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## PATTON NAMED HEAD COACH

BY PARHAM

Editor  
Steve Patton was named Head Football Coach at Mars Hill College on January 31 at a conference in Blackwell

on, 31, replaces the departmentor Rick Gilstrap, who had the new Head Football Coach at Wofford College three years earlier. Gilstrap replaces Bill who was recently fired. Patton had served under Gilstrap during his two year tenure at Mars Hill. Gilstrap had resumed his program that finished 1-10 in 1984 to consecutive finishes of 6-5. Patton had served at The Citadel in 1982 when he was Offensive Coordinator at the same institution. Patton was also a Graduate Assistant at Furman University. He also served as Head Coach at Wade Hampton High in Greenville, South Carolina as well as being Head

Coach of the Carolina Storm (1983-84) and Alabama Magic (1982) of the American Football Association (a summer pro league). Patton led the Carolina Storm to an undefeated season and league championship, for which he was named coach of the year.

Patton graduated magna cum laude at Furman where he was a three year letterman and named All-Southern Conference Academic Team twice. He was an all-state football player at Oneonta, Alabama.

The factors in Patton staying at Mars Hill were "a great vote of confidence from the people here," "commitment to the football program made by President Bentley," and "the assistant coaches staying," said Patton.

"I got a great vote of confidence from the people here. Dr. Bentley made an offer that was hard to turn down. I am confident that I can do the job," stated Patton.

Patton as well as assistant

coaches Steve Wilson and Felton Stephens had been offered to join Gilstrap at Wofford. Patton also had been tendered an assistant coaching job at an unnamed Southern Conference School. "We all had the option to go with Gilstrap," Patton said, "But the fact they decided to stay influenced my decision."

"For me to go from Mars Hill as assistant, to Wofford as assistant was a lateral move. I felt getting the head job at Mars Hill was a move upward."

Patton said the change of coaches at Mars Hill could hurt recruiting some this spring, "but it won't kill us."

"We have momentum going after winning the last three games of last season," Patton said optimistically about the coming season.

Patton is married to the former Deborah Talbart of Charlotte. They have one child, Stetson Kay, who is 10 months old.

## WYDY MT. LIONS TRAVEL ABROAD

BY GROH

landed in Luxembourg on December 28, after a six hour time change, with a few hours to settle in to the hotel before the team's first game. This first game was against a team from Luxembourg, who the Lady Mountain Lions "took to the cleaners," winning by nearly 40 points. Each of the other two games played were overwhelming victories, with point spreads from 30-40. In all, they played a Luxembourgish team, an Austrian team, and a German team.

With only 3 games to play the entire trip, the group was also able

to see many interesting cities in Luxembourg, Austria, and West Germany. Everyone agreed that the trip was informative, interesting, and exciting, especially when they drove over the top of the Austrian Alps in several feet of snow.

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## KIRKPATRICK TO SPEAK AT GRADUATION

BY CAMPBELL

Kirkpatrick, the representative of the U.S. to the United States will be the guest speaker at Mars Hill College's Baccalaureate Service Sunday, May 19, at the college's commencement weekend. Hill president, Dr. Fred Bentley announced this week that he received a formal acceptance from Mrs. Kirkpatrick to give the college's graduation address.

Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, was appointed to the U.N. post in 1981 by President Reagan. She has served as a member of the State Department, HEW, and the De-

fense Department. She has held positions of importance on the Democratic National Committee, including vice-chairman of the vice-presidential selection committee and the credentials committee.

A native of Oklahoma, she received an associate degree from Stevens College, a bachelor's degree from Barnard College, a master's degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She has continued to study at numerous universities, both in the U.S. and abroad. She has also held professional positions at several U.S. universities.

Her personal philosophy is exemplified by the quote included in her "Who's Who" biographical sketch: "My experience demon-

strates to me that it is both possible and feasible for women in our times to successfully combine traditional and professional roles, that it is not necessary to ape men's career patterns - starting early and keeping one's nose to a particular grindstone - but that, instead, one can do quite different things at different stages of one's life. All that is required is a little luck and a lot of work."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick's address will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday morning, May 19, in Moore Auditorium, the traditional time for guest speakers in Mars Hill's graduation activities. Dr. Bentley will address the graduating class during commencement ceremonies Sunday afternoon.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Current students wishing to apply for academic scholarships offered by the college for the 1985-86 academic year should pick up their application in the Financial Aid Office, second floor, Blackwell Hall. Deadline for receipt of a completed application is February 20.

### UPDATE: MHC CHOIR TRIP

On June 9th, members of the Mars Hill College Choir will begin their tour of Europe to celebrate Bach's tricentennial anniversary. The tour includes sightseeing and performances in East and West Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. On the agenda are orientation tours of Kassel, Leipzig, Nurnberg, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Munich, Bern and Strasbourg.

