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HOMECOMING WEEKEND: Looking to the Future, Remembering the Past, and Celebrating the Present

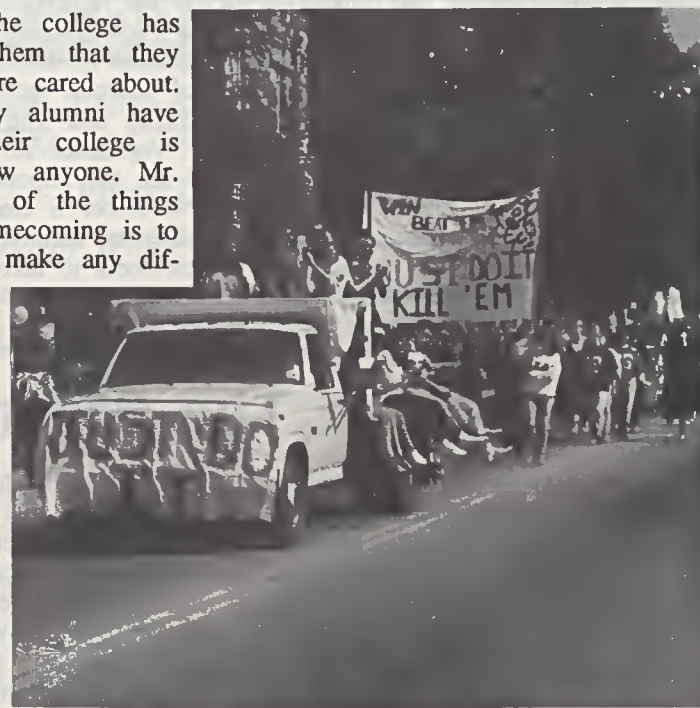
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Homecoming is always an especially hectic time of year at Mars Hill College, and this year was no exception. Along with the usual homecoming activities, the Board of Advisors met on that Friday.

The MHC Board of Advisors consists of approximately 82 people. These people are of different Christian denominations and live in various states. This group meets twice annually (a luncheon in Spring, with the Board of Trustees, and a fall business meeting). The advisors do just that...they advise the college on fundraising ideas and academic matters. The Board consists of two groups: development (in charge of fund-raising) and academic services (dealing with curriculum, recruiting, etc.). These advisors all play an important role in the college because they are able to make contact with important resources to help get prospective students, funds for projects, or other needs. At the meeting held Oct. 14, they went over progress reports and made further plans for the million dollar project which includes major fund-raising and other essentials for the following items: building a chapel, building a new cafeteria, converting the old cafeteria to a library, library fund, converting old library to a Continuing Education center, renovation of Marshbanks Hall, creation of an art exhibition area, computer center in Wall Science Building, additional parking on Women's

Hill, HPERA, Wren College Union, Cornwell Hall, Annual Fund, scholarships, and academic equipment. Walter Smith, Director of Public Information and Editor of the alumni magazine EMPHASIS, said that he serves as an ex-officio member of the Board. He said that the reason this particular date was chosen for the meeting was

alumni the progress the college has made and to show them that they are remembered and are cared about. The number-one worry alumni have about returning to their college is whether they will know anyone. Mr. Hoffmeyer said, "One of the things we try to do with Homecoming is to make it so it doesn't make any dif-



ference if you know anybody, all Mars Hill people have one thing in common, and that's their love for the school, and that alone should make them comfortable coming back. Our students need to remember that they will leave the campus but never Mars Hill, because its spirit will still be in them and they'll come back to recapture this and hope it's here." Other alumni activities included an "Oldtimers" baseball game held in Meares Field Friday afternoon, and a meeting of the Alumni Association of-

oficers on Saturday. Class reunions for the following classes were held around campus: "Golden Years" for former students in classes prior to 1938; 50th anniversary "Golden" reunion of the Class of 1938; and "Every fifth year" reunions for the Classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1983.

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Another important part of MHC Homecoming is the alumni activities. Mr. Ed Hoffmeyer, Director of Alumni Activities, said that he believes the number one highlight of Homecoming was the Alumni Luncheon and Alumnus and Alumna of the Year Award presentations held in Bridges Dining Hall. Recipients of the two awards were Bruce Murray, Sr. of Marshall (Class of 1939) and Alice Mansfield of Atlanta, GA (Class of 1928). Class reunions for several classes were held at Homecoming, and 463 graduates registered for the Homecoming activities. The second highlight that Mr. Hoffmeyer cited was the new children's program, which was started this year. Forty children participated in the games, a mini-Olympics, and the decoration of their own float for the Homecoming Parade. Each child was given a t-shirt. Mr. Hoffmeyer feels that it is important to reach these children because perhaps they will be the future students of MHC. The college has an obligation to show the



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