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SCHMELTEKOPF FORMALLY INSTALLED

Formal installation of the college's new vice president and academic dean, Dr. Donald D. Schmeltkopf, who assumed office a year ago, has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, during the first regular campus-wide gathering of faculty, staff and students in the new academic year.

The ceremony will be held in the college auditorium at 10 a.m. and will be open to the public. It will be marked by the procession of the faculty in their colorful academic regalia; the introduction of a newly created college mace; an address by an internationally recognized authority on liberal education and the humanities; and greetings brought by representatives of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the board of trustees, the board of advisors, the student body, the faculty and the alumni association.

Special music for the event will be provided by the college band, the choir and organ professor Donna Robertson, Dr. Fred Bentley, who will soon observe the 50th anniversary of his own installation as president, will preside over the investiture of his new academic colleague.

Formerly an official of the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, Dr. Schmeltkopf succeeded Dr.

Richard Hoffman, who relinquished the Mars Hill vice presidency/academic dean post after 16 years to resume full-time teaching and to become assistant to the president.

Dr. Schmeltkopf did his undergraduate studies in history at Southwest Texas State and Baylor universities. He did graduate work in theology at Austin Presbyterian and Southeastern Baptist seminaries, earning a Master of Divinity degree from the latter institution in 1966. He received the Ph.D. in 1975 from Drew University in New Jersey, where he spent most of his professional career prior to taking the appointment with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Schmeltkopf and his wife are parents of three sons and a daughter.

Guest speaker for the installation convocation will be Dr. Gaines Post, Jr. former Rhodes Scholar who is dean of the faculty and senior vice president of Claremont McKenna College and also a member of the Claremont Graduate School faculty in Claremont, CA. He and Dr. Schmeltkopf have been friends for several years. In addition to their mutual professional interest in humanities education, they have close personal ties with Texas. Dr.

Schmeltkopf is a native of the small German community of Kyle, near Austin. Dr. Post taught at the University of Texas in Austin from 1969 until 1983.

Dr. Post did his undergraduate work at Cornell University, earning a BA degree in 1959. As a Rhodes Scholar he completed another baccalaureate degree at Oxford in 1963; then, he earned the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Stanford University in 1964 and 1969. In addition to his teaching at the University of Texas, he also taught at Stanford and Princeton and has served as executive director of the Commission on the Humanities.

An expert in German history, he authored a book on pre-World War II German foreign policy, has written numerous articles for scholarly journals, and has served on a dozen major education committees and task forces. He was a member of a blue ribbon panel on teacher education in New Jersey, a task force on the humanities in the public schools of Texas, and the planning committee on admissions and liberal education of the Association of American Colleges.

He has lectured, presented scholarly papers, served on panels, and presented major speeches before numerous learned groups, throughout the United States and



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in Europe.

Dr. Schmeltkopf's formal installation has been planned by a faculty committee headed by Dr. Earl Leininger, chairman of the Division of Humanities who will introduce the guest speaker.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING AND GATEWAY

By Sallie Isreal, Staff Writer and By Elaine Ensley, Staff Writer

Two of the main areas at Mars Hill College are Residential Living and Gateway. Their main focus is to bring about community spirit within the college students. Residential Living and Gateway offer many opportunities for students to become involved with the faculty and enhancing the programs at Mars Hill College.

Residential Living has made many changes for the upcoming year such as contests renovations, and developing more community spirit. Residential Living is sponsoring a contest during the first couple of weeks of school. During the contest someone from the housing office will call different dorms and ask for the phrase that says. If you answer correctly you win a prize.

There are many renovations taking place on men's hill for this fall. Brown and Melrose dorms are having renovations done on bathrooms, hallways, and the doors. These renovations totaled over fifty thousand dollars. Other renovations include study halls in Stroup, Huffman, and Myers dorms.

Gateway is the name of the Mars Hill College freshman and transfer orientation program. The purpose of this program is to help ease the transition for new and transfer students from high school to college and to a new environment. A division of the student development, this program consists of thirty Mars Hill College students along with two student directors who volunteer their time and talents for a week of exercise, ice breaking, and general information about the college. It consists of social events, testing, and placing for the new students. It is designed to help new students learn more about themselves and about Mars Hill College. During the orientation week these students spend time with their Mentor Group or Academic Advisor which help prepare them for their fall semester.

All of these opportunities that Residential Living and Gateway provide is for one purpose to promote community spirit on campus. These opportunities offer the students a chance to enjoy life and feel more at home while they are at Mars Hill College.