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New Financial Aid Policy

JUDY SMITH

On January 1, 1984 a new financial aid policy went into effect across the nation.

The new policy requires all colleges and universities to evaluate each student in order to his academic progress before disbursement of financial aid.

A minimum grade-point average of 2.0 in 12 semester hours of classes is required in order to receive aid.

Students failing to meet this requirement will be mailed a warning letter (the first of these letters was mailed in January of this year). "The letter is intended as one of encouragement," according to John Hamrick, Director of Financial Aid here at Mars Hill College.

The letter warns the student that unless satisfactory academic progress is maintained (satisfactory progress being a 2.0 grade-point average in a minimum of 12 semester hours) he or she will be in jeopardy of losing their financial aid if it is not being received.

In addition to the warning, the letter places the student on a one-semester probation. The student will still receive aid but if at the end of the semester

satisfactory progress is not achieved the student will be unable to receive aid the following year.

Students on probation who fail to make satisfactory progress may opt to attend summer school, and if a 2.0 in 12 hours is achieved they will be eligible for aid the next year.

Special circumstances, such as death in the family or illness, will be taken into consideration. Students who feel that they have special circumstances may appeal their ineligibility, by writing a letter of appeal to the Financial Aid Committee, c/o the Financial Aid Office.

The committee will review all appeals and make a reply in a timely manner.

John Hamrick stated that this is a policy which will affect all financial aid students here at MHC, and will have adverse effects on only those who fail to apply themselves. Hamrick went on to say that he felt the new policy was an equitable one.

Hamrick further commented that he would encourage the students on probation to meet with his or her professors and to attend every class meeting possible.

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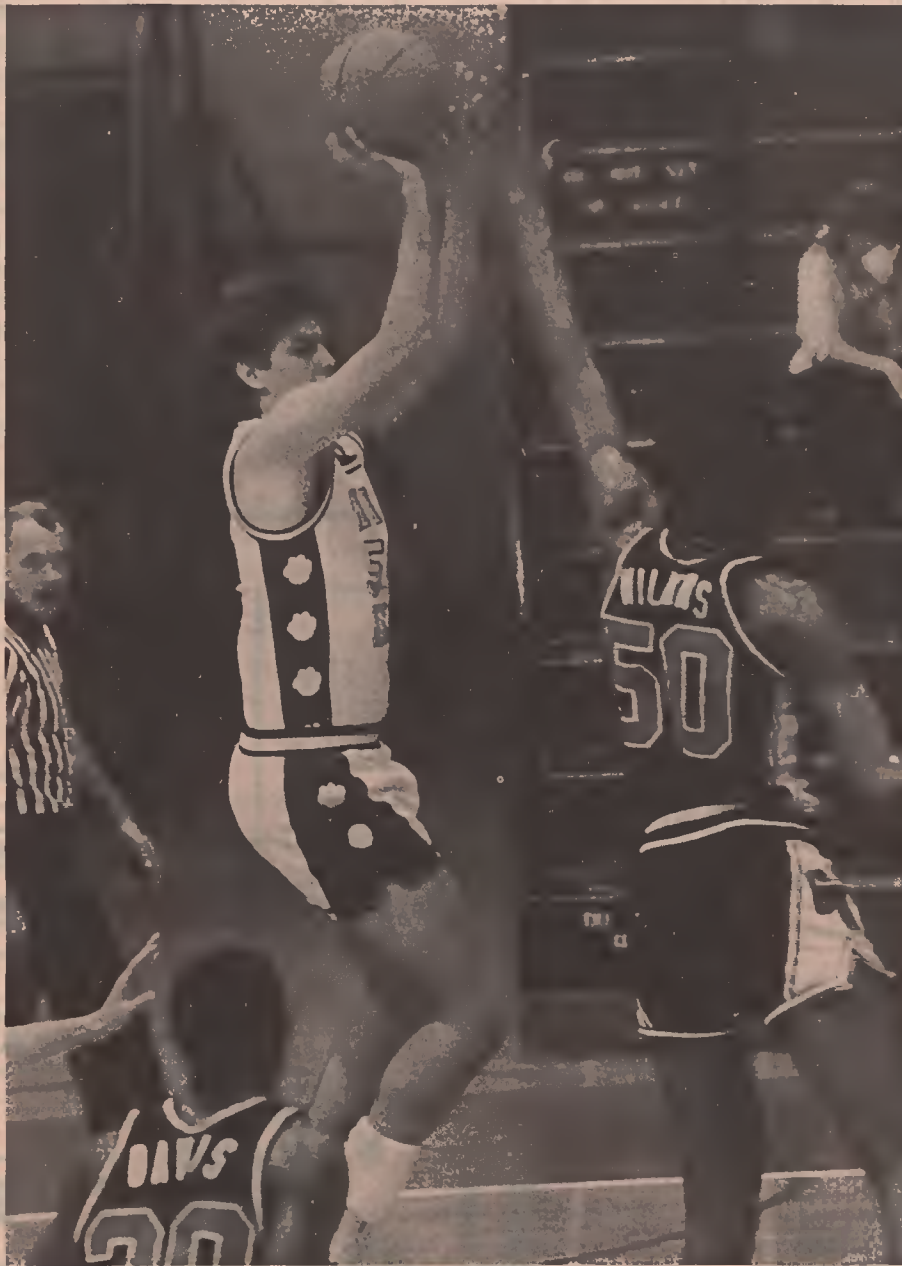


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Rocky Spaulding shoots over Gardner-Webb's All-American Eddie Wilkins, in last Saturday's win over the Bulldogs. (See Sports page 5).

Phone-A-Thon to be Held

By GENA BARONE

On February 13, Mars Hill College will begin its annual Phone-A-Thon. It will run for ten nights in McConnell Gym from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Phone-A-Thon is the college's method for raising money to aid the school's financial backing which is not covered by students' tuitions or fees. This money goes directly to the Mars Hill College annual fund.

Sixteen students each night from different sororities, fraternities, and other organizations on campus will call alumni nationwide who have given donations to Mars Hill College in the past. These groups include: Golden Pride, Delta Kappa Theta, Business Honor Club,

Omega Kappa Alpha, Myers Dorm, Stroup/Edna Moore Dorms, Lambda Chi, Huffman Dorm, Melrose Dorm, and Delta Phi Zeta.

The Phone-A-Thon is also a contest in that three cash prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25, will be awarded to the top three groups that collect the most donations. Each night a \$10 gift certificate will be given to the individual who raises the most money. Also everyone will receive a free tee-shirt and one free phone call.

Bob Ruark of Alumni Affairs states, "The students have made the Phone-A-Thon very successful for the last four years and I hope we can reach our goal of \$30,000 for this year."



Mars Hill student Ken Edwards has the right idea...skiing at Wolf Laurel. For more about Wolf Laurel see page 4 and the Where To Go/What To Do Section.

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