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## Students, Faculty Honored at Convocation

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Over \$600,000 in academic scholarships and other awards, honors and cognitions were made to students and faculty during Honors Day Ceremonies April 24.

Top faculty awards went to Nancy Medford, professor of mathematics, who was named the R. S. Gibbs Outstanding Teacher for 1990; Dr. A. Ellison Jenkins, professor of religion, who was selected as the Jefferson Pilot Professor 1990-91; and Jo Ann Croom, assistant professor biology, who received the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.

Medford has been a member of the college's faculty since 1956. She earned her undergraduate degree from Women's College of the University of North Carolina (now UNC-Greensboro), a master's degree from Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University), and has continued her studies at several universities since that time. Medford has a never-ending devo-

tion to her profession and cares deeply for her students.

Jenkins, a member of the faculty since 1954, earned his undergraduate degree from Furman University and Bachelor and Doctor of Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has continued his studies at Emory University during his tenure.

Jo Ann Croom joined the faculty at Mars Hill in 1975 and has an associate degree from Mars Hill as well as her bachelor's and master's degrees from N.C. State University. Two years ago, she received a \$50,000 grant from the National Institute of Health to conduct research.

The Gibbs Award was established by the late R. S. Gibbs, Jr. of North Wilkesboro, in honor of his father, a former trustee of the school and prominent business and civic leader in Mars Hill. The award includes an attractive plaque and a cash prize. The Jefferson-Pilot Professorship was established by two gifts of \$25,000 each in 1982 and 1985.

The interest from these endowed funds provides a stipend for the recipient who is chosen by the president for the term of one year.

The Sears and Roebuck Foundation award is new this year and was established by a \$2,500 gift to the college. A cash stipend is awarded to the recipient, and part of the funds are used to encourage campus leadership, faculty development and improved teaching.

Other faculty receiving recognition included Barbara Pendleton, associate professor of business administration, and Gail F. Sawyer, assistant professor of social and behavioral science and general education, who were granted tenure.

Three members of the faculty and staff were recognized for 25 years service to the college. They are Betty Hughes, professor of English, Robert Kramer, associate professor of German, and Vernon Carver, a grounds keeper with the physical plant staff. Retiring are Joe Chris Robertson, professor of art,

and Dorothy Roberts, professor of music.

College Marshals for the 1990-91 year were installed during Honors Day Convocation. Two rising seniors, Becky Horner, a mathematics major and Brenda Lisenbee, a music education major were appointed chief and assistant chief marshal, respectively. Also, Shannon Goodman, Janet Staton and Angela Voss continue to serve a second year as Marshals. Dana Bridges, Russell Peters, Michael Vaughn, Jennifer Enrich, Elke Worley, Amy Marlowe, Dawn Tyler, Rob Cothran, Beth Parrish, Paige Parham and Tammy Condrey were appointed for their first term as Marshals.

Sigma Alpha Chi received the Outstanding Greek Organization Award for the second year for their continued selfless giving to those in need.

Lynn Abney and Tripp Green were the recipients of the intramural Athletes of the year awards.

## Commission To Determine Future of MHC

From Staff Reports

Dr. John W. Chandler, president of the Association of American Colleges, will chair a national "blue ribbon" commission charged with the responsibility of developing recommendations for the future of Mars Hill College.

Chandler, a native of Mars Hill and a 1943 graduate of the college, is well-known in educational circles as an innovator and leader. He also has degrees from Wake Forest and Duke universities. Before being named president of the MHC, he was president of Williams College in Middlebury, VT for 12 years.

According to Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf, college provost, the school has survived the years since becoming a senior institution relatively intact. Those past 25 years, including the tumultuous end of the 1960's and the early 1970's, proved that the college is stable. Now, with the stability of the institution assured," Schmeltekopf notes, "the question arises, 'What kind of college are we capable of becoming?' The purpose of the commission will be to provide us a view of what Mars Hill can accomplish through the next ten years and into the next century."

The commission will include between 50 and 75 individuals distinguished in their own professions. These

individuals will be drawn from churches, business, government, the professions, and cultural organizations. They will cover all aspects of campus life by dividing into seven committees or "task forces."

These seven include mission and purpose, enrollment management and marketing, resource development, faculty leadership and academic programs, student and community life, finances and facilities, and external relations.

President Fred Bentley sees clear and valid reasons for focusing on these areas: "We must develop a vision based on the distinctive purpose of Mars Hill College as we move into the 21st century. This consideration should take into account the needs of our students as well as the needs of society. Our role in preparing students for leadership and service in the 21st century will require a rigorous educational program, high academic standards, and a serious commitment to Christian ideals and moral values."

A tentative timetable calls for commission members to be named this spring, with task force chairmen being

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## Price To Speak at Baccalaureate

From Staff Reports

Congressman David Price, Fourth District Representative, will be the guest speaker at the Baccalaureate Service on May 6, at 11 a.m. in Moore Auditorium.

Price is an MHC alumnus and completed his undergraduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1961. He then earned the Bachelor of Divinity and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University, where he also taught until 1973, when he was appointed political science and public policy professor at Duke University.

While at Duke, Price authored numerous articles and three books, *Bringing Back the Parties*, *The Commerce Committees*, and *Who Makes the Laws*.

Before his election to Congress in 1986, he served the N.C. Democratic Party as Chairman in 1983-84, and ex-

ecutive director from 1979-80. In 1981, he served as staff director for the Commission on the Presidential Nomination

for the Democratic National Committee.

Since being elected to Congress his legislative involvements have included prime sponsorship of the Home Equity Loan Consumer Protection Act, Science Committee and Sunbelt Institute studies of illiteracy and the education requirements of tomorrow's workplace, and measures to insure small businesses and fairer access to federal and military procurement. He currently serves on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, and Science, Space and Technology Committees.



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