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MHC to Present Agnes of God

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Agnes of God, an intense adult drama, will be performed at Owen Theater Oct. 10-14. Three very talented young actresses are preparing with highly rehearsals under the direction of John T. Oertling.

The action of the play occurs when a psychiatrist is appointed by a court to determine the sanity of a nun who is accused of murdering her baby.

The three characters manipulate one another while they are forced to realize things about themselves. The psychiatrist struggles with Agnes because of the abuse she received as a child and the misunderstanding of her testimony. "It is not a play about religion or faith, but child abuse from Agnes' mother and exploitation by Mother Superior," states director John Oertling.

Actresses H. L. Horner (Dr. Martha Livingstone) from New Jersey, Michele Medlin (Agnes) from Alaska, and Lisa Atkinson (Mother Miriam Ruth) from Florida, all theater majors, have significant acting experiences professionally, with SART and Mars Hill

productions. The show is an actresses' showcase. Their ultimate acting abilities will be challenged by a performance with no set and very few props (three chairs, cigarettes, and an ashtray). Michele Medlin reflects, "A new character portrayal in an intense production is a struggle. However, I'm working with a great, talented crew. It's incredible!"

Additionally, Katie Boone, who worked as assistant manager at SART, will be co-directing, and Jennifer Anders is stage manager.

Tickets will be available from Oct. 1 through the performance dates. The box office is open from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. until showtime on performance dates. The box office telephone number is 1239. Tickets are free to MHC students. Wednesday through Saturday performance time is 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m.

Come out and see this powerful and intense production of *Agnes of God* coordinated by the Theater Department of Mars Hill College.

A Week of Wolfe

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Guest Writer

Ironic! That's what Thomas Wolfe would have thought on his 90th birthday, Oct. 3, 1990, about Germany's reunification. Germany contributed to and celebrated Wolfe's literary success. This mutual love affair lasted until the western North Carolina native returned from his 1936 visit to Germany. He chose to break off the relationship by writing the short novel, *I Have a Thing to Tell You*. In a letter to Dixon Wecter, Wolfe said he knew his books would be banned from Germany when this story about the horrors of Nazism was published. But as Wolfe said in the letter, "The story wrote itself. It was the truth as I could see it, and I decided that a man's own self-respect and integrity is worth more than his comfort or material advantage." When the short novel was published, Thomas Wolfe's books were banned in Germany.

Students who like Wolfe or want to know more about him may wish to attend some of the remaining activities at the First Annual Thomas Wolfe Festival. This festival represents the apex of a forgiveness process that Asheville has been experiencing since Wolfe's first book, *Look Homeward Angel*, was published in 1928. At the time, Asheville

perceived itself to have been rawly portrayed in print. It licked its wounds for a long time. The festival can be considered as both a tribute to Wolfe and to the people of Asheville who have allowed time to heal and remold their perspective.

As a permanent tribute to Wolfe, a commemorative marker is being placed at his birthplace on 92 Woodfin Street, site of the present YMCA parking lot. Asheville's mayor and city council have declared Oct. 3-10 as Thomas Wolfe Week. Mars Hill College and the Thomas Wolfe Memorial staff cooperated in organizing this year's festival. According to Mars Hill's Raymond Rapp, "The festival itself is an extension of our commitment to community involvement in Western North Carolina."

Festival activities continue through Sunday, Oct. 7, and will conclude with a reading by Dr. C. Earl Leininger on the porch of the Thomas Wolfe Memorial. Most events are free. Large yellow festival posters are displayed throughout the MHC campus. Additional information concerning the festival can be obtained by calling the CEP office or the Thomas Wolfe Memorial office at 704/253-8304.

Homecoming Events Planned

From Staff Reports

Annual Homecoming festivities for Mars Hill College have been slated for the first weekend in October. Registration has been extended to Friday afternoon, Oct. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Blackwell Hall, and will continue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Also scheduled for Friday evening is the "Lion Growl," a pep rally in Meares Stadium beginning at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, activities will begin with a Sports Hall of Fame breakfast for former athletes. This will be held in Coyte Bridges Cafeteria beginning at 9 a.m. Five former on stars will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the breakfast.

Class reunions will begin at 9:30 and continue until 11:30 a.m. Due to limited seating, the alumni luncheon, at which the Alumnus and Alumna of the Year presentations are made, will be by reservations only. It will be held in the cafeteria at 11:30 a.m.

A special children's activity has been planned for children ages 3-12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost per child will be \$6 and includes lunch. Children must be pre-registered, however.

Afternoon activities begin with the annual parade which starts at 1:30 p.m. at Gibson Residence Hall and ends at Meares Stadium. A pre-game show, featuring the college's marching band, will precede the 2:30 p.m. kickoff for the game between the Lions and Elon College. At halftime, the Henderson High School band will be featured, along with the presentation of special guests and the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, an Oldtimers' Baseball game will pit former players against the current varsity team at 2 p.m. on Meares Field.

Homecoming is a time for the students of the past to renew old relationships with their former classmates, and also for them to meet the future alumni of MHC. Get involved!

Additional information concerning Homecoming events is available from the Alumni Office.

Mars Hill Looks for Revival

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For three days in October, the Mars Hill College community will have the opportunity to experience some old-fashioned spiritual revival. On Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., the renewal begins in the amphitheater. The services will take place Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and are expected to last about one hour each.

Each night come and hear a different special singer and a different student share what God has placed in his/her heart. The revival is completely student-led and student-organized, but it is open to anybody who wishes to come and participate. The time will be spent listening to God's word and giving thanks for all that He has given us.

On Monday, the New Beginning Singers will bring the special music, and freshman Bryan Galyean will share the message. Wednesday has the sisters of Iota Chi Alpha singing and junior Rob Cothran speaking from the Scripture. The Gospel Choir chimes in on

Thursday and guest speaker Clayton King from Spartanburg SC will give the focus for the evening.

Each speaker will be dynamic, thought-provoking and a testimonial to Jesus Christ's work in their lives and how He can help you in yours. The message will be clear and based upon the living truth of the Word of God, the Bible. The songs will lift you up and make you feel alive and renewed in the Holy Spirit. Music has always uplifted the soul and the melodies at revival will be that much more so if you lend your voice to the tune.

Revival is a time for reflection into what God has planned for each of us as students, as faculty, as members of the Mars Hill College community and beyond. In revival we are able to explore what God's words in the Bible mean in everyday life for each of us. One can listen for the answer to the question "What does God want me to do for Him?"

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