In anticipation of this grand expedition, the choir members are spending much time and effort for the trip's preparation. Among the many projects is a POP'S Concert which will be held at the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium on March 30, 1985. Car washes and candy sales, too, are ways in which the choir hopes to gain funds.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN ASHEVILLE SENDS VAN ON SUNDAYS:

The First Baptist Church in Asheville is now sending a van to campus on Sunday mornings for those interested in attending Sunday School and Morning Worship. The van will arrive at the cafeteria parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and will depart at 9 a.m. The van will return to campus after the Morning Worship service.

### COME ON IN - THE WATER IS FINE:

Harrell Pool is now open and ready for your swimming enjoyment. The schedule is as follows:

MWF  
12:00 - 1:00  
Fitness Swim  
6:00 - 8:30  
Recreational Swim  
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4:00 - 5:30  
Recreational Swim

Remember, all persons entering the pool area must present a valid ID to the lifeguards on duty. The pool will be closed during all home basketball games.

### COMING TO MOORE AUDITORIUM

"One of the world's most formidable theatrical entertainments," *Compagnie Philippe Genty*, will appear in Moore Audi-

torium on Thursday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m.

The award winning French Artist, Philippe Genty, formed this troupe in 1967, shortly after completing an inspiring four-year journey around the world to learn about puppets and make a film about them.

Since then the performances of his *Compagnie Philippe Genty* have met with unparalleled critical acclaim around the world... from Japan to Africa, from Australia to England, and across the United States. Their current North American tour will specialize in the same superbly arranged and developed "revue-style" program that sports a variety of puppet styles and is typically French - "gay, spicy, coquettish, whimsical and sophisticated."

This company surpasses all of the usual techniques of the art of puppetry, achieving a unique blend of poetry, humor and sensitive psychological insight. Genty calls his art "The Theatre of Animation - puppets coming to life, suggesting images and rousing the imagination." This constitutes an international language insuring that audiences the world over find immediate and enthusiastic rapport.

Ticket prices are \$5 general public, \$3 children under 12, and MHC students will be admitted free with a valid I.D.

## SCHMELTEKOPF NEW DEAN



Dr. Schmeltkopf (left) visited with MHC faculty last week before being named new dean.

### SPECIAL TO THE HILLTOP

MARS HILL - Dr. Donald D. Schmeltkopf, an executive with the National Endowment for the Humanities, has been named Mars Hill College's new Vice-President for Academic Affairs, according to college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley.

Schmeltkopf replaces Dr. Richard L. Hoffman who will step down from the post this year after 25 years of service to the college, 16 as vice-president. Hoffman will take a year's sabbatical to travel and study, then he will return to Mars Hill to teach.

Schmeltkopf is a native of Kyle, Texas, and earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor University after attending Southwest Texas State University. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, and received his Ph.D. from Drew University in Madison, N.J.

He began his professional career at Union College in Cranford, N.J. in 1969. He held a variety of positions at Union during his 14 years there, including Director of

the Evening Division, Chairman of the Department of Economics, Government and History, Professor of Philosophy, and Chairman of the Community College Humanities Association. In 1982, he was named Assistant to the President, College of Staten Island, City University of New York, and Assistant Chancellor for Academic Affairs, New Jersey Department of Higher Education, both officer connected with the American Council on Education Fellows Program.

In 1983, he assumed the duties of Program Officer of the National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Education Programs.

"We are exceptionally pleased to have someone of Dr. Schmeltkopf's qualifications," commented Bentley. "He was well received by our faculty during his visit here. He has strong connections with N.C. Baptists through his ties to Southeastern Seminary, and his expertise in the area of private and public fund raising will surely enhance the college's position in this area."

Schmeltkopf is a member of several boards of directors,

editorial boards, advisory boards, and educational task forces. He has had a wide range of articles published in professional journals and has been invited to present papers and lectures during several academic and professional conferences.

"My family and I are looking forward to being a part of the Mars Hill Community," he said in a telephone interview. "I have an abiding commitment to the liberal arts as the mainstay of the undergraduate curriculum," he noted.

"The central theme of my professional life has been the shaping of the minds and lives of students through the study of the liberal arts. In addition to teaching, much of my career has been devoted to activities aimed at helping faculty and administrators strengthen their institutions' academic and professional education programs. I am well aware of Mars Hill College's success in this area which makes me especially eager to begin work in my new position."

Schmeltkopf is married and has four children. He will formally begin his duties at Mars Hill July 1.



Today's snowstorm blanketed the campus in over ten inches of snow, canceling many classes and at least one two-hour power outage.