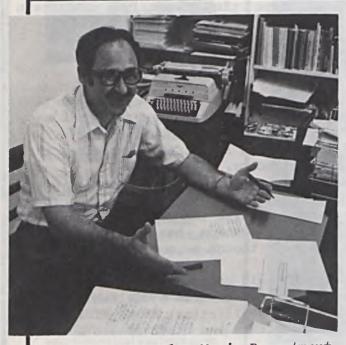
academic but personal as well. It is no surprise, then, that his involvement in many aspects of student affairs reflects this desire to develop the total educational program. His work as a faculty mentor and as a member of the assessment team (concentrating on student development as it relates to the



Dr. Bill Hutt, assistant professor of biology, is involved in several areas of student interests such as the men tor program and the Board for Student Communications.

natural sciences) are both examples of this aim.

A resident of Weaverville, Dr. Hutt has three children (Michelle, Eric, and Diane). His hobbies include camping, an tique cars (he is a member of Studebaker Club), refinishing old fur niture, and, not surprisingly, travel.



Dr. Wayne Pressley, Music Department chairperson, recently attended the annual gathering of NASM. Photo by Kirk Hall

## Pressley Joins National Gathering of Musicians

Mars Hill College was represented at agency for music at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the National level. Association of Schools of Music held November 21, 22, 23, by Dr. Wayne ed the Association convened in General Pressley, Music Department chairperson, Sessions; internationally known soprano at the Peachtree Plaza, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Membership in the Association includes some 450 universities, colleges, conservatories, and community colleges in the United States. At the Atlanta Meeting 18 new schools were admitted to membership, and 8 schools were promoted from Associate to Full membership. The NASM is a member of COPA and has been designated as the official accrediting

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Three distinguished Americans address Phyllis Curtin, Roger Heyns, Presiden of the American Council on Education and the Honorable Robert Scott, Gover nor of North Carolina from 1965-1973:

Other sessions dealt with Developing the Music Library, Collective Bargain ing, The Future of Music Education Fundraising and proposals for degrees in Jazz and Commercial Music.

The 53rd Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago Illinois, November 20-23, 1977.

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