

# MHC to Sponsor Child Abuse Workshop

Child abuse and neglect have become topics of serious concern to human service professionals. The repercussions of abuse and neglect upon our children are documented daily in our prisons, mental health systems, health care facilities and other institutions charged with the care of broken human beings.

In response to a need to better understand the abusing parents, the effects upon child and ways to coordinate effective community response, the NASW-Western North Carolina Chapter and the Social Work Program of Mars Hill College sponsor a two-day workshop, April 20-21, 1979 (Friday and Saturday) on "Identification of the Abused and Neglected Child" (with an emphasis on the family) and "Coordinated Community Response to Child Abuse and Neglect." The workshop was developed by the NASW Practice Improvement Project in Washington, D.C. Cynthia Ragan, the workshop leader, is currently Project Manager and Senior Consultant for the National Center on Child Advocacy. She has an extensive working knowledge of child abuse and neglect and child protective services systems. Ms. Ragan has also had practical experience in the provision of protective counseling services to families at risk, and in the provision of residential care services to adolescents with learning and emotional disabilities.

If you share a concern for understanding the families of abused and neglected children, we invite you to participate in this two-day workshop. The workshops will be located at the Mars Hill College campus: Friday, April 20, 1979, Peterson Conference Room, ground floor of Blackwell Hall (new administration building) at the center of the campus; Saturday, April 21, 1979, Belk Auditorium, Wren College Union Building, at the back of the campus across the street from the football field. Registration for the workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m., both days (registration will be limited to 50 participants). You may pre-register by sending a check for the appropriate registration fee, your name, address, and phone number to the Social Work Program, Mars Hill College. (Please make checks payable to Mars Hill College.) The workshop schedule will be 9:00 - 5:00 p.m., each day. Registration fees for both days are as follows: Non-Title XX participants: \$20, NASW members: \$15; Student: \$10. Lunch is not included in the registration fee. A packet of information for each participant will be available for purchase at \$2.00.

If you would like additional information, please contact Jeannie Jay, 689-1331, or Dore Hansel, 689-1336, at the Social Work Program of Mars Hill College.

## New Courses To Be Offered

Mars Hill College's Certificate in Management program will offer three courses in their series of 35 classes beginning May 7. The program will begin April 26. The Certificate in Management program was begun last year in cooperation with the American Management Association in response to the expressed need of businesses and industries in North Carolina. The program's objectives include providing opportunities for expanding the knowledge, understanding, and attitudes of management in many of whom may not have a background in business administration nor become candidates for such de-

be taught by Dr. Jack N. Grose, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Business Administration at Mars Hill.

The program offers three levels of management awards: the Basic Management Certificate will be awarded for the successful completion of any five courses; the Middle Management Certificate will be awarded when 10 courses have been completed; and the Advanced Management will be awarded when 15 courses have been completed.

There are no academic prerequisites for enrollment in the program and no college credit is given for completion of the courses; however, students earn Continuing Education Units for each class completed. The units are nationally recognized as a basis for the measurement, recording, and recognition of participation in non-degree adult continuing education.

For further information on the program or the new classes, contact Dr. Jack Grose, Chairman of the Department of Business and Economics, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. 28754, or call 789-1179.

## Honor Residence: A New Concept In Residence Hall Living

An honor — without an "s" — residence hall will be established at Mars Hill for 1979-80, using the Townhouses, according to housing director Jim Davidson.

The 48 spaces available will be open to any student who applies and can demonstrate his/her commitment to the principles of such a residence hall.

According to Davidson, it will be an experiment in campus housing which will be evaluated during and at the end of the coming school year. If it proves successful and appears to be something in which students are interested, it could be expanded in subsequent years.

The new residential arrangement is to be distinguished from what is known on some campuses as "an honors — with an 's' — dorm." That is a situation in which only students with high academic averages are eligible. High grade point average will not be a requirement for assignment in the experimental program at Mars Hill. The word "honor" in the local title refers to the personal integrity of the students involved rather than to their academic skills.

