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EDITOR'S

Jennifer R. Moore

At the beginning of the semester we all look forward to our class events, and basketball of course goes to look forward to. The Lady Lions start their season with a win against USC-Spartanburg. The final score was 65-50 in favor of USC-Spartanburg. They ended the season with a loss to the Lady Lions, fifth in the South Conference.

Men's basketball scorers this season are Sophomore Lamont and Junior Cedric. Their strong showing push the team to a ranking in the SAAC. Also ending the Mars Hill College basketball fans were ranked 1 in spirit in the South Conference. My congratulations go to this 6th year!

With the end of the basketball season, spring sports. Check out Quick Sports for

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always, make plans to curl the CROSSWORD COM- ON the next free evening, and don't forget to plan to the Sunday Night Movie.

THE HILLTOP Wishes All A Great Spring Break

Michael English will play Moore Auditorium as part of concert series

by Kelly McElveen
assistant editor

Michael English, christian contemporary music artist, will play Moore Auditorium on Thursday, April 15 at 8 p.m. in the second major concert scheduled this year by the student activities office.

Tickets go on sale March 26 at 10 a.m., and the price is \$5 for students and \$7 for the public. According to Student Activities Director, Jay Hirst, tickets will go fast since a direct mailing will be sent to area churches encouraging them to buy large blocks of seats.

"We're hoping to sell around 1500 tickets, and I think the show will do real well," he said. "MHC students have the first chance at the tickets, however, and they have the opportunity at the first row seats. That's only fair since it is their money that brings in the show."

Hirst said he "got an incredible deal" on the cost of the concert but declined to say how much. However, he did say that Mars Hill was fortunate to get Michael English who like Toad the Wet Sprocket, last semester's major concert, is increasing in popularity and in another year would be too expensive for the college to book.

"Right now Toad is playing for four times as much what we paid

them in November," Hirst said. "And Michael English will be the same. He's one of the hottest stars in christian contemporary music."

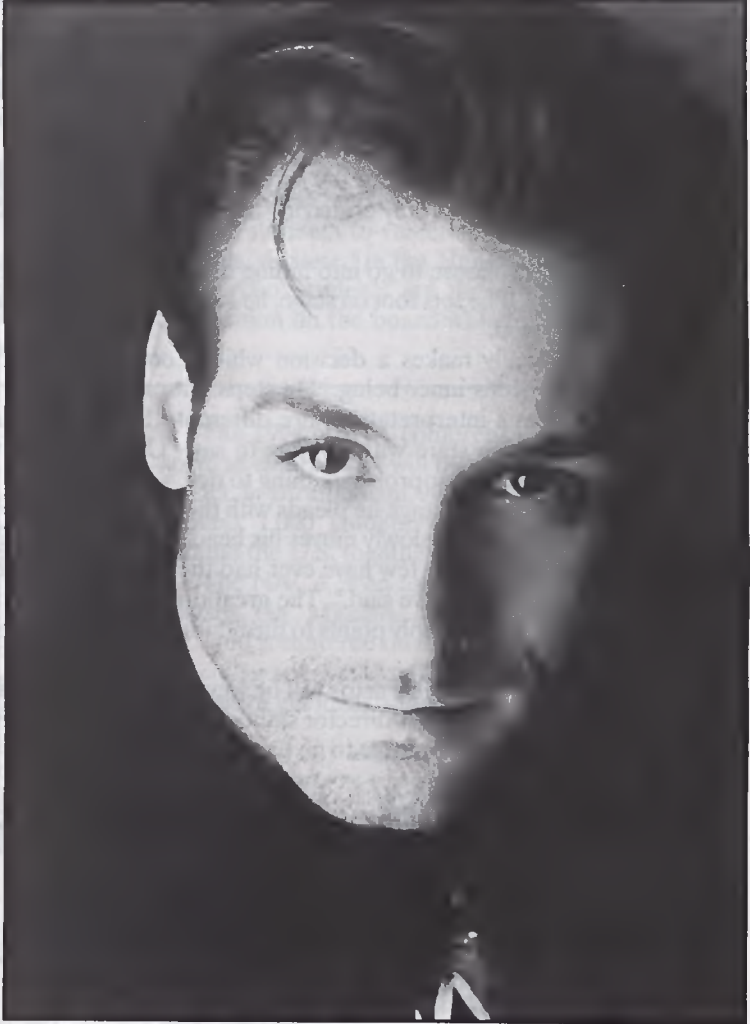
Hirst cited that friends in the concert industry helped him to get Michael English for a good price. He also said that English only had three concert dates open and Mars Hill was able to get one.

One of the reasons Hirst expects the concert to do well is the rising popularity of christian contemporary music.

"Before a few years ago, christian contemporary music had such a small niche," he said. "Now it has a more modern and pop beat and that has attracted a larger audience."

Having a christian concert as opposed to another pop/rock concert such as Toad is one way the student activities office hopes to entertain all segments of the student body. Hirst said a major country act will be booked for the fall semester to continue this process.

Tickets are available through the student activities office on the third floor of Wren Student Union and through the Carpenter's Shop in Innsbruck Mall in Asheville.



Michael English has won many awards including the 1992 Dove award for Male Vocalist of the Year. English will perform at Moore Auditorium April 15, with tickets going on sale March 25. They are expected to go very fast because of block sales to churches.



MHC students made their annual pilgrimage to Glbson hill, Feb. 25 and 26, reacquainting themselves with childhood fun.

Snow and ice blankets campus, stalls travel

by Freda Banther
staff writer

A much-anticipated winter storm arrived in western North Carolina and surrounding areas on Thursday, Feb. 25, dumping four inches of snow on the Mars Hill College campus.

Also, a snow and ice combination fell all day, Friday, Mar. 5, making all walkways slick and covering the cold spots around campus.

The Thursday snow prompted the closing of highway 19-23 during the morning and, on campus, the media center. It also caused the cancellation of various classes,

some of which that cancelled again on Friday.

Early Friday morning, Feb. 26, the snow turned into rain, but froze on cars and some roads.

Meanwhile, many students took advantage of the winter weather, planning ski trips and bundling up for some sledding on Men's hill and other places on campus. Some even braved the hill behind Huffman Dorm high above the soccer field.

Even though it was not the deepest snow the campus has ever had, it did thrill students from Florida and elsewhere who had not previously experienced snow.