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Showstoppers to Perform in Owen Theater

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Monkeyshines," "A Disney Spectacular," and "Light Blue" are the theater selections with which the showstoppers will entertain the students and community from April 17 to 21 in Owen Theater.

The show is divided into three parts. First, "Monkeyshines," is a variety of comedy songs involving the full cast. "A Disney Spectacular" features songs from the Walt Disney movies *Mary Poppins*, *Pete's Dragon*, *Jungle Book*, and others. A partial cast consists of Cele Medlin, Erin Owen, Leigh Hill, Vincent Mbarak, Jeff Stults and Nihart. Michael Lester is the stage choreographer for this portion. The second section, "Light Blue," is a collection of blues and jazz songs with a nightclub atmosphere. Lisa Atkinson, Michael Lester, Jeff Beechler, Candie Davis, Rodney Dae and Darryl Gosnell perform in this part. Junior Michael Lester comments, "This show is a mixture of different types of musical theater, and we have different character types in the

show."

Additional opportunities for performance of "A Disney Spectacular" came this semester when the group visited area day care centers, elementary schools and nursing homes. Leigh Angel reflects, "Both the audience and we the performers enjoyed it. It was also a good experience in becoming flexible with varied age groups. It was incredible fun because of the receptiveness of the children!" They also have one performance scheduled in late April in Robinsville.

The group's accompanist and musical director is Robin Kingston from Weaverville and C. Robert Jones is the director.

The show will run from Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale Wednesday, April 10 at Owen Theater box office from 1-5 p.m. and once the show begins April 17, from 1 p.m. until showtime. Reservations can be made by calling #1239. Come out to see the spectacular evening of entertainment by the Showstoppers!

Commission to Reveal Report

Staff Reports

Recommendations designed to strengthen MHC as it prepares to move into the 21st century will be made to the Board of Trustees by a blue-ribbon National Commission on Tuesday in an afternoon colloquium in Moore Auditorium. The meeting, planned to attract students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college, will reveal the findings of a 70-member commission which has been studying the college and compiling its findings for over 10 months. According to Dr. Richard Hoffman, assistant to the president, the commission has been guided throughout its deliberations by the question, "What kind of college should Mars Hill be?"

The idea of having a broad-based group of "outsiders" study the college to make recommendations for the future originated with Dr. Donald Schmelzopf, then provost of the college. He proposed the idea to President Bentley in 1990.

"The commission," explains Dr. Bentley, "is an impressive group of distinguished and capable persons from all walks of life, men and women of intelligence, vast experience, and deep

commitment to Christian higher education. They have studied the college thoroughly and formulated a report which provides an informed outsider's view of what Mars Hill College can become."

The commission's report addresses seven major areas of importance to the college: mission and purpose; enrollment management and marketing; resource development; faculty leadership; students and community life; finances and facilities; and church, alumni, and public relations.

The commission has been chaired by Dr. John Chandler, alumnus of the college and a nationally-known educator. Each of the seven task forces has had the benefit of four to eight faculty and administrative staff members as resource persons.

The commission's findings will be published in a 25-page booklet and the report will officially be presented to the Board of Trustees at their business meeting in May. Copies of the report will be available to anyone interested at Tuesday's colloquium. Implementation of the commission's recommendations and suggestions will be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.



Parrish, Horner to Speak at National Convention

Becky Horner
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MHC students Beth Parrish and Becky Horner have been selected to present works at the Alpha Chi National Convention in Orlando, FL next week.

Parrish, a junior elementary education major, is also a candidate for the Alpha Chi Region III Scholarship. For her presentation, she will read an original short story for children entitled



Beth Parrish

"The Graceful Clumsy Dancer." Parrish will be doing her full-year internship next year, and plans to pursue further education leading to an eventual career working with culturally disadvantaged children.

Horner, a senior mathematics major, will read four original poems dealing with the human condition. She will be attending graduate school at the University of Delaware beginning in September. She plans to teach on a college/university level after completing her graduate studies in several years.

The itinerary for the convention includes a banquet, business meetings, and program sessions. Free time for the delegates to visit area attractions is also scheduled.

Horner will serve as the official student delegate for the North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi, and faculty sponsor Winona Bierbaum will be the of-

ficial faculty delegate for the college. Junior Tammy Condrey will also attend the convention.

Two Mars Hill students have applied for national scholarships offered by Alpha Chi. The winners of these scholarships will be announced at the convention.

Michelle Hutt, senior biology major, has entered the competition for an H. Y. Benedict Fellowship. The \$1,500 award (of which there are five awarded annually) is to be used for graduate study. Vickie Howell (Class of 1990) is the only MHC student to ever place in the competition. She was named second alternate for the award for the 1990-91 academic year.

Elke Worley, junior English major, has submitted four original poems for consideration in the competition for an Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is presented to five rising seniors across the nation each year, and should be used to help pay for the final year of an undergraduate studies. Carolyn



Becky Horner

Christopher (Class of 1990) is the only MHC student to ever win one of these prestigious awards. She won a Nolle Scholarship for the 1989-90 academic year for her corporation finance paper.