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## Homecoming '86: HIGHWAY TO THE DANGER ZONE

It was homecoming weekend, the air was filled with pride and anticipation as the big game was about to begin. No team wants to lose their homecoming game but the odds weren't too favorable that the Lions would pull this one out. Injuries plagued the team and Mother Nature was not being very cooperative. The sun was hiding behind dark clouds, but the rain held off for the parade to end. That brings up an old cleche', "It didn't rain on our parade." As the time approached for the big kick off, the rain began to fall. The fans were all sporting large umbrellas so the rain wouldn't drown their hopes for a victory on that special weekend.

There was a group of dedicated fans that don't have the opportunity to stay dry under umbrellas or even hide under the press box. This special group is known as the Mars Hill Cheerleaders! Even though the sun wasn't shining, the spirit and pride of these folks was enough to get the fans pepped up and kept their minds off of the down pour. It seems to me that these spirited fans

do not get the recognition that is deserved. The rains continued to fall throughout the game but it didn't "damper" the excitement of these ten high-voltage, proud and energetic students as they kept the fans involved and even sometimes they had to pick up the team spirit and get them going on the bench.

What would a football game be like without cheerleaders? Does the fate of the team depend on the spirit of the fans? Does the excitement of the fans depend on the spirit of the cheerleaders? All of these questions have rolled around in my mind since that wet game in which the Lions came out victorious. The team stayed up and played a super game both offensive and defensive. However, without the dedication of the cheerleaders, would the high level of excitement have been there to carry the team through the low times of the game?

Of course, each person must form their own opinion of where the spirit comes from, but as for me, I see this group as being the true Pride of the Lions.



## "AMADEUS" TO PLAY AT MHC NOVEMBER 13

MARS HILL - "Amadeus," Peter Shaffer's award winning play, will be produced at Mars Hill College on Thursday, November 13, by the National Players.

The play won a Tony for "Best Play of the Year" and won several subsequent awards as a movie. Shaffer's script sets up a classic confrontation between genius and mediocrity. Supported by circumstantial evidence plus speculation, the tale has breathtaking power along with comic relief to sustain the emotional and dramatic power.

The most prominent touring company in the nation today, The National Players bill themselves as "America's longest running classical touring company," and they base their longevity of 38 years of consecutive touring on the quality productions of the world's great plays.

In 37 seasons, this remarkable company has given approximately 5,000 per-

formances of plays by Shakespeare, Shaw, Sophocles, Stoppard and other recognized playwrights. The company is composed of 14 to 16 members, each of whom has several responsibilities. For each production elaborate sets are erected, lighting set, sound equipment tested, all before the costumes are donned and make-up applied. After the play, the process is reversed.

"Armadeus" is sponsored at Mars Hill by the school's Visiting Artists and Lecturers Committee and is part of the "Culturefest" series. The play will be produced in Moore Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Admission is also by Major Events Passes. Group rates and additional information is available by calling Robert Kramer, chairman, Visiting Artists and Lecturers Committee, at 689-1114.

## ALPHA CHI INDUCTION

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Alpha Chi is a prestigious organization on the Mars Hill College campus. In order to be a member of this organization one must have a G.P.A. of 3.5 and be in the top 5 percent of his class. The North Carolina Epsilon Chapter held an induction ceremony to install new officers and members on October 6, 1986 at 5:00 pm. The candidates for membership inducted were: Sonny Thomas Abraham, Thomas Ervin Cabaniss, Naoma Elizabeth Estep, Michelle Alice Fender, Joey Scott Forbes, Shannon Leigh Gerhardt, Andrea Sue German, Teresa Lorraine Griffin, Phillip Wayne Howard, Laurie Faith Isreal, Jennifer Lynn Ledford, Kathryn Denese Perkins, Kimberly Massie Shuford and Angela Beth Srygley.

The ceremony were Miss Winona Bierbaum, The Official Sponsor, Mrs. Betty Huges and Dr. Jim Lenburg, The Associate Faculty Sponsors.

The new officers of the organization are: Rochelle Hanenburg, President; Lisa Starnes, Vice-President; Kim Shuford, Secretary; and Laurie Isreal, Treasurer.

The induction was led by Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf, Vice-President and Academic Dean. The ceremony consisted of The Welcome by Lisa Starnes, The Response by Tom Cabniess, Music by Renee Vanhorn, Remarks by Dean Schmeltekopf, The Installation of Officers, closing remarks and challenge. The ceremony ended with the singing of The Alma Mater.

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