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College Symposium Highlights the Environment

Staff Reports

The fifth annual MHC Symposium focuses on the environment through a series of lectures Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12. Leaders for the event are Stephanie Mills, a Michigan-based environmental writer, and Mike Clark of the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. The theme of "Local and Global Environmental Problems and Solutions" will be the focus of the series. Clark will open the series on Monday evening, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Broyhill Chapel. His lecture, "The Environmental Agenda," will cover the most significant public policy issues facing the US. The symposium will continue Tuesday morning with a review of the history and philosophy of the ecology movement by Dr. James Williams. His lecture, "The Far Reaches of Ecology," will be held at 10 a.m. in the Broyhill Chapel. Both Clark and Mills are invited to participate in classes and more informal groups during the symposium on Monday and Tuesday. Ample time is allowed for question and answer sessions following each presentation. Clark is a native of Western North Carolina and received his degree from Appalachian State University in western North Carolina. He began his career at the Highlander Center in eastern Tennessee. Since then he has worked as a writer, fundraiser, and manager of interest organizations in Appalachia, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado. Currently he is president of the Environmental Policy Institute and the Oceanic Policy Institute. Mills received her bachelor's degree in contemporary thought from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has spent 20 years writing, and consulting for a variety of socially concerned organizations. She is the author of "Whatever Happened to Ecology?" published by Club Books, and the recently published "In Praise of Nature," published by Island Press. The Symposium has as a general theme "Ecology in Transition," and is supported by an endowment created by the Andrew Mellon Foundation in New York and additional gifts from friends and family of the college. The

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MHC Plans Spiritual Awakening Conference 1991

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The MHC Student Union Board has announced a Spiritual Awakening Conference to be held March 18-22. The conference will consist of several speakers and special programs. The Board decided to sponsor the 5-day conference in an attempt to diversify the types of activities planned for students. Because all students are required to pay student activity fees, the Board felt that they should strive to present a variety of activities that many students would enjoy. The Spiritual Awakening Conference is not designed to take the place of Christian Focus Week, which is now being held alternate years rather than every year as in the past. According to Board member James Williams, the purpose of the conference is to have an effect on the spiritual lives of students and help with spiritual questions that students may be facing. Williams expressed the hope that the conference will continue in subsequent years. The Conference begins on Monday, March 18, when Mr. Steve Norton will speak in Broyhill Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Norton currently works with Blue Ridge Broadcasting/WFGW-WMIT in Black Mountain and attends Fruitland Bible College. In addition, he works with prison ministries in the area and serves as a counselor at Bethel Colony, a substance abuse center in Lenoir, NC. Norton has had previous experience in secular broadcasting, including a job with CNN in Atlanta. He will share from his own experiences, including his prison sentence. On Tuesday night, Mr. Bob Featherstone, Executive Assistant to Billy Graham, will bring a message entitled, "Why Christianity is Such a Big Deal." Featherstone is heard daily on his nationally syndicated program, "Think About It," and does ministry updates on Dr. Graham's "Hour of Decision" broadcast. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Religious Broadcasters. He has previously served as Secretary of the Home Missions Board of the Baptist General Conference in Chicago and Associate Dean of Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Mr. Featherstone is currently retired and living in Asheville. The New Beginning Singers will bring special music at Tuesday night's service. Dr. Evelyn Carter Spencer, affectionately known as "Rev. Ev.," will speak Wednes-



Monday - Steve Norton



Tuesday - Bob Featherstone

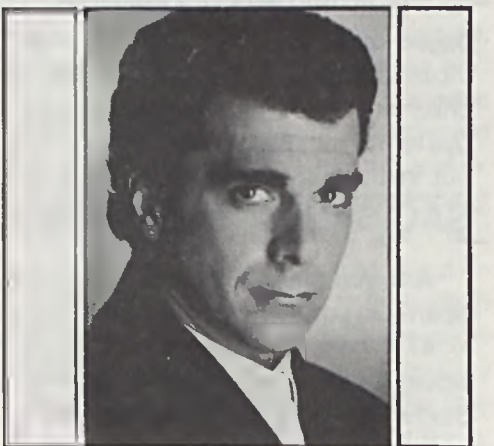
day night. An ordained minister and member of the International Association of Women Ministers, Dr. Spencer has conducted seminars at many colleges and universities. This dynamic and down to earth speaker has traveled to all 50 states and several countries during her ministry. She has worked in all the media and is the author of the book, *No Ground*. Dr. Spencer is the co-pastor of a church in her hometown of Oakland, CA. In addition, she is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. MHC's Gospel Choir will provide the special music at this service, which promises to be an exciting one. On Thursday night, the Continental Singers will bring their worldwide "Set Them Free" tour to MHC. This 35-member group consists of young people between the ages of 16 and 25 and is in its 24th year of existence. All of the Monday-Thursday services will be held in Broyhill Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Each night, a gathering in the Fellowship Hall following the services will give students the opportunity to meet the speakers on a personal level. On Friday night, Carman will perform at the Asheville Civic Center as part of his "Revival in the Land" world tour. Carman began his musical ministry in 1980 and was recently named Christian Entertainer of the Year by *Billboard Magazine*. The event begins at 7:00 p.m., and doors open at 6:00. Admission is free, and MHC will provide transportation so that students may attend together. Information about attending the concert will be provided at each night of Spiritual Awakening Week. The Spiritual Awakening Conference 1991 promises to bring spiritual renewal and excitement to MHC during the last week before Spring Break. Each night will be a unique experience. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend.



Wednesday - Rev. Evelyn Spencer



Thursday - Continental Singers



Friday - Carman