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## Introductions: A Look at New Faces

Dear Friends,

Recently, there's been some confusion on campus. What's all the fuss about? Well, it seems there are some new faces without any names to go with them. So straight from *The Hilltop* comes a sometime not-so-normal introduction to all those new faculty members that you have not had the honor of meeting yet. Then, when you are done reading, if you have some questions of your own, do not be afraid to go talk with them. We promise... none of them bite!

Sincerely,  
The Hilltop Staff

Our very first meeting is with the man who has come straight from the Bluegrass state of Kentucky to become a history professor here at Mars Hill: Dr. Tracy Campbell. The setting is a third floor Cornwell office with cases of

books, empty walls, and a computer temporarily left alone just for this interview.

Dr. Campbell, who sits very relaxed in his chair, says he is "always open to the press." Back during Spring semester 1991, he was also open to an advertisement from a college called Mars Hill who needed a southern history professor. When he came for his interview in May, he was impressed by the faculty and student body, and was enticed by the beautiful setting.

So where was Dr. Campbell before he arrived in Mars Hill? Well, he was in Kentucky... most of the time. He attended undergraduate school at the University of Kentucky in Lexington (the same place where he was raised), then moved on to Durham, North Carolina, to attend graduate school at Duke Univer-

sity. From there, he traveled back to southern Kentucky to teach Appalachian history of Union college.

At his home in Asheville, Dr. Campbell leads a happy family life with his wife of seven years, and his some, Alexander, who just turned six months old last Sunday. How does he describe the life of new fatherhood? He simple states, "It is the purest joy I've ever known in my life."

His other joys include being a historian because he has "always wanted to write and think about how we define ourselves." After going to Duke, of course, he is also a fanatic of college basketball. But, above all, his "favorite thing to do is go to a little lake in Kentucky and fish all day."

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New professor in the History Department

### MHC Enjoys ARIEL

On Monday, September 23 at 8:00 pm, the Visiting Artist and Lecturers Committee of Mars Hill presented Ariel at Moore Auditorium. This was the first event of the 1991-92 Culturefest season.

Ariel is a Russian pianist who specializes in the joining of the classical with the popular. Ariel was educated in classical music, but through his desire to enjoy the classics of America, his family and he emigrated to America via Israel and Austria. Here, Ariel found freedom.

In his performance at Moore Auditorium, Ariel played such greats as Bach and Tchaikovsky but also the more sophisticated versions of songs from Elton John, Chicago and Mancini. Ariel's performance also included songs from his native Russia, and discussion with the audience.

Ariel feels as if his music as an example of the world today. Just as he joins different styles so do the peoples of the world "learn from each other and borrow ideas from other cultures."

### CLOWN MINISTRIES Ready for FUN

**Miriam Bellamy**  
reporter

You may have already heard about us, but we are new on campus, and we are promising a bunch. We are the Clowns, and we will be bringing new light to this campus and to those we minister to in the community. Being a branch of CSM, our mission stands on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Our resources include two professionally schooled clowns as well as students who practice sign-language, and who have been involved in clowning for several years.

Our teams will visit Madison Manor, Asheville hospitals, churches, children's homes, and any other people that call on our ministry.

Look for us! We'll be sure to put a smile in your day!

### Success at "The Pole!"

**Miriam Bellamy**  
reporter

With the fall convention up and coming, the spirit of the campus is already bustling. Take, for example, the gathering of 100 Mars Hill students and ten faculty to worship together at seven o'clock in the morning. That's exactly what happened when the Christian Student Movement sponsored an hour for prayer on September 11, 1991, called "Meet Ya at the Pole."

Despite the early morning hours, everyone was in good spirits and ready to talk to their Father with all their brothers and sisters. The New Beginning Singers opened up the worship by singing "Bless the Lord," and Rodney McRae led some more choruses with everybody joining in to sing.

Many different requests were lifted in the short hour, and prayers included those for the lost people on campus and some for a new focus on the Bible and

its truth. One major prayer was for christians to have a revered focus of love and compassion. Many of those who participated lifted up soft-voiced prayers in the large circle. It was a time and a feeling of unity and strength.

"Meet Ya At The Pole" was started last year at a high school in Texas. Throughout that year about 200 students at the school were saved.

If you were at the Pole, or if you were not and would like to join a smaller prayer group, there is an opportunity at the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast held every Wednesday at 7:00 am. It is a Bible study in part and is led by Rodney McRae. Pray to God about it and make that tough commitment to wake up early for fellowship and prayer. It will truly be exciting to see what God has in store for our Mars Hill campus.