The Townhouses segment of the Dickson-Palmer Complex was chosen for the honor residence experiment because of its dual level construction, which will permit the housing of men on one level and women on the other. The units consist of eight-person suites with two-person rooms and a common living room and kitchen facilities in each suite.

The setting up of the experimental program is the result of a proposal for such housing initiated by a group of students led by Joe Knight, a rising senior from Winston-Salem. The proposal was thoroughly discussed and then adopted by the Student Affairs Council in February. It was subsequently presented by the Student Affairs Council in February. It was subsequently presented to the administration and endorsed for a one-year trial.

According to reports given last week to the Administrative Team and at the faculty meeting by Jane Holcome, dean

for student development, there will be extensive faculty-staff involvement in the honor residence hall through a faculty advisor and an advisory board. Also, a member of the housing staff, selected by the director of housing, will serve as live-in director at the Townhouses, she said. All college rules will apply in the honor residence.

As explained in the original proposal, an honor residence is a group living situation in which mutual trust and responsibility are basic premises. It provides a living environment for students who are willing to pledge themselves (by signing a contract) to "academic excellence, beneficial social interaction, and personal development."

As explained by Dean Holcombe, the honor residence to be established at Mars Hill will be "a community of honor, in which responsibility and rationality are highly valued; and it will be an intentional community, in that each person involved will be expected to contribute consciously to the quality of life in the hall." It will be composed of volunteers who deliberately choose to live there and to participate in the kind of residence hall programming which has been planned.

Forms on which interested students may apply for assignment to the honor residence are now available in the Housing Office on the third floor of Wren College Union.

Incoming freshmen who have been awarded Appalachian Scholarships will have priority in assignment. Current holders of Appalachian Scholarships and other students who are interested in the type of living environment the honor hall will offer are encouraged to apply.

Final selections will be made by a committee composed of students, faculty and administrators from the applications submitted. Each person selected will live in the hall for the full 1979-80 school year and may apply for a second year if the program is continued.

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and Commitment in Community". The speakers have been on campus the evening before the scheduled community meeting for informal discussion with students.

Attending the meetings is a voluntary decision for all to make. Effort to make the meetings appealing and accessible to all has payed off. The meetings have attracted a large portion of the community (800 to 900 people have been reported in the audience).

On April 26th at 9:00 a.m. the fifth community meeting will be held, like

the others, in Moore Auditorium. Dr. and Mrs. Frank Stagg will be the guest speakers on the subject of "The College Community: Changing Sex Roles of Women". The husband and wife team are co-authors of the book **Women in the World of Jesus**.

The sixth and final Community meeting will be held on May 9, honors day, at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Hoffman will speak about "Quality and Its Concomitant Standards". It is worth the time and effort of all students to attend the meetings.

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The committee sought recommendations from current faculty and staff, from major seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, and from several other seminaries and schools of theology. It received 25 applications, screened them, interviewed three men and two women, and made its recommendation to Dr. Hoffman and President Bentley.

The committee also formulated the new job description. It authorizes the minister to "function freely within the community" and charges him with the responsibility of relating to faculty, staff and students "by ministering, leading and guiding." It also instructs him to be "an advocate who works to create a more sensitive community."

More specifically the campus minister will (1) plan and coordinate worship services and community forums; (2) cooperate with "that formal and informal network of persons and groups who are involved in a direct ministry of concern;" (3) provide assistance for the Christian Student Movement; (4) cultivate good relations with pastors, church and denominational leaders, and other Baptists; and (5) cooperate with the department of Youth and Campus Ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

He will report directly to the vice president and will work closely with Mr. Hill in the enrichment of campus life. He will be a voting member of the faculty, sit on the Academic Council and the Student Affairs Council, and will be an ex-officio member of the College Union Board.

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