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## MHC Receives \$1 Million Challenge Gift

From Staff Reports

Mars Hill College's Campaign for the future received a \$1 million boost last Wednesday when a member of the school's Board of Trustees issued a challenge gift to the college's supporters.

The board member, who wishes to remain anonymous, will match any money pledged after Oct. 11 by the school's Board of Trustees and Board Advisors dollar for dollar up to 100,000. He will match one dollar for every two dollars given by alumni, businesses, foundations and individuals up to an additional \$500,000. One condition of the challenge gift is that pledges must be paid by October, 1991.

"This board member has had Mars Hill's future on his mind for some time," said college president Dr. Fred Bentley, "and decided to take the initiative in providing for the challenges before us." The funds will be applied to building a new cafeteria at the college.

"This challenge gift has the potential of allowing Mars Hill to move forward on the construction of the new cafeteria by spring," Dr. Bentley commented. "It is wonderful to have a board member who gives the college enough to make this level of commitment and sacrifice to our school. We hope our alumni and friends

will respond generously to this once-in-a-lifetime challenge."

The new cafeteria, which is expected to cost \$2.4 million and take approximately 18 months to construct, currently has approximately \$500,000 towards its funding. In an earlier interview with the *Hilltop*, Dr. Bentley expressed concern about the rate at which funds were being pledged for this construction.

When completed, the cafeteria will have a total area of 22,000 square feet and will seat 600. The exterior plans have been completed, and final interior design is in progress with the architect. Marriott Food Service will be providing input on the interior service areas of the new building.

The fund-raising for the cafeteria is part of Phase II of the Campaign for the Future. Phase I, which entailed raising \$4 million for scholarship endowment, completion of the chapel, repairs on Cornwell Hall, construction of the art gallery, and work on the PE facilities, is complete. Phase II also includes the renovation of other campus buildings totalling \$1 million. Phase III will be construction of the cafeteria and the new library and CEP facilities, and a parking deck on Women's Hill.

## MHC Welcomes Serendipity Singers

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On Wednesday, October 25, at 8:00 pm, in Moore Auditorium, the Serendipity Singers will perform their fast-paced show of pop, country, folk songs and show tunes from the 40's to the 80's. The show is a mix that appeals to all audiences and keeps them "toe tappin' and hand appin'." The show is an enthusiastic presentation of musical harmonies, instruments, comedy and colorful costumes that will delight all.

The Serendipity Singers were formed in the 60's at the University of Colorado. Since then, the group has traveled approximately 200,000 miles a year stopping in places such as Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, and the Virgin Islands. The group also has per-

formed in 22 foreign countries with their latest engagement at the Palm Beach Casino in Cannes, France. Also to their credit is performing on a Campaign Tour with former President Ronald Reagan.

Their current tour brings them to Mars Hill College on October 25. The show will start at 8:00 pm on that Wednesday evening. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Mars Hill students will be admitted free with valid I.D. and this event counts toward the Community Life Program. Come out and support the Serendipity Singers as they perform their mix of times that have been all over the world.

## Career Day: October 25

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Mark your calendars—Wednesday, October 25 is Career Day at Mars Hill, the first one for almost ten years.

Career Day, according to Nancy Harmon, Director of Counseling and Career Programs, "gives our student body, especially juniors and seniors, access to potential employers and knowledge and information about the working world."

The day begins from 10 to 12 when recruiters from various places will be in the Wren College Union answering questions anyone might have about their line of work.

From 3 to 5 in the afternoon, recruiters will be giving interviews to individuals who sign up for them. The interviews are good practice for juniors and seniors. Ms. Harmon says it will be nice if a resume was ready for some of the interviewers are really looking to fill positions. People wanting to be interviewed can sign up in the Student Development Office or at individual company exhibits on Career Day. The interviews are first come, first serve. The interviewers are limited to the number of students they can interview in the two hour period.

The day ends with a panel discussion with various professionals in Belk Auditorium from 7-9. Students can get information on companies and individual career development.

Career Day came as result of mainly two things. One was the great response to the panel held last year. More than 150 students came to the panel and there gained valuable information on career opportunities, what companies are looking for in prospective employees, what to include in resumes, details on salaries, what writing skills are needed, additional training that might be needed, specific qualities needed for jobs, personalities in the working world, the reality of job making, expectations in cover letters and interviewing approaches taken by employers.

The second thing Career Day resulted from was the overwhelming want for more recruiters on campus by the seniors when they filled out their senior placement surveys.

The day will also give opportunities for networking. Networking is building a

base of people you know and don't know so you can get employed easier. According to Ms. Harmon, the more people you know, the more easily it is to get employed.

Career Day is not only for juniors and seniors, but also for freshmen, sophomores and faculty. Ms. Harmon stressed the fact that choosing a career is a process not just an event.

Freshmen have taken the Myers-Briggs and Strong-Campbell test and know what occupations their personalities lean toward. They can use these two tests in choosing a major.

Freshman need to know that 80 percent of all college freshman change their major at least once. It's important for them to make a choice of major but to remember it is okay to change it.

Career Day is good for them because they will migrate toward people with similar interests; therefore, they find out what types of careers they are interested in.

By the sophomore year, students have had a great deal of the liberal arts courses and have been exposed to many areas in education. Decisions of major begin to clear and one concentrates on his/her interests and abilities to find out what major will be a "good fit" for the junior and senior years.

Sophomores can use this year as a reflection time and should be open to concentrations, minors or double majors.

Career Day can be used to discover whether one wants to lead, follow, work with people, work independently and a variety of other verifications.

Sophomores will be networking and finding out factual information, putting themselves a year or two ahead.

For Juniors, a choice has been made and it is now time for application. It is a time in which the GPA should become somewhat more important. Many companies only look at the grades of the last two years of school and/or in the major area.

Career Day for juniors can be used to practice communication skills through talking to the recruiters and in interviews. Also, great amounts of net-

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