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Everywhat?

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Under the direction of John T. Oertling, the theatre department is putting on a classic entitled *Everyman*. The play is simple and yet complex, because it deals with man's mortality. Now, the director is thinking: classic, morbid, yuck!—but dig deeper, because the play has taken this situation and turned it into a new life that relates better to our time and now.

The cast is made up of all women, which is in the time of the show's original production would have dropped many a lady. The ladies of the cast are: Jennifer as *Everyman*, Molly Freeman as *Wife*, Meg Martini as *Cousin*, Kim as *Kindred*, Tara Kelley as *Goodwife*, Amiee Perrin as *Goods*, Leigh as *Beauty*, Amy Decossas as *Strength*, Leigh Wainwright as *Wit*, H.L. Oertling as *Death*, and Michele Medlin as *Prologue*.

Oertling has also modernized the

script—not to the point of "Yo, dude, what's up?", but the words have been somewhat deciphered for modern consumption. He has also added computer music and the cast has a modern dance number. The choreography is done by Candace Oertling and gives one's imagination a flight.

The production is still in the polishing stage, but will run Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 29 and 30 at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day. Admission is free to everyone and no tickets will be required for these Owen Theatre performances. Call the Theatre Department at 1203 for more information.

The next production will be *The Miser*, which will be directed by Bill Martin, who has been nominated for a Tony Award and has directed on Broadway. The show will have a large cast (especially men), and auditions will be held after the Christmas holidays.

Habitat for Humanity Builds First Home in Madison County

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It is a tradition of the Amish—a community volunteer barn raising in a day. We certainly aren't living in central Pennsylvania; however, a structure is being raised in our community by volunteers.

The Madison County Habitat for Humanity is building its first home not too far from our campus on Higgins Branch Road.

One acre of land was donated by the Madison County Public Housing Authority, and construction on the home has been in progress since the groundbreaking in August.

Various groups from local churches and service organizations have volunteered labor and money. The project has been set back because of the loss of some of its volunteers to the recent Hurricane Hugo disaster; however, groups including a team representing the Christian Student Movement of Mars Hill College and Mars Hill Baptist Church just recently used their helpful hands at the construction site. Volunteer Elmer Farlow relates, "You feel like you're meeting a legitimate need."

Surprisingly, an increasing number of women are involved in the affairs of Habitat, whether it is business affairs or actual construction. Vicki Tutterow indicates, "Anyone can get involved, young or old, male or female. There are all types of work to be done."

Habitat for Humanity is an international, interdenominational Christian housing ministry which "builds homes for God's people in need." It was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller, a Georgia businessman, and Clarence Jordan, a farmer-theologian. Since its founding, Habitat has built over 3000 homes in the United States. International Habitat, based in Americus, Georgia, also sponsors building projects in more than twenty-five countries including the Philippines, India, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Indonesia.

The purpose is to build simple, decent houses and sell them at a low cost to people unable to qualify for bank loans. The buyers make a minimal down payment and monthly interest-free mortgage payments of about \$120-\$170. The payments go back into the

fund, which finances the construction of more houses, a process which Millard Fuller calls "Economics of Jesus."

The Habitat for Humanity program became a favorite cause of former President Jimmy Carter. Carter and his wife frequently work on various sites, including the construction of thirteen houses in one week in the Charlotte area last summer.

Families are chosen by a Habitat selection committee, which looks at financial needs, ability to pay the monthly payments, dependability and willingness to participate in the program. The family chosen is required to contribute 300 hours of their own labor in building their home and another Habitat home.

David Sprinkle, a disabled Madison County native, and his family were the first to be selected. Sprinkle currently lives with his wife, three children, and mother-in-law in a home with no plumbing.

Tom Plaut, professor at Mars Hill College, states "The federal government cannot solve all the housing problems. The United States needs this social movement which assists in housing the poor and brings solidarity in the church community."

With the help of the Amish-like volunteers, the first project in Madison County will be completed next year. Anyone desiring to assist in the volunteer work should contact Elmer Farlow at 1341.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

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Circle K in the News

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On Saturday, Nov. 4 the Mars Hill Circle K club discovered a new calling: Highway Beautification Technicians. As part of the Adopt-a-Highway program, the club joined the host of organizations involved in cleaning up North Carolina's highways. The club was awarded the title of Highway 19/23 that runs from Exit 13 (Texaco) north to where the highway divides at the Burnsville exit. During their trek up the highway, the members filled ten bags of refuse with exciting discoveries as 12 different types of alcohol containers, slim fast bars, Beanie-weenie cans, gum wrappers, fast-food garbage...etc. It was an eye-opening experience, and a chance to light the real problem of high-pollution, even right here in our own yard.

Circle K's highway is only one of the many service projects that the club is doing on this semester. On Oct. 20th, several members took flowers to the Madison Manor nursing home as a gesture of love and goodwill to the members of that community. The flowers were a huge success, and Circle K is

planning to repeat this at Christmas, along with caroling.

Other projects include Terrific Kids, a program at the elementary school that recognizes outstanding students in every grade, a Neighbors-in-Need canned food drive, and a picnic for Big Brothers and Sisters.

Circle K asks Mars Hill College to participate in the Oxfam World Hunger program, which will take place this week. Oxfam is an international organization that funds hunger relief projects throughout the world, including the United States. Hunger is not just a tragedy "somewhere else," but a real problem even here in Madison County and Mars Hill. For more information on how you can help, please contact Kelly McBride in the library (1244).

If you are interested in finding out more about Circle K, we meet every other Wednesday in the faculty dining room at five o'clock, kind of an eat-while-you-meet. Information about meetings is posted on the bulletin board in Wren Union (by the Info Desk).

"Circle K—fun through service!"