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Goal: Worldwide Peace and Justice

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The Hester Peace and Justice Center, established in the spring of 1988 through a bequest from the Estate of General Hugh B. Hester, has a mighty task. Its purpose is to "promote responsible discussion on issues of peace and justice," especially encouraging and supporting the relationships of the Christian to the "realization of peace and justice in our world."

The late General Hester was a man with a mission: after working as an adjutant to General MacArthur, he eventually realized that war was no longer a sane method of resolving differences. Resigning his post in the armed forces, he began to tour the country, speaking to college students on the issue of peace and justice. A favorable Mars Hill reception led him

to remember MHC in his will.

The coordinators of the program believe that since it is a Christian college, MHC has a special task to pass along to its students: it must educate them on modern world issues and how they fit into the life of the Christian. God has called the Christian to love and peace, not war and hatred--and the Hester Center is promoting those goals.

The task of the Hester Center is very important. Through encouraging the participation of the members of the MHC community in various activities, it hopes to educate the ignorant and overcome obstacles to the realization of its goals. The need is urgent because, according to project coordinator Donald Anderson, "Our technology has outstripped our values, and our capacity to destroy each other and this cosmos has rapidly outdistanced our moral development and our

ability to resolve conflict in peaceful ways."

The concern of the Hester Center is to study the issues that pose serious threats to the well-being of the planet and its inhabitants. This is accomplished through sponsorship and attendance of workshops and conferences dealing with such issues. Involvement of students is essential, and several courses are offered to explore various issues.

Students who are interested in a more humane and just world are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, the next of which will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 20 in Cornwell 101. The program provides opportunities for students to interact with others who share similar goals.

The program seeks to stress the relationship between the spiritual life

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Dormitory Renovations... Now and Later

by Lisa Ramsey
Staff Writer

Some much-needed renovations have been made in the dormitories on women's and men's hills and more work is planned. The dorms on men's hill were first, since they were in the greatest need of repair and renovations. Brown and Melrose were done in the summer of '86 and Myers in '87. Gibson dorm needed no major renovation except some painting. The dormitories are done two per summer until all work is complete. Women's hill dorms followed. Fox was done during the summer of '87. Edna Moore and half of Huffman were done in the spring and summer of '88. Both dorms received new wiring so that twice as much electrical current is available now than was prior to the work. This rewiring was needed because of the greater load put on the electrical system by modern devices used by students. Before the buildings sustained many fuse and breaker problems. For the first time, carpet was put down in the hallways and lobbies of the dorms. The beds and furnishings throughout were painted and refinished. The parlor (lobby) in Edna Moore was greatly improved. Huffman dorm received new fiberglass shower units and exhaust fans in the bathrooms. Both dorms' baths were replastered as needed and fluorescent lighting was installed to replace the outdated fixtures in the lobbies and other areas. The lobbies are traditionally decorated and furnishings in the dorms are placed to fit the buildings.

The future holds many renovations, also. Next summer, Huffman dorm will be finished, and Stroup will be done. This fall, the outside of the Townhouses and Apartments will be painted with matching trim, to be finished by the end of the spring, weather permitting. Over the next two summers, new carpet will be put down in all units, much of the existing furniture will be replaced, and

MHC Greets New Faculty and Staff

by Tammy Condrey
Staff Writer

Doctors, lawyers, a millionaire--most people dream about being famous.

Mars Hill recently gained twelve new faculty and staff who had childhood dreams of being farmers, baseball players, oceanographers, and other such diverse vocations. This course of life changed, though, and now they have become part of the Mars Hill College family.

The Business Department received three new faculty members.

Dr. Barbara Pendleton teaches several different courses, such as marketing and organization behavior.

Dr. Pendleton received her Masters and Doctorate in Business Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The whole college experience and working toward her degrees were exciting for her.

"I had never been to college when I was 35. I was from a family that never had any college degrees. I had been a housewife, mowing grass, cooking, raising children. For me, starting college and learning were the most exciting things that had ever happened," Dr. Pendleton said.

Dr. Pendleton has worked 20 years outside of education as a personnel manager, in retail, and with the CIA.

"I think all of this helps me understand the business material better," he said.

Before coming to Mars Hill, Dr. Pendleton worked at the University of North Carolina as Program Director of Retail Management. Following her husband's retirement, she came to western North Carolina.

Dr. Pendleton came to Mars Hill

for a change: "I selected Mars Hill because I had been at the University [of SC] for 12 years and was looking for an improvement in the quality of work life. I wanted a college that was more student-oriented and I wanted a college that motivated along with education."

Dr. Pendleton had an office underground at USC. Here at MHC, her office window is a delight.

"That window and being able to look at the sun and the trees and the clouds and the students is like psychic income. It makes me feel good," she said.

Dr. Pendleton enjoys gardening and having people over to her house.

Also joining the Business Department is Ms. Bobbie Nicholson, who attended MHC when it was still a junior college.

From her days as a student here, she recalls an interesting experience with snow. "There was ten inches of snow at Mars Hill in sub-zero weather, and at that time, they wouldn't let girls wear pants, and they let us wear slacks to class because it was so cold," she said.

Ms. Nicholson continued her education at Furman, where she received a BS in Chemistry. She received her Masters in Chemistry with Biochemistry at Michigan State. Ms. Nicholson also had two years of graduate work at Vanderbilt University.

For 20 years, Ms. Nicholson taught chemistry. Due to problems with inhalation of the chemicals she was working with, she had to change careers one year away from completion of a doctorate.

Ms. Nicholson chose computers, and now teaches two courses in computers

and helps with the computer lab.

During the summer for several years, Ms. Nicholson worked with the Forest Service.

"I worked with the Forest Service during the summer, 1975 through 1979. I did outdoor education. One of the most exciting things I did was aerial photography," she said.

Mrs. Deborah Britt is the third new person on the business faculty. She teaches the business course, statistics.

Mrs. Britt has a BS and a Masters in Mathematics from East Carolina University.

She has taught in various high schools and at a technical college. Mrs. Britt, to whom being a Christian is most important, felt God leading her to Mars Hill.

"The Lord led me here for some reason, and I don't know why," she said.

Mrs. Britt hopes to do more research in mathematics, and she likes MHC.

"[I like] the fact that it's small, it's a Baptist school. The people are open and friendly," she said.

Joining the Physical Education Department is Ms. Donna Woolard.

In high school, Ms. Woolard was influenced to become a coach.

"When I turned sixteen and really ran into my first female coaches and athletes, I said, 'That's what I want to be,'" she said.

Ms. Woolard went to East Carolina University, where she received her BS in Health and Physical Education, and later, her Masters of Arts and Education, with a major in health and physical education.

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