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Introductions

Dr. Hong, An Equation for Success

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This is the second part of our special series to acquaint Mars Hill students with the new faculty.

Columbia. There, he obtained his doctorate, specializing in Function Analysis. He also held, at different times, the positions of a teaching assistant and computer assistant in the department of math.

Sound like a busy life so far? Wait...there's more. Dr. Hong has also been happily married since 1983 to Wenqing Wu, who is from the same hometown. Before moving to Mars Hill with her husband, she was a computer programmer for the state of South Carolina. Though she did give up a lot for her husband to come here, she seems to be happy here, and she now gets to spend more time with their pride and joy...six year old Peter. Peter seems to be very happy about the move from Columbia to Mars Hill.

Dr. Hong, as well, sees many opportunities for his son, especially with him entering into the American educational system. "American education is very good" he claims, commenting, "...everyone has the chance to go as far as they want." The system proves to be very different in his home country. "In China, only 20% of the students have a chance to go on to a university. It is a very competitive society and very sad that the others don't have the chance to go on." After all the comparisons have been made, Hong remarks, "American students should realize how lucky they are. Maybe all they need is more motivation." As an educator, Dr. Hong definitely sees this as one of his responsibilities. "Education is a very important job, and I feel my personality is very suitable for this position."

So how does he feel about his position here? Overall, Hong feels that it is "an excellent working environment, with a very friendly attitude from colleagues and students." He goes on to say, "The school has a very good academic reputation...this is a good place for me to train myself as an educator."

Well, all you Mars Hill students (especially math majors), here's your chance. You've got all the brown-nosing material you need. Better yet, if you want to go and just chat with Dr. Hong over in Wall Science Building, I can promise you it will be a very intriguing conversation. Welcome, Dr. Hong, to Mars Hill.

Founder's Day "What Mean These Stones?"

Debra Whitley
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Tuesday, October 8th, was recognized as Founder's Day for Mars Hill College. Faculty, students, and friends gathered to reflect upon the institution's past, present, and future.

At the special convocation, held in Moore Auditorium, two awards were presented by President Fred Bentley. The first award was given to Mrs. Lois Heath Merrill. The award was for distinguished service, which is the highest presidential award available. The second recipient was Robert Louis Merrill, Sr. His award was also a high honor to receive. Mr. Merrill was given the Doctorate of Humane Letters. These awards were given at the beginning of the ceremony.

The speaker for the morning's ceremony was Rev. E. Glen Holt, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Rev. Holt is also the president of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of NC.

The message, entitled "What Mean These Stones?", brought forth a question which many of the attendants had to answer for themselves. In his message, Rev. Holt spoke of "friendly fire" which baptist colleges and universities are experiencing today. He summed up the definition of "friendly fire" by repeating a quote given at a presidential address in association with Southern Baptist colleges and schools. The statement was, "Baptist educators are caught up in a terrible dilemma. Most are experiencing 'friendly fire.' Schools want

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Opening Doors Toward the Future!

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On Thursday, October 31, over 30 businesses and schools will be hosted by Mars Hill College for the third annual Career Day. These visitors will set up displays and tables in Wren College Union from 10 o'clock am until 3 o'clock pm.

College Day '91 will be an excellent opportunity for all students, faculty, and staff to learn more about the business world and what it expected from colleges. Career Day '91 will also be the scene for the giveaway of a rafting trip down the French Broad. The 50th senior to sign up at the door will be the winner of this trip for two.

Seniors and juniors are especially invited to participate. Seniors can use this event as a network builder for contacts with companies and schools. They can also use this as a test for their interview skills and for their resumes.

Juniors are welcomed to learn the expectations of today's employers, what classes are good ideas, and what their electives and concentrations should be. Information on opportunities for internships will also be presented.

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