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A Look Toward Our Future

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, it is a pleasure to welcome all our students to Mars Hill College for the 1991-92 academic year. By every measure, we are off to an excellent start. Our overall enrollment appears to have surpassed last year's. Our upperclass students have returned to the college at the highest rate in many years to continue their education. Our newest students show great academic promise judged by their high school experience and their college board scores. Although the majority of our students continue to come from North Carolina--and the largest percentage of those from western North Carolina--our new students represent a dozen or so other states and the largest number of international students in recent history. We have also welcomed our first class of Bon-

ner Scholars.

This promises to be an exciting and productive year. We will begin the process of putting into effect the recommendations of the National Commission on the Future of Mars Hill College, which made its report to the college community last April. Our teacher education program will be preparing for visiting accreditation teams from the State Department of Public Instruction and the National Commission on the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Students will make a contribution to both of these activities. Many of you will be able to take advantage of a new state-of-the-art networked computer lab in Marshbanks Hall. This is the first step in a Master Computer Plan for the campus now being prepared by a college com-

mittee with the assistance of a consultant.

Many occasions are available to you for academic, social, physical and spiritual development in the classroom and in a variety of extra-curricular activities--service organizations, cultural and religious activities, and varsity and intramural athletics. The faculty, staff and administration will assist and serve you in any way we can to help you set and reach worthy goals. We hope that you will take full advantage of every opportunity provided to you and that you will strive for excellence in all you do. That is the "Mars Hill tradition."

C. Earl Leininger
 Vice President and Dean of the College



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Comes to Moore

In today's music world, more is definitely better. High-tech gimmicks are as important as melodies and lyrics. So how is it that a young Russian-American musician is rocking audiences back on their heels with one grand piano and his ten fingers? Pop and rock pianist Ariel has secret weapons: his incredible musical technique and his brilliant showmanship are captivating audiences all over the nation. You won't want to miss this international sensation (and green-card event) on September 23, 1991 at 8:00 pm in Moore Auditorium.

Even critics fall under the spell of this fascinating musician with the movie-idol looks. Reviewers have called him "consistently dazzling" and praised his "exquisite technique and . . . astonishing power"; Variety, the bible of the entertainment industry, proclaimed: Ariel's romantic approach wows the audience both in narration and at the keyboard". To top it off, Ariel's story is a Hollywood producer's dream.

Born in Kishinev, Russia, Ariel was a musical prodigy enrolled in the National Children's School of Music at age five. Soviet officials decreed he would study violin; a few well-placed payments by his family got him on as a piano student, his chosen instrument. Those payments may have lasting implications for the world of piano music.

Based now in Los Angeles, this magnetic young performer sees his music, and his life thus far, in a broader context as well. "The world is changing much faster than I could ever have imagined. I think it is a time when artists have a very important job to do. One reason that artists create is so that people will share values, opinions, and philosophies. What I have done with my music, fusing two styles, techniques, and art forms, is what is happening all over the world as we learn from each other and borrow ideas from other cultures. Music transcends differences in societies or ideologies, because it communicates at the most basic level. Music is the voice of our soul."

Happy Birthday Habitat

Clea Caparolie
 reporter

Guess what?! Habitat for Humanity International is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary. "Big deal," you might say. Well, yes, it is a big deal! Since Habitat's beginnings in 1976, seven thousand families have received assistance from this Christian ministry. This organization emphasizes making quality homes affordable for those who have no other means to do so. Local affiliates of Habitat for Humanity use the people of the community to provide much of the material and volunteer labor needed for the construction. The families chosen by Habitat for assistance are involved in the building process, and they are charged no interest for the home. The no-interest payments are used to build more Habitat homes.

Habitat for Humanity has chosen to celebrate this anniversary by sending 15 work teams across the nations to different affiliates for fifteen weeks. At the end of the fifteen weeks, all teams will meet in Columbus, Ohio for a time of learning and celebration for Habitat. The Madison County affiliate of Habitat

sponsored a work team for the week of August 26 - September 2. The team worked on two local Habitat sites and helped heighten the awareness of Habitat in the area.

Local supporters say it is now our turn, the Mars Hill College community, to celebrate Habitat for Humanity. You can help in this celebration by supporting the local Habitat affiliate financially and through volunteering your time. More information on getting involved with Habitat for Humanity is available through Clea Caparolie, a campus coordinator for Habitat. She can be contacted at 689-6209.



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