

Welcome Parents!

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Homecoming '89

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This year's homecoming at Mars Hill College promises to be the best one ever, according to organizers. Homecoming '89 will coincide with the Bascom Lamar Lunsford Folk Festival. All students could become involved in this year's activities—both present students and alumni.

The theme will be **Spirit Jam '89**. Special events planned include a 3,000 balloon send-off and the 50th reunion of the Class of 1939.

The Lion Growl will be held on October 5th in McConnell Gym at approximately 8:30 p.m. (first place winner will win \$100, 2nd-\$50 and 3rd-\$25).

The 1989 homecoming activities start on Friday, October 6th with registration of Alumni in Blackwell Hall from 1:00-4:00 and the Old Timers Baseball Game on the baseball field at 3:00.

On Saturday, October 7, the Bascom Lamar Lunsford Folk Festival will be going on in the Quadrangle all day. The athlete's "Hall of Fame" Breakfast for former Lion athletes and guests will be held in the Gold Room of the Dining Hall

at 9:00, another registration of alumni will be held in Blackwell Hall from 8:00-2:00 and refreshments will be served in Peterson Conference Center from 8:00-11:00.

The Children's Activity Program for those pre-registered will take place from 9:30-1:30, class reunions will be held in various locations around campus from 9:30-1:30 and the Alumni Luncheon and Alumna/Alumnus of the Year presentations will take place in the Dining Hall's main floor from 11:30-12:45 (by reservation only).

The Homecoming Parade will take place at 1:30 and will proceed from Gibson Dorm and go on a path that ends at the track in Meares Stadium; a pre-game band show will take place in Meares Stadium at 2:15 and the Homecoming Football Game between MHC and Baptist College will begin at 2:30.

Half-time activities will include special recognitions and the East Henderson High School Band from Hendersonville, NC will perform.

The Minstrel of the Appalachians will

Parents Arrive on the Hill

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Mars Hill College will observe its annual Parents' Day on Saturday, September 30 beginning with registration in Wren College Union at 9:00 in the morning.

According to the provost, Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf, the purpose of Parents' Day is to provide parents the opportunity to experience the everyday college life of their son or daughter. It also gives the parents an opportunity to talk with the college faculty in order to evaluate the progress of their college student. In addition, Dr. Schmeltekopf hopes to provide an enjoyable day for the parents. Scheduled entertainment includes a band concert, chorus concert, and clogging performance.

Gail Sawyer, Director of Developmental Studies, is very involved in the organization of Parents' Day. As a parent of a former MHC student and associate professor, Mrs. Sawyer believes that Parents' Day is an essential part of "personalizing" the college education. She states that "Nobody does it better than Mars Hill."

Mrs. Sawyer says that Parents' Day is beneficial because it provides "windows" for both parents and faculty. For parents, the day provides a view of the college en-

vironment of which their son or daughter is a part. For faculty members, the day provides insight into their students' lives through increased knowledge of their backgrounds.

Both Dr. Schmeltekopf and Mrs. Sawyer agree that the timing for Parent's Day is crucial. It should be planned late enough for the faculty to have ample time to know students in order to be able to communicate their progress to their parents, but early enough to be beneficial to the students' college performance. Dr. Schmeltekopf and Mrs. Sawyer believe that they have accomplished both of these objectives in scheduling this year's Parent's Day.

One of the wonderful aspects of the day is the opportunity that parents will have to hear several Mars Hill professors in various seminars and sessions. This will help the parents relate to the classroom experiences of their college students.

In addition to the previously mentioned activities, Parents' Day will include a picnic lunch, dormitory open house, and the opportunity to attend two athletic events—a tennis match with Carson-

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MHC Celebrates Its Heritage: Founder's Day

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"Legacy for the Good Life" will be the address topic for Founder's Day, October 10, an annual event marking the founding of our college and honoring our heritage. Dr. Robert E. Seymour will bring the address.

Dr. Seymour is a native of Greenwood, S.C. After serving in the Navy, he went to college and received his Bachelor of the Arts in history from Duke. From there he received a Bachelor of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and got his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh.

He has pastored three churches in his career: Warrington Baptist in Warrington, Mars Hill Baptist and Binkley Memorial Baptist in Chapel Hill, where he retired in

June of 1988.

Dr. Seymour has been active in civil rights activities over the years and has helped to integrate the Baptist colleges of North Carolina. He is also the founder of the Interfaith Council in Chapel Hill and has been a member of the MHC Board of Trustees for 20 years.

In addition to Dr. Seymour's address, another highlight of Founder's Day will be the showing of *Bonded*, a film telling the story of Slave Joe, a part of the MHC heritage.

Richard Dillingham, Director of the Southern Appalachian Center, worked with the project.

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be held in Moore Auditorium at 8:00 in the evening featuring traditional music, song, and dance. The last event will be the homecoming dance in McConnell Gym from 9:00-1:00 with a live band playing reggae and a variety of other music.

Spirit booths and tables will be set up around campus and Bill Stanley's will be here at MHC selling food.

Nominations for Homecoming Court will be taken Monday, October 2nd and voting for '89 Homecoming King and

Queen will take place Wednesday, October 4th.

If anyone is interested in helping with homecoming decorations, set-up or other organizational areas, please call John Capitan at 689-1273.

Let's make this year's Homecoming at MHC all it can be. Get involved! Show an interest in our Alma Mater. No specific age limitation. If you are a student now or were in the past, **HOME COMING IS FOR YOU!**