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MAMA SAVES LIVES

by Jamey Piercy
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MAMA (Mission Air Medical Ambulance) is a twin engine helicopter capable of traveling up to 150 miles per hour, with a range of 300 miles without refueling. It is an extremely safe and dependable craft. MAMA will effectively transport up to two critical patients with a crew of one flight registered nurse, a flight certified paramedic and a FAA licensed helicopter pilot.

The helicopter is equipped with a full range of state-of-the-art advanced life support equipment. MAMA will respond to multiple system injuries, neck & spinal injuries, cardiac and respiratory emergencies, and can also be set up for neonatal infant transports.

MAMA, a service of Memorial Mission

Hospital, is promoting rapid transport. It is not designed to be a first response unit, but rather a back up in the most severe emergency situations. It is designed to save lives through the skills of the dedicated professional flight crew and the speed and maneuverability of the aircraft.

As Wolf Laurel Ski Patrol Director, I can see where MAMA could be of great service for remote locations such as Wolf Laurel. In the past if we had a severe emergency, we had to wait thirty minutes for an ambulance to arrive from Mars Hill. It took an additional forty-five minutes before the ambulance could reach the hospital. Now we can have MAMA at the ski slope within fifteen minutes after the crew has been informed of the emergency.



NATIONAL PHONATHON '87

by John Anderson
Co-Editor

Telephones will be ringing all over the U.S. during Mars Hills annual fund raising **Phonathon**. The event is one that takes place every year.

Student volunteers call alumni and ask them to make a pledge of financial support to the college. Last year almost 1600 alumni pledged over \$36,650. The money from this endeavor has traditionally been used to help pay for expenses not covered by tuition. The money makes up approximately 35% of the college budget. This year a new twist has been added. Much of the money this year will make up the funds for student financial aid.

Much of the money this year will make up the funds for student financial aid. The success of last year's **Phonathon** can be attributed to several hard working groups and individuals. These groups were not only helping the college, but were also in competition with one another for cash prizes.

The top three money raising groups received cash awards of \$75.00, 50.00, and 25.00, respectively. Top honors were awarded to Omega Kappa Alpha and Iota Alpha Omega (1st), Sigma Alpha Chi (2nd), and Delta Kappa Theta (3rd). Individual winners were Jim Kerr (1st), Carroll Sue Barron (2nd), and David Baldree (3rd). Again this year prizes and recognition will be awarded to the top three fund raising groups and individuals.

This year the **Phonathon** will be held on February 23rd, 25th and 26th and March 1st thru 5th. Any organization or individual interested should contact Marsha Walker, Director of Alumni Activities at 1306 or drop by her office in the Alumni Suite of Blackwell Hall. Groups may sign up for a full session or may split the time with another organization.

The **Phonathon** is fun, competitive, and rewarding. It helps the school and students directly. Be a part of the fun this February and March, make plans now for the 1987 Phonathon.

APPALACHIAN ARCHAEOLOGY



MARS HILL - Locked away in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains are rich store-houses of artifacts which date back to as early as 10,000 B.C. This spring, April 26-May 2, Mars Hill College will sponsor an archaeological field study as part of its Elderhostel program.

Amateur and would-be archaeologists will be able to unearth treasures from the pre-historic past during the week-long program. Mornings will be dedicated to discussions of the mountains' earliest settlers, the North American Indians, their culture, and archaeological field and laboratory techniques. Afternoons will be spent in the field excavating for clues to this ancient Indian past.

Participants will be expected to read James Deetz's book, "Invitation to Archaeology," in preparation for the week's activities. Participants will also be required to bring a flat shovel, a triangular brick mason's trowel, and a metric tape measure as well as appropriate hiking boots and work clothes.

The instructor for the class will be Linda G. Hall, a Winston-Salem native who makes her home now in Weaverville. She earned her undergraduate degrees from East Carolina University and has a master's degree in anthropology from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has held positions with the N.C. Divisions of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, UNC-Chapel Hill's Research Laboratories, the Cherokee Tribal Council, U.S. Forest Service, and is currently an archaeological consultant with Archaeological Research Consultants, Inc.

She has been involved with numerous "digs" in the area and has participated in 1986 in archaeological surveys in the Cane River Park in Yancey County, the proposed Highway 521 Landfill Site in Mecklenburg County, the Shoreline Areas Evaluation at Nottely Lake in Union County, GA, and the proposed alternate sites for the Gaston Municipal Airport.

According to Ray Rapp, Director of Mars Hill's Center for Continuing Education, "We are sure that this will be a popular program and are giving area residents the first opportunity to register for the program."



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