

Highs and Lows in 1977-1978 MHC Sports

By Scotty Miller

The High

1. The Lions trouncing UNC-Asheville, 88-80, in the basketball season's finale and breaking several records in the process.
2. The Lady Lions advancing to the basketball playoffs in Virginia.
3. The football team soundly defeating the then nationally ranked Gardner-Webb Bulldogs 14-0.
4. James Allen breaking the school record for assists in a season.
5. Head Coach Jack Lytton getting an extension on his contract.
6. The football team placing six players on the All-Conference team.
7. A 7-3 football season.
8. Watching Roger Cruell rush for 163 yards versus Carson-Newman and Mark Dickerson pass for a total 250 yards versus Gardner-Webb.
9. Beating Newberry in football for the third straight year.
10. The HILLRAISERS!
11. After trailing at halftime, coming back to beat Central Wesleyan in overtime.

12. The consistency of the girls' tennis team.
13. Punter Melvin Dunn finishing second in the nation in NAIA.
14. The soccer team scoring two goals in their only contest of the season.

The Low

1. Watching player after player on the basketball team quit, get sick, or get hurt.
2. Seeing injuries keep Roger Cruell from a 1006 yard season.
3. A disappointing baseball season.
4. Running Austin-Peay up and down the field but losing 17-15.
5. Seeing a Mark Dickerson to Richard Carter winning touchdown pass versus Austin-Peay called back because of an illegal motion penalty.
6. Losing to Voorhees at home in basketball.
7. Melvin Dunn not making the All-Conference team in football.
8. The 47-6 football loss to Elon.
9. The soccer team getting beat 6-2 in their only game of the season.
10. Getting beat 23-9 by lowly Lenoir-Rhyne in football.



Pictured is Paul Barnes of the Wizard Skateboard Park of Florence, S.C. Paul cleared 15 cones in this event in McConnell Gym over Spring Fling. Photo by Sally Curtis.

"Mountain Juice" Proved a Success

By Barney Pannell

Billed as the first intercollegiate skateboard tournament and even though no college teams showed up, Mountain Juice '78 was a big success. On April 29, Mars Hill College and the Asheville YMCA sponsored what was supposed to be the first intercollegiate skateboard tournament. However, no college teams participated in the event held at Mars Hill College called Mountain Juice '78. Tournament director John Bennett was disappointed at the lack of college participation and said, "Skateboarding on the east coast doesn't seem to be as big as we thought." Even though there were no college teams, plenty of skilled younger skateboarders came and made Mountain Juice '78 a successful tournament. A field of 32 participants and six teams from North and South Carolina competed in the six events: consecutive 360's, freestyle cone jumping, slalom, slalom, and downhill.

The individual age divisions were 11 and under, 12-14, 15-17, and 18 and over.

The Wizard team, from Florence, S.C., came in first place. Second place went to the Wizard team I from Wilmington, and third place went to Wilmington's Wizard team II.

Prizes and trophies were given to various winners at the tournament. Gift certificates, a skateboard, and even an 80cc Yamaha motorcycle were provided by local merchants and given away. The motorcycle went to Scott Garris, from the Florence Wizard team, who amazed the largest number of individual points in the 11 and under and 12-14 age groups. Trophies were given to the top three individuals in each age group and to the top three teams.

Mountain Juice '78 was enjoyed by contestants and spectators alike, proving its competitiveness and overall success. In the future though, according to Bennett, Mountain Juice will only be a local tournament.



Hamrick Named New Financial Aid Director

John R. Hamrick, who has been operations officer for First Citizen Bank and Trust in Asheville, has been named Director of Financial Aid at Mars Hill College.

A native of Matthews - near Charlotte - Hamrick received a B.A. degree "magna cum laude" from Mars Hill with a major in Elementary Education and French in 1969. He later earned a master's degree in educational administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. He taught for three years in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system and served two years as dean at Biscayne Southern College in Charlotte.

He joined First Citizens in Charlotte in 1974, serving there a year before being transferred to Asheville.

Mr. Hamrick is married to the former Elizabeth English of Mars Hill. They have a daughter, Emily, 14 months old. The family resides on Smith Creek Road near Mars Hill.

Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of Mars Hill, was pleased with Hamrick's acceptance of the financial aid position.

"We are fortunate to get someone in this position who has had experience in the financial world, understands the goals of the college, and is sympathetic to the problems of college students and

their parents in trying to finance a college education."

With the vast increase in federal and state funds appropriated in recent years to assist young people in attending college, financial aid has become an increasingly important and complex subject. Private colleges such as Mars Hill draw upon an assortment of federal, state, and private funds to assist students. The aid is distributed in the form of grants, loans, scholarships, discounts, and jobs. For Mars Hill, a senior college of approximately 1,600 students, the total amount of such available funds is almost \$2 million. The Director of Financial Aid manages the entire program within guidelines laid down by state and federal governments and by college regulations.

Hamrick succeeds Mrs. Jeanne Tyner of Burnsville, who resigned to accept a teaching appointment in Yancey County.

As a student at Mars Hill, Hamrick served as a college marshall, was named to the dean's list every semester, and was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He and his wife (also a Mars Hill alumna) are active in the Bright Hope United Methodist Church.