

Good Luck on Exams!

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Earth Day's Twentieth Anniversary Leaves Its Mark on Mars Hill

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Lin Hon, from the Marine Biological Laboratory at the University of Georgia, spoke at the ice in Belk Auditorium on Wednesday, April 5.

The Concerned Citizens for the Environment (CCE), were responsible for inviting Hon, four local environmental activists, and a San Franciscan playwright, to speak on several aspects of the deteriorating environment.

The Earth Day celebration was the group's first project to alert people about the state of the environment. They have it "planted the seed for future action and awareness," said Becky Horner, one founding member of the

"At this point, I have more questions than answers," said Hon, beginning his discussion on the global perspectives of the environment. His theme is to "think globally" about such things as ozone depletion and climatic warming.

Hon lists the major factors in these problems: fluorocarbons used in refrigeration and "dirty fuels" such as coal and oil.

Government, he said, is the "chief culprit" because it exempts itself from regulations applied to other industries.

"The problem is, we have no alternative energy policy for the future," Hon said.

Mary Kelly, the first activist on the list, spoke on land-use planning and forest-harvesting practices.

"The underlying problem with the environment is growth," Kelly stated. She urged us to beware of growth in this area due to highway I-26, which will pass through Madison County.

"Land-use planning is the tool we use for growth planning," Kelly said.

Milly Buchanan, from the Clean Water Fund in Asheville, spoke next. She presented the causes which keep us from cleaning the "mess we've already made."

She mentioned that Chemtronics in Rock Mountain and the GE plant in Andersonville are sources of heavy metal pollution.

"Government, citizens and industry must all participate if we are to solve our environment's problems," Buchanan said.

The issues of solid and nuclear waste

and disposal were handled by an activist from Laurel, Lou Zellar. Zellar told of the hazards of our landfills due to the wastes dumped there.

He does not believe the government's 25 percent recycling goal is acceptable: "An 80-90 percent recycling rate is realistic" in order to reduce the volume of the landfills. He proved this could be done by mentioning the 70 percent recycling rate in some European countries.

Alan Smith, who spoke on biodiversity and endangered species, is an environmental consultant from Mars Hill. Smith mentioned the destruction of the rain forests, especially in South America, as being detrimental, but also

describes the thousands of undiscovered species in North Carolina destroyed daily by the construction of golf courses.

"Thousands of species of organisms are disappearing in sight of Mars Hill. It's just that we don't think of it every day," said Smith.

After an hour and a half of discussion, the moderator, Dr. Arthur Schmeltkopf, former NOAA atmospheric scientist, summed up the refurbished environmental distress: "There are no quick and easy solutions to these problems."

Later that evening, Rosa Perez, from San Francisco, put the final touch on the MHC Earth Day celebration with her one-woman play, *Real Town*.

"It's a parable of hope in the Nuclear Age," said Horner. "Everybody works in harmony. They are all happy, but that is not the way it is in our world, today. That is what Rosa wants us to see, and try to change."

One MHC student, Carmen Ford, said, "I think she wanted to make everybody realize they have to wake up! She wants us to know that we all need to work together for peace and not to let the Nuclear Age get us."

The Earth Day celebration was organized by the CCE, and co-sponsored by that group, Mars Hill College and the Hester Center for Peace and Justice. The CCE hope to provide similar programs and activities next year.

The common consensus was that Earth Day was a success, but "remember," said Horner, "Earth Day was not just today [April 5], it's every day!"

Bronze, Silver and Gold

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On Wednesday, April 18, the Mars Hill Collegiathon team traveled to Catawba college for the last two competitions: GPA and track. Also, the first, second and third place overall awards and sportsmanship award were given.

Collegiathon, is a nine event competition between eight Carolina small colleges. Events in this year-long battle include tennis, golf, chess, non-trivia quiz, swimming, bridge, volleyball, track and GPA.

Mars Hill went into the last events with a gold medal in bridge and a bronze in non-trivia quiz. Bridge gold was taken home by Rob Cothran, Tammy Condrey, Ruth Thomas and Mike Free while the non-trivia quiz bronze medals were given to Condrey, Cothran, Free, and Michelle Hutt.

Team members Doug Searcy, Jeff Wakefield and Lynn Carringer went to

Searcy peeled-out and finished off a golden victory for the Lions with a 5:35 mile, only eight seconds off the Collegiathon record.

Following behind the Lions, came the Wingate Bulldogs and the Elon Fighting Christians. Hutt, Carringer, Searcy and Wakefield stood with pride as the gold medals were placed on their necks and the Mars Hill alma mater was played.

Following the closing ceremonies, the team headed for the banquet hall for the GPA, overall, and sportsmanship awards. Mars Hill knew they had to place close to Wingate in GPA in order to take the overall third-place award.

As GPAs were announced Wingate took third. The Lions were called next taking the silver with a 3.660 average GPA. This was only thousandths behind the 3.668 of Erskine, who took the gold.



Catawba aiming for medals—none of which had received one as of yet.

At 3:30 Carringer, Searcy, Wakefield and Hutt hit the track in the four mile relay.

Wakefield made an impressive start as he pulled out in front of the other competitors in the first leg. He lost his lead, coming in third behind Elon and Wingate - ending his mile with a time of 5:51.

Carringer took the baton from Wakefield and headed off after the Fighting Christian and Bulldog. She took Wingate's second runner and handed the baton off to Hutt 7 minutes, 7 seconds later.

On the final curve of Hutt's mile, she came up beside the Elon Fighting Christian and a neck-to-neck final leg began for Searcy. Searcy and the male from Elon stayed heel-to-heel until the third lap of the race. On the backstretch,

This second place insured the bronze overall.

Dr. Donald Schmeltkopf, Provost of MHC, who came down to watch the awards ceremony, placed the medals for overall placing around the team's necks. He was accompanied by Dr. Richard Hoffman, assistant to the President.

Coach and Dr. Larry Stern was presented with the permanent plaque that will be engraved and left at MHC for a memento of the 1989-90 games. The team expresses deep appreciation for all the work put in by their coach and his wonderful support for their endeavors.

The medals will now be set aside and dreams will enter the minds of the sophomore team members who will be able to participate in the 1991-1992 games.