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Cafeteria Dedication Draws Near

By Kelly McElven
Hilltop Assistant Editor

Pittman Dining Hall will be dedicated Saturday, Dec. 4 at 1:15 p.m. in a long-awaited ceremony unveiling Mars Hill College's new cafeteria.

The \$2.9 million structure will be 95% completed at the time of dedication, according to Dr. Fred Bentley, president of the college, and will be ready for use when students return from Christmas break in January.

The ceremony will feature the college concert band and choir along with responses from Dr. Bentley; Dr. Earl Leninger, vice president for academic affairs; students; faculty; and members of the boards of advisors and trustees. Tours of the building will follow the ribbon cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pittman, for whom the cafeteria is named, will be present for the official opening they helped make possible through generous donations to the college of both money and time. The Pittmans have played an active role on the board of advisors and trustees and have served as primary recruiters for the college.

"Over a period of years, they have been great supporters of this college in every dimension," Bentley said. "Their loyalty has been tremendous."

The new cafeteria includes an amphitheater for students and outside patio dining that will make Pittman a "new focus, providing a place for students."

The next step in the "Campaign for the Future" program involves turning the current cafeteria into a new library. Selective demolition will begin in January with volunteer labor from members of the Mars Hill College football team.

The money that would have been used to hire construction workers for demolition has been set aside for a new press box in Meares Stadium.

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Remember These Days?

The days of record heat waves are all over for this year. Everyone is looking forward to winter's best (see page XX for Mars Hill's upcoming events). This picture, from way back in mid-September, shows Dane Heath and Bethany Burgess-Smith taking a moment from their rush to pose.

Financial Aid Director To Retire

From Staff Reports

The one person that almost everyone at Mars Hill College has come in contact with will be leaving. Ann McAnear, who has been director of financial aid for eight years, will take an early retirement in December.

A reception in McAnear's honor will be held Dec. 15 in Peterson Conference Center from 3 to 5 p.m. All students, faculty and staff are invited to the event.

To take on the enormous responsibility, Ruth Anne

Angle from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. was chosen.

Many people have commented on McAnear's retirement.

"Ann McAnear has been a pleasure to work with," said Rick Hinshaw, dean for admissions and financial aid. "Her sense of ethics and her commitment to financial aid, to Mars Hill College, and to her colleagues have been an inspiration to all of us who have worked with her."

"Ruth Angle," Hinshaw continued, "embodies many

characteristics that are necessary for being a successful financial aid administrator. She is experienced and dedicated to her profession. She will show the same commitment to Mars Hill College."

McAnear's career in financial aid has spanned 18 years at three different institutions. She served as financial aid director at Montreat - Anderson College from 1975 until 1980 and in a similar capacity at Warren Wilson College from 1980 until she joined the Mars Hill staff in November 1985.

Her extensive knowledge of the field, which is heavily affected by complex state and federal regulations has been developed through participation in state and regional professional organizations as well as through the duties of the position she has held. Over the years, she has been chairperson for various committees of the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators including those dealing with high school and state relations, publicity and publications,

and program and site selection. She served during 1990-91 as president of the organization which includes 145 post-secondary institutions (private and public) throughout the state.

McAnear estimates that she has taken part in more than 500 "Parents Night" programs during her career, usually making presentations and answering questions concerning financial aid.

She has also participated extensively in workshops and similar programs for training financial aid administrators. See Page 4