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THIS WEEK Opinions

Mike's on vacation, but we have a classic for everyone to enjoy. Amy's SPIDER'S WEBB has a season premier, talking about Homecoming in her normal, comforting voice. Page 2

Sports

A bumper crop of stories, here. Two looks at Volleyball, a look at Women's Soccer, and a look at Football. Jennifer also highlights Hurling in her SPORTS AROUND THE WORLD. Pages 3-4

Features

The Theatre department is debuting their first fall performance, two I act plays set in Texas. See page 5. Denny's is definitely the hot spot for many Mars Hill students. See page 6. With energy and vigor, Dr. Michel, the new head of the communications department, is ready for action. Rhonda talks with her. See page 7. Also, part two of French Broad Country. This segment is on exploiting the area and the changes in the most recent history. See page 8.

Homecoming Plans Color Day, Picnic, Parades, And More Sceduled

By Rhonda Baity
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There are many Homecoming activities planned for students to participate in and have fun with this weekend.

Today (Thursday) is Color Day. Students should wear blue and gold to show their school spirit. At 6:30 on the intramural field, students should come out and lend their support to their favorite Powder Puff Football Team. How exciting it will be to see the girls play football while the boys cheer them on! At 8:30, a Bonfire will be held. Cosmo will be the special guest, and the Dance Team will have a small performance.

On Friday, there will be a Pride Picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brian Huskey will be attending; there will be a "Dunk the Dogs" Booth and a Predator Paint. Curvature artist, Brent Brown, will be on hand for portraits. At 8 p.m., the Lion's Growl will be held in the football stadium. Everyone is invited to come out, lend support and spirit to the football team, and just simply have fun.

Saturday will be the busiest day. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Decorating of the Campus will be held. Decorations can be picked up at the Loft. At 10 a.m., the Mars Hill Choir will perform in Moore Auditorium. At 11 a.m., The Bailey Mountain Cloggers will perform. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Video Buttons will be available. Everyone is encouraged to come out and watch the parade at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., the Alumni pre-game show will be held, and at 2:30 the football game will begin. For Homecoming, Mars Hill will play Wingate. Students should come out and have fun. During half-time, the Homecoming Court will be presented, and there will be a band show. To end the fabulous festivities, a Block Party will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in front of the Union.

All students are encouraged to participate in each of these activities to have fun and show spirit for our school.

This Year's Theme...

The theme for this year's Homecoming will be "Celebrating the War Years." The theme was chosen to recognize and honor the WWII era alumni.

This era was marked by many Mars Hill students who were not able to graduate with their own class, because of heading off to war. Since reunions generally only allow that reunion class to participate, the war meant several wouldn't have the chance.

So, Henry Huff (class of '43) wanted to hold a special war reunion. Also, the Alumni Office also decided to allow people from the class to graduate 1 year before and one year after to join. Doing so would mean that those students who couldn't graduate with their class could still have a reunion with them.



A graffiti wall, complete with all organizations' names has been one of the additions that have made the Loft one of Mars Hill's best night spots.

Loft-y Ideas For Student Club

By M. Scott Roten
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Student involvement makes a difference. Take Dane Heath and The Loft for instance. This renovated only gymnasium has been changed from a place where there is a stage and a few tables around to a hot student night club.

Loft co-manager, Heath, said the changes weren't easy, but came with long hours of hard labor for all those involved. The team has turned the Loft into a flashy, fast club for students.

Among the changes is a circular bar which is more "feasible," as Heath said than the old long bar. Graffiti walls, such as the one shown above, which has nearly every campus organization's name painted on it, have spiced up the room. There is even a wall with fish painted that says, "please feed the fish."

A new philosophy has also been renovated. Heath said the club was more committed than ever to making a night spot for students to enjoy, from freshmen orientation to senior graduation. They have already sponsored several events and have opened the club every Monday night for football and buffalo wings. The premier night, the ten cent wings were sold in just under one and a half hours to the packed house.

Still on the agenda is opening the Loft for a couple of other nights a week to offer a spot for studying or relaxing that isn't 30 minutes away in Asheville. In the future, there will be a juke box, popcorn and peanuts to enjoy while students watch t.v. or just relax.

Heath and his team have really made a difference.

The Loft is looking for old memorabilia to complete the Loft. Please contact Dane Heath if you can help. Please, no street signs, for legal purpose.

Easing Commuter Parking, Alcohol On Top Of Agenda For Safety And Security

By M. Scott Roten
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Craig Goforth, director of Safety and Security for the college, announced several measures that are going into effect to ease commuter travels, and also some new plans to help inform students about alcohol law changes.

Commuters have openly complained about parking situations for some time.

Goforth said these measures were in direct response to those complaints.

"We're trying to help everyone involved," said Goforth. He said the measures would go as follows:

■ Allowing commuters to park in the lower Fox parking lot. Males students that live on campus will be ticketed, even if going to sports practices, for using this lot.

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