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Dr. Duck Honored by HSHP

by Ramsey
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A fund-raising dinner was held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the MHC cafeteria. Hot Springs Health Program officials formally announce plans for remodeling the community's medical building naming it the W. Otis Duck Medical Center in honor of Dr. Duck, native of Madison County and mayor of Mars Hill.

"We have been inspired by the example of Dr. Duck's exceptional work of faithful service among the people of Mars Hill, Madison County, and the surrounding area," said Gary Lewis, Executive Director of the HSHP. "We are committed to advancing the tradition of excellence which he set in patient care, and that is why we want to remodel and

enlarge the clinic and name it in Dr. Duck's honor. We foresee significant growth in the Mars Hill area during the remainder of this century and into the next century. More space and improved facilities will be needed at the clinic as growth takes place."

The dinner was given to provide HSHP officials a chance to explain their plans for the renovation project, show drawings of the proposed facilities, answer questions, etc. About 500 guests were expected. Guests were to include many of Dr. Duck's professional colleagues, members of his family, friends, town and county officials, politicians, and church and civic leaders. Speakers included Dr. Fred Bentley, Mars Hill College President; Lisa Ramsey, former Speaker of the House in the North Carolina General Assembly; Dr. Eugene Mayer, director of the North Carolina Area Health Educa-

tion Centers; and Dr. William Laupus, former dean of the East Carolina University School of Medicine.

The honoree, Dr. Otis Duck, is an MHC alumnus and member of the Board of Trustees. He has strong ties with the college since he is a descendant of Berry Duck, one of its founders.

Upon his retirement in 1986, Dr. Duck received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, awarded by the college in appreciation for 40 years of "caring ministry" to the students, faculty, and staff of the college as well as the citizens of Mars Hill and the surrounding area.

When Dr. Duck retired from active medical practice, he and his partner, Dr. Ernest Powell, gave the building in which they operated their medical practice to the college, which sold it to the Hot Springs Health Program. The facility has been used for a family medicine practice since that time.

The medical building was constructed in 1946 on Chestnut Street. It has examining rooms, a central waiting room, doctor's offices, a laboratory, a file room, and other facilities. The parking area beside the building will accommodate approximately 30 cars.

The medical staff and the board of directors of the HSHP have decided to enlarge the building, upgrade its facilities, and expand the parking lot. The expected cost of the project is between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Plans to begin remodeling are set for the summer of 1991. Completion time for the project is estimated at eight months.

Ski Season Begins

by Bonnie Winstead
Staff Writer

Wolf Laurel, the closest ski resort to Mars Hill, NC, has been gearing up for another great season. The slopes have been made ready, and the facilities have been prepped for an onslaught of skiers. Now, all that's needed is Mother Nature's cooperation in the form of lower temperatures and snow.

Located about 15 minutes north of the campus, just off Highway 23 to Johnson City, TN, Wolf Laurel was originally scheduled to open on Thanksgiving weekend; however, unreasonably warm weather melted those plans. Now, the resort officials are "playing it by ear," hoping for conditions

more suitable. Wolf Laurel has the capability of making its own snow, but in order to do so the temperature must be well below freezing for three or four nights in a row, and the ground must become frozen. Until those conditions are reached, the opening of the 1990-91 skiing season will be on hold.

Wolf Laurel has undergone some major changes during the last two years. Currently it is in a 10-year improvement plan directed by Sepp Gmuender, president and general manager. Under his guidance three new slopes have been added, making a dozen altogether. A

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Alpha Chi Inducts New Members

by Mabelle Cathey
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The North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi held its Induction Ceremony and Installation of Officers on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Western Steer Family Steakhouse in Mars Hill.

Alpha Chi is a national honor scholarship society designed to promote honor, academic excellence, and exemplary character among students in all academic divisions.

Mars Hill students of junior or senior standing who are in the top five percent of their class and have a grade point average of at least 3.5 are eligible for membership.

Students inducted into Alpha Chi include Tammy Lynn Condrey, Robert Richard Cothran, Jennifer Enrich, David

Lisenbee, Theresa Diane Mathis, Russell Scott Peters, Timothy Arnold Plaut, Audra Kay Sprouse, Janet Rosemaria Ward Staton, David Michael Vaughn, and Angela Sue Voss.

Officers installed for the 1990-91 academic year were Michelle Hutt, President; Michael Vaughn, Vice President; Amy Marlowe, Secretary; and Tim Plaut, Treasurer.

Faculty sponsors of the North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi are Professor Winona Bierbaum, Dr. Noel Kinnamon, Dr. Robert Melvin, and Dr. Jim Lenburg.

At Thursday's ceremony, Alpha Chi recognized Dr. Harley Jolley, Professor of History at Mars Hill, for his support of



Houston Jordan, Amy Lee Marlowe, Annie Beth Parrish, Patrick Elgando Prince, Jennifer Lynn Stamey, Dawn Noel Tyler, Jeffrey Lamar Wakefield, John Joshua Wood, and Elke Sabine Worley.

Active members of Alpha Chi in addition to those inducted include Dana Dale Bridges, Shannon Elissa Ferguson Goodman, Rebecca Gay Horner, Michelle Denise Hutt, Brenda Lewis

academic excellence. Dr. Jolley has written two books about the history of the Appalachian Region.

Dr. C. Earl Leininger, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Entertainment was provided by Alpha Chi members David Jordan and Michael Vaughn. Alpha Chi President Michelle Hutt closed the evening with a challenge to the members.

Angel Tree Provides Gifts for Needy

From Staff Reports

Have you noticed the Angel Tree in Wren College Union and wondered why it is there? The Angel Tree has the purpose of giving presents to special children in the Mars Hill community who may have a limited Christmas or no Christmas at all.

Individuals, groups of friends, fraternities, or sororities can pick an angel off the tree and purchase a gift for that child according to the information on the angel.

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