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HOMECOMING '84: LET'S GET EXCITED

By PAM KISH
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tion: they have managed to combine the naivete of childhood with artistic maturity — something that can only be achieved through serious work. Prior to the age of nine any boy who wishes to be considered for entry attends a special preparatory school where he receives a thorough education with emphasis on theory and practice of singing as well as instruction on one musical instrument. At the examination, which the candidates take at the age of nine, musical ability is the decisive factor, irrespective of creed, or social standing.

Many times two choirs are away at the same time. Each tour lasts an average of three months. On such a tour the 24 choristers are accompanied by a choir master, a tutor, and a nurse who are entrusted with their care and welfare.

The Vienna Choir Boys first tour in the United States was in 1932, and since then they have visited America 39 times. They have completed nine Asian tours, traveling as far as Japan. They have also performed in Australia, South America and South Africa. They have been received by innumerable heads of state including audiences with Popes Pius XI, Pius XII, and Paul VI.

Time for schooling taken away from the boys by concert tours is more than compensated for by an intensive program of teaching and study in classes that seldom exceed more than 10 students. In the private boarding school, which conforms to the standards set by the Austrian Ministry of Education, there is a staff of 30 fully-qualified secondary school teachers.

In every corner of the world, the Vienna Choir boys have enthralled millions through their films, recordings, television appearances and tours. Their programs of beautifully sung costumed sacred songs, secular and folk music give abundant justification for their recognition as the world's most beloved choir.

Advanced tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$4 for the Mars Hill College students with identification. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$7 for the general public and \$5 for MHC students.

By ELLEN LAIRD
Features Department

The College Union Board and the Main Events Committee has planned a fantastic weekend of Homecoming activities. With all of the events there is plenty of time and different ways to get excited this year!

Be sure not to miss Mars Hill College's first "Wild Dance Party" on Friday, October 19 from 8:00 - 12:00 in McConnell Gym. This year's Homecoming dance will set a different environment with four twelve foot screens to show music videos. This entertainment is for both dancing and viewing. In addition, the Christian Student Movement will be sponsoring a "Mars Bar". Don't forget your money because the drinks will be individually priced and payed for at the time of request. Admission to the dance is free and semi-formal attire is required.

Continuing into the weekend the Homecoming activities only becomes better. Saturday, October 20 the parade begins at 1:30 p.m.

The procession starts at Gibson dormitory and finishes at the south end of the football field where the floats will be left on display. In addition to the floats, the parade features clowns, fire trucks, MHC marching band, and the Homecoming Court representatives plus much more!

Following this extravaganza the football game begins at 2:30 p.m. with MHC Lions vs. Presbyterian College Blue Hoses. During halftime the class representatives will be introduced, and the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned by last year's reigning King Bo Caldwell and Queen Mary Beth Miller.

The entertainment doesn't stop there! Saturday evening the Visiting Artists and Lectures Committee in conjunction with the College Union Board present the Vienna Choir Boys in Moore Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Student tickets for the performance are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Regular admission tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door.

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A vital part of the Homecoming spirit can be found in the hearts of all those who have once attended Mars Hill College. Mars Hill Alumni of 1984 look forward to many Homecoming events that will begin on October 20, 1984. Registration of alumni and guests will be held in the lobby of Blackwell Hall from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. An exhibit of water colors by artist and alumna Richard Tumbleston will also be on view from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. in the Peterson Gallery of Blackwell Hall. The annual Bailey Mountain Run will begin on Athletic Street in front of Wren College Union with a Fun Run at 9:30 a.m. and a 10 kilometer run at 10 a.m. Class reunions will begin at 10:30 a.m. in designated buildings around campus.

A general alumni luncheon will be held in Chambers Gymnasium at noon, while the "Golden Years Alumni," those former students from 1934 and years prior, will

have a buffet in the Blue Room of the college cafeteria. Both luncheons require reservations.

Three of the College's buildings will be conducting open house during the weekend: The Memorial Library will sponsor a display of alumni work in the main lobby; tours will be conducted at the Rural Life Museum during the day, and the earth-sheltered Harris Media Center will also be conducting tours of its facilities.

Following the football game will be a dinner honoring the Alumna and Alumnas of the year for 1984. A new procedure this year will be the opening of the dinner honoring the alumni to the general public. Previously this meaningful event has been by invitation only; however, interested persons will be welcomed this year. Because seating will be limited to 150, advance reservations are required.

For additional information or to reserve tickets to any of the events, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC 28754, Telephone 689-1102.



The Vienna Choir Boys to highlight Homecoming '84 with their performance in Moore Auditorium Saturday night.

FIRST OPEN FORUM HELD

By CHRISTY REED
News Department

Tuesday, October 2nd, the student government association held an open forum to discuss the topic "Mars Hill College, a Christian campus?" Those present included faculty members: Dean Hoffman, Dr. Herzog, Dr. Lee and Dr. Sanchagrin. Representing the students were: Chris Harrison, president of SGA; Cynthia Hawkins, director of student activities; Phil Thomas, director of MHC radio station; and David Wachter, editor of the Hilltop.

The discussion was lead by the faculty members, each presenting their interpretation of exactly what Mars Hill is and whether or not it is a Christian College. Dean Hoffman's opening remarks were basically the same ideas as set forth in the handbook. He stated, "Mars Hill is a Baptist Christian College because it was founded and is sustained through Baptists." Both Dr. Lee and Dr. Herzog's comments reflected this same idea. Dr. Sanchagrins interpretation was quite different. He stated that "We are not a Christian College because there is no such thing as a Christian College." He further

commented that in theory we are a Christian-based institution because we base our teachings and practices on Jesus Christ.

The opening remarks were about the extent of the discussion relating to our Christian campus environment. The discussion that took place, however, was based more on the treatment of students and residential living, rather than Christian campus issues. Gray Smith led this heated debate by presenting his list of grievances he has accumulated over the past four years that he has been enrolled at Mars Hill. These included: the declining quality of the food served in the cafeteria; the lack of phones in the dorms; the treatment of students by the business office and administration; and his overall view of Mars Hill College, which needless to say was not positive. Gray was supported by several members of the housing staff and they too aired their complaints against the Residential Living staff. The main issue presented was the treatment of the R.A.'s and R.D.'s. The housing staff felt that some rules were too strict and that their jobs were too demanding. Many other complaints were

brought out into the open and it has been decided that there will be a discussion between Dean O'Brien and the housing staff.

Other issues were focused on such as the student's right to voice their opinions and have those opinions count. Some students feel there should be drinking on campus and more visitation rights in the dorms. These students want the right to express themselves freely before the administration.

Of all the topics discussed, very little was said about Mars Hill as a Christian campus. However, some students did speak up and defend the fact that Mars Hill, as a Christian liberal arts college, provided a well-rounded education as well as prepares its students for every-day living in the real world. The final statement made by David Wachter is one that we all need to consider and contemplate before making judgements on and wishing to revise the basic rules and principles of Mars Hill College: "Each student is only here for a period of 3-5 years and it is unfeasible that with every new class of students and their ideas, we change the rules and principles by which Mars Hill College was founded."



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Finishing touches are added to the new scoreboard so that it will be ready for the next home game. The scoreboard was donated by the Coca-Cola Co. and will facilitate both football and soccer.