

# Around the Campus

## Linda Wells Gives Spanish Presentation

On Thursday, October 5 at 6:00, Alpha Chi National Honor Society held their organizational meeting in the Timberline Coffeehouse.

At 6:30 of the same evening, Linda Wells, an active member of the society, presented an excellent program on Spanish culture. Linda had spent six weeks living with a non-English speaking family in Spain this past summer. "It was terrific. I learned so much," said Linda. While in Spain, Linda took two college courses; Spanish Contemporary Novel and Spanish Contemporary Poetry. During the presentation, Linda compared and contrasted Spanish values with American. These values included the family, politics and recreational pastimes. "I recommend everyone at sometime to visit a foreign country. Lifestyles vary so much. It helped me to appreciate being an American," Linda added.

The North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi was installed at Mars Hill in 1971. Active membership is restricted to students of junior or senior standing in the top five percent of their class who have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

The objective of Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements which make

scholarship effective for service. The society, founded in 1922, has more than 150 chapters in 39 states and represents the highest academic honor on any member campus.

Active members of MHC Alpha Chi are; Cheryl Ann Aldridge (President), Barbara Ella Buckner, John Michael Carson, Charles David Dulaney, Joseph Odell Evans, Nancy Lou Hall, Barbara G. Hill, Karen Leigh Hinton, Melody Mildred Hogan, George Dewey Holland, Joseph Scott Hughes (Vice-President), Augusta Ann Jenkins, Rebecca Diane Ledford (Secretary-Treasurer), Deborah Lucille Parks, Randy Gerald Robinson, Susan Rebecca Vickery, and Linda Karen Wells. This fall there are 21 candidates for initiation. Initiation of new members will be Thursday, Nov. 9, at 5:15 in the President's Dining Room.

Winona Bierbaum is the official Faculty Sponsor. She also serves as president of region III of national Alpha Chi. (There are six of these regions in the U.S. . .) Assistant Sponsors of the M.H.C. North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi are Dr. Lenburg and Mrs. Betty Huges.

Foreplans for 1978-'79 year are a National Conference in New Orleans. Two representatives are to be chosen from the group to attend and partake.

## Music Scholarship Received by M.H.C.

A \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded Mars Hill College by Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Alexander, Jr., of Statesville, according to college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley. The scholarship, which will be called the Alexander Music Scholarship, may go to one student or may be divided between two students who are rising sophomores or juniors with proven excellence in musical performance and an academic average of 3.4.

For 1978-79 the recipients are Michael Randy Sitton, a native of Horseshoe, N. C., and a junior piano performance major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Sitton. Edith Amelia Slattery is the other recipient and is a sophomore music education major from Great Falls, S.C. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jan T. Slattery.

In announcing the gift and its recipients, Dr. Bentley noted that "It is because of the enthusiastic support of leaders such as the Alexanders that Mars Hill College is succeeding."

It will be possible for the students receiving the Alexander Music Scholarships to renew the award each year provided they maintain a high level of performance and a 3.4 academic average. Students receiving federal assistance cannot qualify for the award. New recipients, chosen by the Mars

Hill Music faculty, will be announced at the school's Honors Day program in May.

Mrs. Alexander, the former JoAnne Weber, is a trustee and a music graduate of Mars Hill. She also holds a music degree from UNC-Greensboro and has continued her studies at Indiana University. Mr. Alexander is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He owns and operates J. T. Alexander and Son Oil Company in Statesville and Mrs. Alexander teaches voice.

Both of the Alexanders are active members of the First Baptist Church in Statesville where he is currently a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and past president of the Brotherhood of the Men of the Church. She is a soloist with the choir and a Sunday school teacher.

In other activities, Mrs. Alexander is a member of Xi Tau chapter of Sigma Phi, the N.C. and National Associations of Teachers of Singers, Pi Kappa Lambda National Honorary Music Society, and has been listed in Outstanding Young Women of America and Outstanding Educators of America. She was soloist for the N.C. Baptist Chorale which toured Europe in concert and for the International Kiwanis Convention in San Francisco. Mr. Alexander is currently Lt. Governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis.

