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Annual Phonathon Underway

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MHC will hold its two-week annual phonathon from Oct. 14 through Nov. 5. Organizations will be calling alumni suddenly, with a brief interruption of the fundraiser during fall break.

The purpose of the National Phonathon is to phone all alumni and solicit financial support for the college. Fraternity and sorority members will be making the calls, but other students are not members and would like to help should contact the Alumni Office.

"We are fortunate at Mars Hill that our students play such a large part in the phonathon. Many of our alumni look forward each year to hearing from our students and got excellent. We have always been a people-centered college and this allows us to retain a personal contact with each former student," said Ed Hoffmeyer, director of Alumni Activities.

Jennifer Rengel, a senior from Winter Park, FL, will again serve as student

director of the event. She directed the most successful phonathon in the history of the college last year.

Each year the fundraiser seems to get better as goals are met and often exceeded. Last year 12,000 alumni were contacted and \$122,000 was raised. This year the goals are to phone 14,000 alumni in 12 nights and secure \$100,000 in pledges.

Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, was the leading calling group last year. This year they return to defend their title. Dr. Noel Kinnamon, faculty advisor for the group, is an avid caller and the only faculty participant.

The National Phonathon is held in Peterson Conference Center. Groups scheduled to call so far include Sigma Tau Delta, Theta Chi, Delta Phi Zeta, Gamma Chi Epsilon, Delta Kappa Theta, and Iota Chi Alpha.

Mars Hill Celebrates Founders Day

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Mars Hill College held Founders Day on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Moore Auditorium.

Dr. Robert A. Melvin, Professor of Religion, was the speaker for this year's Founders Day. His address was entitled "Our Jerusalem, Under Bailey's Shadow."

Choral music was provided by the Mars Hill College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Joel F. Reed and accompanied by Ms. Cathy Adkins. The choir sang Randall Thompson's "The Last Words of David" and provided the benediction with James Gossler's "An Old English Prayer."

MHC President Dr. Fred Bentley presented two special service awards and an honorary degree.

John Owen Tilson of Mars Hill received a Distinguished Service Medal. Tilson, a member of the Class of 1948, received the "Alumnus of the Year" award in 1982 and has served on the school's Board of Advisors. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1988. Tilson was formerly mayor of Mars Hill. He is active in the Mars Hill Baptist Church and a prominent member of the Shriners. As a former manager of one of Graybar Electrical Company's major operations in Norfolk, VA, Tilson assisted the college in the construction of

the Broyhill Chapel and the renovation of other buildings on campus by supplying electricians and donating electrical equipment.

Myron Peterson of Asheville also received a Distinguished Service Medal. Peterson founded the Sky City chain of stores. He remained chief executive officer until his retirement in 1987. A lifelong member of Asheville's First Baptist Church, Peterson is a member of the college's Board of Advisors and has served as a trustee since 1984. He donated money in memory of his son Myron Peterson, Jr. for the completion of Peterson Conference Center in Blackwell Hall.

Ganell Pittman of Roanoke Rapids was awarded an honorary Bachelor of Human Services. Hers is only the ninth honorary degree awarded by MHC. Pittman is a department manager with the Leggett store in Roanoke Rapids, where she devotes much of her free time to working with Baptist youth. Pittman has supported the college in its admissions efforts, traveling as far as Florida to meet prospective students.

In the words of Dr. Bentley, MHC "has been sustained by the efforts of volunteers. We are fortunate to have people of this caliber who are continuing this tradition of service to Mars Hill."

Camelot To Be Presented at MHC

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Forrest J. Willingham stars as King Arthur in *Camelot*, presented in Moore Auditorium on October 23.

The Visiting Lecturers and Artists Committee of Mars Hill College is continuing to provide Culturefest events for the community and for MHC students. The next Culturefest event will be the musical classic *Camelot*.

On Oct. 23 at 8:00 p.m., the immortal legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table will come alive in Moore Auditorium.

Set against the glorious turrets of Camelot castle, the mists of an enchanted forest and tapestries of royal chambers, *Camelot* tells the romantic story of Arthur's two great passions: his love for his Queen Guenevere and his quest to establish a new order of chivalry.

The brilliantly performed production by Lerner and Lowe is presented by a

national tourist company of 28 with Forrest J. Willingham as the King. *Camelot* boasts 180 regal costumes and is enhanced by the Tony Award-winning scenery from the original 1960 Broadway version starring Richard Burton. Also featured is a 14-piece orchestra conducted by David Young.

Advance tickets for MHC students are \$5 and are available from the music office in Moore Auditorium. The music office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 12 noon and 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. All tickets are general admission. *Camelot* is a green card event and promises to be a special night.

Note to students: Since there is a great deal of community interest in this event, students are encouraged to arrive early for best seating.