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**BROADWAY COMES TO MHC**

from staff reports

The college's visiting artists and lecturer committee is making it easier for the kid in us to escape to the big top. The Tony-Award winning hit Broadway musical, Barnum, based on the life of P. T. Barnum has toured nationally since September 1991 and will stop off at Moore Auditorium on Thursday, February 6, 1992, at 8:00 pm.

"Barnum's the name. P. T. Barnum. And I want to tell you that tonight you are going to see - bar none - every sight, wonder, and miracle that name stands for!" So Phineas Taylor Barnum raises the curtain on Barnum, the show that traces the career of America's greatest showman from 1835 to the year he joined with James A. Bailey to form The Greatest Show On Earth. Barnum confesses that he's here to defend the noble art of humbug, which he defines as the puffing up he gives the truth; the coat of varnish he puts on the hard facts of life. He explains further in the song "There is a Sucker Born Ev'ry Minute," the first of seventeen musical numbers.

Barnum composer, Cy Coleman, is no stranger to catchy show tunes. Of his list of famous songs are such notables as "If My Friends Could See Me Now," "Big Spender," and "Hey, Look Me Over." He won a Tony for On the Twentieth Century, three Emmys for his work with Shirley MacLaine on her TV specials, "If They Could See Me Now," and "Gypsy in My Soul," and was also honored with an

Oscar nomination for his scoring of Sweet Charity which also starred MacLaine. Coleman's latest hit is the 1990 Best Musical Tony award winner City of Angels.

Assisting Coleman with his music is lyricist Michael Stewart, who is best known for his libretto of Bye Bye Birdie and for his book of lyrics of Hello, Dolly! for which he won Tonys. The book for Barnum was written by Mark Bramble, who later collaborated with Stewart for the hit 42nd Street.

Dennis Cunningham of WCBS-TV calls Barnum "colossal entertainment, a dazzling blaze of color, music, dance and spec-

tacle. It quite literally and lavishly spills off the stage in a joyous and dizzying blur of entertainment."

Barnum should prove to be one spectacular night at the auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Mars Hill students will be required to buy a ticket for \$5. The student tickets can be purchased at the Union starting January 23, 1992. Other tickets can be picked up in person from the Music Office in Moore 9-12 and 1-4 any weekday. Advance tickets can also be ordered by phone and picked up on the night of the show by calling (704) 689-1114.



Barnum, the hit Broadway musical, will play in Moore Auditorium on the campus of Mars Hill College on February 4. The production has been called "colossal entertainment."

**Financial Aid and Costs to Rise in 1992-93**

from staff reports

A 29.25 percent increase in financial aid for new students has been announced by president, Fred B. Bentley. The increase, totalling nearly a \$250,000, is in response to the increase in state and federal aid students, said Bentley. The new aid will be in the form of scholarships and grants with a portion funding the four new varsity sports approved by the school's trustees in December (see separate article). Nearly 66 percent of the college's total budget, ap-

proximately \$5.8 million, is earmarked for financial aid. The school also boasts a \$10 million endowed scholarship program.

"We believe we have the best scholarship endowment program of any school our size in the state," said Bentley. He proudly points to the fact that nearly 80 percent of Mars Hill's students receive financial aid of some form.

Mars Hill also has special programs to aid area students. The Buncombe County Assistance Program awards a \$1,000 grant to students from Asheville City and Buncombe County high

schools, and the Madison, Mitchell, Yancey Student Assistance Program awards a grant of 75 percent of the tuition to graduates of high schools in those three counties. Nearly 60 percent of the college's students are recruited from Western North Carolina.

"We believe that Mars Hill is doing its part to keep the costs of education down," said Bentley. The increase in financial aid should more than offset an anticipated 4 percent increase in tuition. School offi-

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**Lady Lions' Visit Bahamas For Tourney**

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staff writer

The Lady Lions Basketball team spent the latter part of the Christmas break in the Bahamas. The ladies took part in the 1992 Great Bahamas Goon Bay Shootout Women's Draw January 2-7 at the A. F. Adderly Gymnasium in Nassau. The teams involved in the women's tournament were Simon continued on page 3