

Christmas, A Time For Activities

By Patrick Nelson
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Christmas time is here with happiness and cheer. It's a holiday for everyone and one that children call their favorite time of the year. (It's even that time of year when Santa delivers gifts to good little college students and a bag of coal for all the bad ones.)

December is a month for many festive activities to happen on the Mars Hill campus. Different organizations have planned special events just for the Christmas holiday.

The Christmas Formal, which is the first main even planned, will be held Dec. 4. This is a Saturday, so students can plan a great weekend. The occasion is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Asheville City Club and is sponsored by the Student Union Board. The time is to be announced.

The second event for December is the Union Christmas Party. This will be held Dec. 10. The party will commence at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 11 p.m.

In addition to the party, the campus bookstore will open from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. for the annual bookstore sale. This will be a great time to shop for Christmas. Everyone will be able to buy some Mars Hill mementoes while they are on sale and save a lot of money.

The Bailey Mountain Cloggers will be having a Christmas clogging special in Moore Auditorium with guest clogging teams The Dixie Darlings and Leather and Lace. The event is planned for 8 p.m. Dec. 11. Everyone is invited; admission for students is \$2.50 and \$5 for adults.

Theatre Department Shows Off

By Kelly McElveen
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Beauty pageants are as American as mom and apple pie, but the theatre department's most recent musical, "American Beauty", revealed the contests' less than glamorous side.

"American Beauty", directed by C. Robert Jones, offered a comical yet often tragic glimpse into the lives beauty pageant contestants as they struggle in their quest to win. The musical examined the pressures they face from mothers, sisters, friends, agents, audiences, and age.

A talented cast along with excellent directing and scenery brought the poignant tale of this American tradition to life as the girls compete for the title of Miss Delta Queen.

Shani Nielsen and Kendra Maria Smith emerged as stars with their stunning performances of Rebecca Ann Wynn and Mary Jane Smith, two beauty contestants caught in the trap of competing not for themselves but for others.

Nielsen's haunting voice entranced the audience as she sang "Music" her way then tugged at the heart and funny

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bone when she sang "Music" in a deliberate silly style during the actual talent competition. The difference between the two performances illustrated that the girls know that real talent is often masked during a competition. While the Talent Montage of exaggerated costumes and performances illicit rib cracking laughter, it did not hide the sadness of Rebecca squeaking a cutesy version of "Music" when the audience knows her true ability to belt out a song.

Smith's intense portrayal of Mary Jane also gave the audience a deeper look inside of the queens without crowns. She told the women who watch her on television, "Life isn't being looked at. We all have stories," reminding all that

although the contestants want to make an impression with their appearance, they want everyone to realize that they also have brains, talent, and a life.

Superb performances by Beth Thisse, Beth Burgess-Smith, Erica Brotzman, Mollie Freeman, Handy, Stephanie Peacock, and Rachel Justice added the right amount of comedy to make "American Beauty" a special blend of emotions, leaving the audience on a high note. In the end, all of the girls are winners and so are the actresses who perform the difficult task of acting to the audience's soliloquies instead of among each other.

As always Owen Theatre created the intimate atmosphere needed for the connection between audience and actress that works well in a play with so many laughs and tears.

If there is to be a lesson learned from watching "American Beauty" it comes from one line in the "Country Song". "To thine own self be true" if not in the contests, in life.

Cafeteria Dedication Draws Near

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"We cannot pay athletes to do work, and through keeping the money in house, there is a chance we can generate enough money for a new press box," Bentley said.

The new library, yet to be named, will have a computer network connecting the college to other data bases world wide "diminishing remoteness and giving Mars Hill a "world class library system.

Renovation costs for the new project is an estimated \$2.6 million. Construction will begin in the summer of '94 with completion expected in the fall of '95.

"Celtic Christmas" Concert Coming To Asheville

Kim Robertson, an internationally acclaimed harpist and vocalist, will bring her "Celtic Christmas" concert to the Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place in Asheville Sat. Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature traditional Irish, Celtic, and American holiday music.

Tickets are \$12 in advance. There will be an additional \$1 at the door. Mars Hill College students can receive an additional \$2 discount. Call the Pack Place Box Office at (704) 257-4530 for more information.

BHC Plans Mock Interview Day

By Michael S. Roten
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The Business Honor Club of Mars Hill College will be sponsoring a Mock Interview Day, Jan. 27, to help refine the interviewing skills of college students.

"If you are nervous about that first interview, or maybe you've already faced the fire and want to learn how to make fewer mistakes the next time, Interview Day is for you," explained BHC president, Carol Jo Howell.

Participants of the interview day will have the chance to be critiqued by several different businesses. Plans are for representatives from banking and finance companies, and other business administration companies, as well as

representatives from the education and music industries be present for the event.

Howell said students will be scheduled to come in for their interview, proceed in the interview just as if it were real, and then get feedback from the interviewer on what they did well and what they need to work on.

To become involved with Interview Day, students must submit a copy of their resume to a member of the Business Honor Club or to PO Box 56009 no later than December 15. The club will then contact the participants to explain details of the interview day.

For more information, contact Howell at 689-6458 anytime.

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Mock Interview Day

January 27, 1994

Participants will be interviewing with one of several businesses, who will follow up the professional interview by critiquing resumes and interviewing skills. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RECEIVE IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK!

Appointments may be made by submitting a copy of your resume to the Business Honor Club (PO Box 6009) no later than Dec. 15. You will receive notification of your interview time shortly after Christmas Break. For more information, please call 689-6458 anytime and leave a message.



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