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From Down Under Elow Down Under

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The leaders of Mars Hill College have always tried to attract students and faculty of diverse backgrounds to come and help make everyone's stay here a greater learning experience. Such heterogeneity of the population benefits all who are exposed to it.

This summer, Dr. Kathleen Donald, a Mars Hill College professor of psychology, swapped teaching positions with Mrs. Gwenda Schreiber from Australia for the duration of the Fall 1994 semester. This switch is part of a college faculty exchange program similar to the student exchange programs.

Professor Schreiber taught psychology at the University of Newcastle in the state of New South Wales in Australia, where Dr. Kathleen Donald is now teaching. This is a state university offering the highest degrees in various fields of study. The University of Newcastle is attended by approximately 16,000 students. Academically, it is considered a highly competitive institution of higher learning.

Professor Schreiber, a native of Australia, received a four-year psychology degree with honors, after which she proceeded to get her post-graduate degree in counseling. She further explored the science of psychology in England, where she received a Master's of Science degree in health psychology.

Recently, Schreiber submitted her doctorate study for evaluation by an international committee of experts in her area of study. She spent five years researching the subject. She has special interests in adolescent, health, and family psychology, as well as therapeutic applications.

Schreiber also has a private, part-time

therapeutic practice in Newcastle. Australian college professors are allowed to hold jobs other than teaching as long as that job does not interfere with teaching. Schreiber believes that her occupation as a therapist has been an advantage to her teaching of psychology; the practice

studying fine arts at Mars Hill and UNC-Asheville.

The Schreiber family are enjoying their stay in the U.S. They have visited this country before, as well as having been exposed to the American culture in Australia, but actually living here has helped them understand the culture much better. They spend much time sightseeing, hiking, and camping. The Southern Appalachian landscapes are quite different from those of eastern coastal Australia. Professor Schreiber finds the change of fall foliage fascinating.

Schreiber is also learning a great deal teaching at Mars Hill. Teaching methods in Australia are very similar to those in the U.S. The students here are giving her additional insights into the American culture. She is impressed by the amount of support and attention the staff at Mars Hill give to the students. This is not the case at large universities such as the one where she regularly teaches. Schreiber also thinks that, for its size, MHC offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

She was amused by the first home football game. The players' uniforms and equipment were especially interesting to her. Schreiber admits that next time she will need an interpreter to explain the rules of the game to her. She is more familiar with baseball, which has recently gained popularity in Australia.

So far, Professor Schreiber has enjoyed her stay at Mars Hill, and is looking forward to learning more in the next three months. This visit to the U.S. is contributing both to her professional and personal knowledge. She highly recommends travel and exchange programs as a good way to expand one's horizons.

MHC BEATS CN

The Mars Hill College Lions stunned the Carson Newman Eagles, ranked 10th nationally, 36-32 in the most exciting game of the year Saturday in Meares Stadium. The Lions had not beaten their Tennessee opponents since 1989 and had not beaten them at home since 1980. CN had leads of 25-14 and 32-22 in the fourth quarter but the Lions refused to quit. The game seemed over in the fourth quarter when Craig Bost kicked a perfect on-side kick which was recovered by Pat McCarver. On the final drive, the Lions had to convert two fourth down plays before QB Abernathy pitched left to Gerald Wright who scored the winning TD. A two-point conversion was also successful. The Lions are now third in the SAC, behind Lenoir Rhyne and Carson Newman.

compliments her academic background.

Schreiber is married and has two children. Her son remained in Australia, but her husband and daughter are accompanying her during her six-month stay in the U.S. Mr. Schreiber temporarily works for a local company as an architect. Mrs. Schreiber is