## Fall Follies Festivity A Smash

The 1978 Homecoming weekend started with pizza on unlucky Friday the 13th. Between 3:00 and 5:00, the Fall Follies were held in front of the cafeteria. A large boisterous crowd gathered to watch the nine events that made up this inner dorm competition.

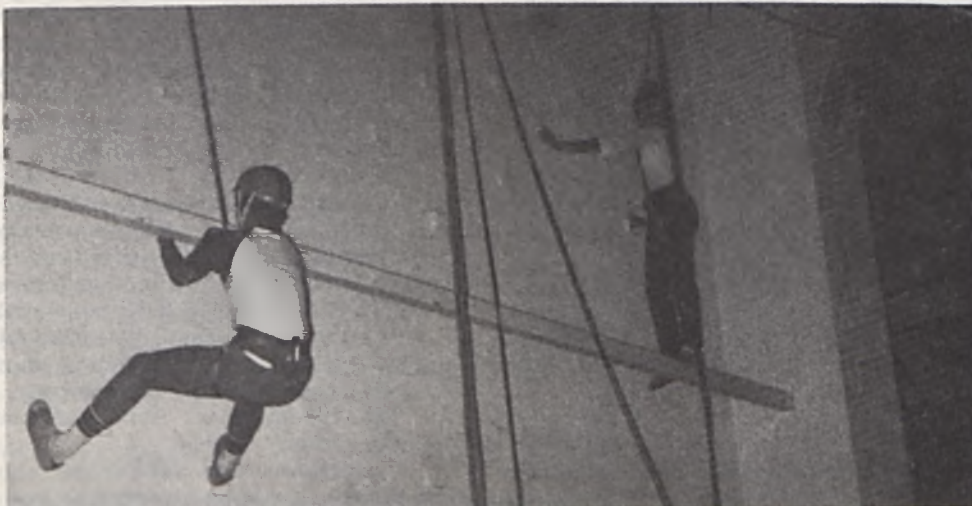
What were those crazy events? Number one was a three legged relay around an obstinate obstacle course, event number two, a pig-out grocery eating contest (consumed by each team was one half of a pie, a pint of ice cream, two thick and chewy peanutbutter and jelly sandwiches, and a bag of cheetos that went crunch). Event three was the skillful frisbee throw, event four was a bubblegum blowing contest - seven pieces per mouth, next came Mr. Atlas, emphasis put on biceps, chest and legs, event six was Ms. Legs, self-explanatory, seven was Mr. Skinny Man, emphasis put on biceps (if present), chest and legs. Event eight was Ms. Wildest Hairdo, and wild they were. The grand finale was the sleeping bag clothes exchange. You can let your imagination run wild on that one.

Al Garlick, Cindy Yeager, and Holly Cole were in charge of the mess and are being held in custody. The Program Committee, the Student Activities Committee, Sue Rowkouski, Barbara Carter, and Cindy Dorrity are also held responsible.

The ingenious criminals that put the Follies together would like to thank all who helped - publicity, clean-up committee, Knuckles Caralton, the judges, Mom and Dad, Fido, etc.

## Outdoors

## Club News



By David Bowerman

They sure looked like mountain climbers, anyway, with miles of rope and hardware piled up all around. One person held on to one end of the rope that was attached up above. Another, attached to the other end of the rope, prepared to climb.

"Belay on," he called.  
"On belay," came the reply from the rope-holder.  
"Climbing."  
"Climb on."

So the climber began, scrambling up the solid, sheer face of... the gym wall? Relax, its only some members of Mars Hill's Outdoors Club climbing and rappeling on the gym wall to make pictures for a presentation on the art.

The Outdoors Club is probably one of the most active clubs on campus. Already they have gone camping in Linville Gorge and have taken a "float" trip down the French Broad River. Scheduled future trips include two backpacking trips, two more rafting, or "float" trips, and more rock climbing; plus other activities at the discretion of the members.

Sounds good? Well, membership is open to anyone, so it's not too late to join. The club's officers are Robin Rensink, secretary-treasurer, and Sherry Atwill, president.