

Grant Of \$66,609 To Operate Upward Bound Program Announced

MARS HILL — Receipt of a federal grant of \$66,609 with which to establish and operate an Upward Bound program for approximately 50 economically and culturally disadvantaged high school students in Madison and Buncombe counties has been announced by Mars Hill College.

The money, appropriated through the Office of Economic Opportunity, will finance a 13-month program which officially begins May 15.

Dr. John M. Hough, Jr., head of the college's Department of Education, has been named project director. He said he will seek re-natal of the project and additional funding for 1969-70. If he is successful, the students initially chosen to participate in the program may continue in it a second year.

Heavily concentrated in the summer but continuing through the normal school year, the program will enroll 25 rising sophomores and 25 rising juniors. These will come from the five high schools in Madison County — Mars Hill, Marshall, Hot Springs, Laurel and Spring Creek — and from three Buncombe County high schools —

North Buncombe, South French Broad and Clyde A. Erwin.

Objective of the Upward Bound program is to take the students where they are academically, culturally and physically and guide them and encourage them in their progress in each area as much as possible.

"Another significant goal," Dr. Hough explained, "will be to develop a positive attitude in these students toward all aspects of life, particularly toward education."

Mrs. Marietta Suhart, deputy director of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison and Buncombe counties, assisted Dr. Hough and other members of the college faculty in drawing up the proposal which was submitted in seeking funds for the project. The Asheville-based corporation will continue to assist the college in the operation of the program.

An eight-week summer program involving the Upward Bound youths — both boys and girls — will begin on campus here June 17. It will include individualized instruction in language arts — reading, writing, listening and speaking — and in

mathematics — arithmetic, algebra and geometry. Physical education and drama also will be included.

Supplementary activities will include attendance at plays in Asheville, Burnsville and Flat Rock; attendance at musical programs on campus here, at Brevard and other places; participation in the Mars Hill College Summer Theater Workshop; and field trips to the state capital and to other scenic and historic points throughout the state.

Students will be selected for the program by Dr. Hough, using OBO criteria. He will accept recommendations from school guidance directors, principals and teachers and from persons affiliated with various community action organizations.

The teaching staff for the program will consist of seven persons; a high school reading specialist, two English teachers, two mathematics teachers, a physical education instructor and a drama teacher. Part of these will come from the college faculty and part from the faculties of the high schools whose students will be participating in the program.

In addition to the teaching staff, seven Mars Hill College students will be employed as tutors and dormitory counselors. They will live in the dorms with the Upward Bound students and will work closely with them in

all phases of the summer schedule.

Follow-through on the program will keep students, teachers and the tutor-counselors in touch throughout the 1968-69 school year. On six Saturdays during the year the entire group will return to the campus here for special sessions.

In addition to paying the teachers, administrative personnel and tutor-counselors, the federal grant will provide room and board for the Upward Bound students and give each a small weekly allowance for personal needs. It also will cover medical and dental examinations for the students and some types of corrective treatment.

The students will receive free admission to all cultural, recreational and athletic activities sponsored by the college both during the summer and during the 1968-69 school year.

"We are delighted in being able to initiate and operate this program," Dr. Hough said. "It will be a wonderful experience for the young people involved.

The faculty and administrators of Mars Hill College feel keenly their responsibility to the youth of Western North Carolina — especially those in our own county and in neighboring Buncombe County — and we consider this program an excellent opportunity to be of service. The administration is so

enthusiastic about the program that the college has agreed to contribute approximately \$13,000 of its own money to the program during the first 13 months"

Bookmobile Service Unavoidably Interrupted

By: Ashton Chapman

Because of major repairs necessary to the bookmobiles operated in the three counties by the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library, bookmobile service has unavoidably been interrupted.

Jason B. Deyton, chairman of the Regional Library's board of trustees, has announced that the bookmobiles will resume their trips just as soon as repairs are completed and new schedules can be worked out.

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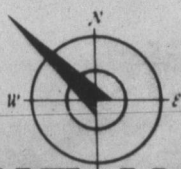
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