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Caution, Men Working Information Super-Highway Under Construction, Next-Exit - Mars Hill

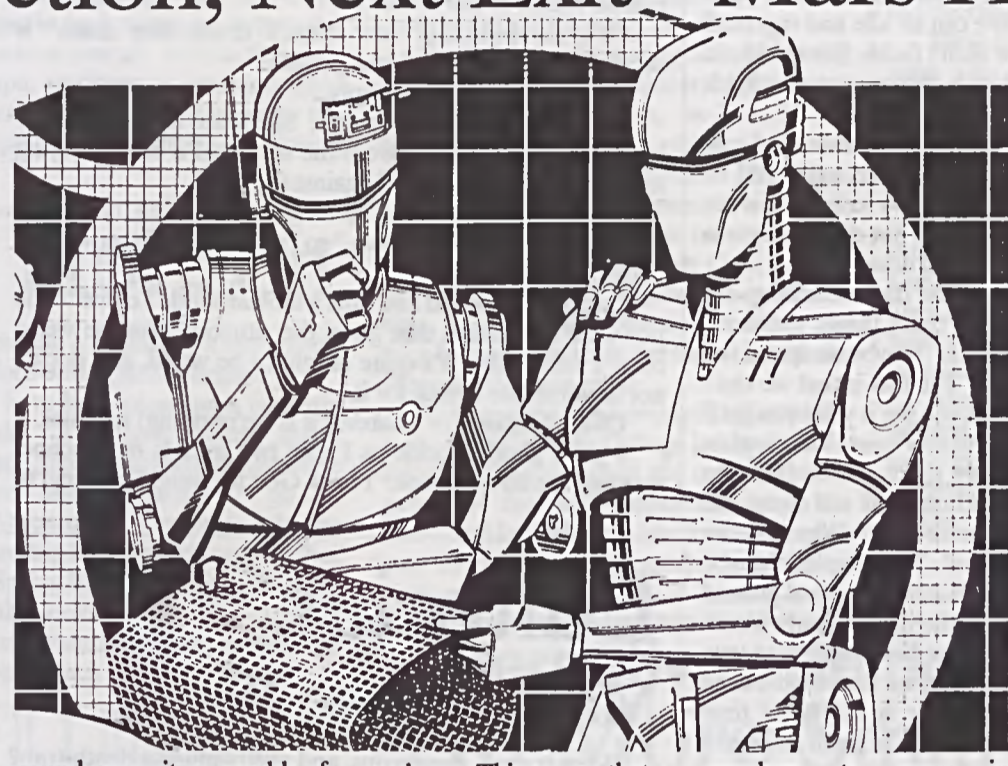
By Erik Barlik
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Okay, so you've heard that the current U.S. Highway 19/23 is being upgraded to become the new route for Interstate 40 (or is it Interstate 26?) The superhighway I'm talking about is not driven by cars, but by information. This information superhighway is called InterNet, and it's next exit will be completed in late March 1994 in our own Memorial Library.

The initial connections are being paid for by a grant from the National Science Foundation acquired by Gerald Ball, director of the computer center here in Mars Hill. The college also has a grant of \$1.6 million over the next five years from the Federal Department of Education which will allow students to use computers to explore every academic discipline.

InterNet was started back in the 1960's by the U.S. government. It needed a way to send information quickly to its many outlets. By the 1980's, research universities were able to tap in to share information, and also have access to public access government files. Now, in the early 1990's, major businesses have joined the fray. The current number of over one million PC connections is growing every day, and is rapidly expanding into many various fields.

Basically, InterNet is a huge network. Any computer connected to InterNet can communicate with any other computer which is connected around the world. Yes, around the world! It is a fiber-optic system for super high-speed data communication transfer. This data can be text, graphics, databases,



sound, or any item capable of travel over fiber-optic lines.

One of the major things which will be within a student's realm with InterNet is a database called First Search. First Search is jam-packed with information which upper-level students will need for research papers. If you can name a topic, InterNet's First Search will probably have it when it comes online in late March.

Dean of Learning Resources John Payne said in a recent interview that InterNet (and First Search) would be a "tremendous resource for students." He also mentioned that five years ago computer access and knowledge was a plus, but five years from now, it will be a necessity for anyone in the working field. He also said that getting to use the program now will give students a "real world opportunity."

The use of InterNet will be through a campus-wide network connected across the campus from dorm to library to class lab by

modems. This means that a student will be able to access InterNet in April if he/she has a modem connected to his/her computer back in the dorm room. The network will be protected through the use of local-specific passwords (e.g. a student's password in Mars Hill won't work at UNCA or Western Carolina).

"Great, but what can I do?" one might ask. There are three main things one can do with InterNet. First, electronic mail can be sent anywhere in the world that is connected to InterNet. (InterNet passwords for electronic mail will be available to all students in August. Students should contact John Payne if they are interested.) Second, topics from A to Z may be researched with the help of databases (such as First Search). Third, students can log in to another computer by remote, and use it as if they were sitting there in the room.

What can MHC do? MHC can: create opportunities for faculty

opportunity to participate in joint projects made possible by InterNet; gain access to inexpensive (or free) software applications for administrative, classroom lab, or computer staff use; allow students the opportunity to use over 200 on-line public access library catalogues, including one from the Library of Congress; provide access for students and faculty alike to thousands of manuscripts, graphic images, databases, and documents across a wide variety of subject in the liberal arts and sciences. InterNet will not only make college life easier, it will also make it more interesting. Just think - now you'll even be able to communicate to friends in countries whom you haven't even met yet. This could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship!

members to grow in professional circles by communicating with their peers; allow students the

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS...

The Staff of the Hilltop is proud to congratulate the Men's basketball team on being South Atlantic Conference Champions.

If you went to the first game of the SAC tournament Tues., Mar. 1, then you saw the men pulverize Elon College. The final score was Mars Hill 100, Elon 75.

Congrats to the South Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year 1994, David Riggins, and to the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year 1994, Cedric Mansell.

Also, congratulations to Cedric Mansell and Lamont Jones on making the South Atlantic Conference First Team All Conference.

The Lady Lions also deserve congratulations for a good season.

The final score in their game against Elon College was Lady Lions 67, Elon 62.

Susie Hopson deserves to be congratulated on making the South Atlantic Conference First Team All Conference.

Congratulations also go to Lena Barber for making the South Atlantic Conference Second Team All Conference.