

The Hilltop



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President Named to IPA

The International Platform Association, oldest international association in the U.S. and one of the world's most prestigious clubs, has invited Mars Hill College president, Dr. Fred Bentley, to become a member.

The IPA is an organization of influential, civic-minded, wealthy men and women who are especially interested in the spoken word. It was founded in 1856 by the famous orator in American history, Daniel Webster. It was renamed and revitalized in 1903; and every U. S. president since then has been a member. The membership also includes senators, congressmen and governors, judges and diplomats, businessmen, writers, columnists and lecturers, entertainers, and leaders of the nation's civic endeavors.

Dr. Bentley, a native of Roanoke, who received his post-secondary education and training at Baylor University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Indiana University, has been president of Mars Hill College since 1966. He is also the current chairman of the 600-member-school Commission of Colleges of the chief accrediting agency in 11 southeastern states, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In pursuit of his duties he travels extensively, speaking to a wide assortment of audiences, including alumni of the college, leaders and lay workers in the denomination, prospective students and their parents and teachers, influential leaders in the business and professional world, and other educators.

IPA members gather regionally in various locations throughout the English-speaking world to exchange views and ideas and to hear knowledgeable speakers from various fields. Once a year the organization holds a 5-day assembly in Washington, where lectures, news and programs are interspersed with social, recreational and fellowship activities.

Among the best known personalities who have shared their thinking at recent regional and international gatherings are Vice President Walter Mondale, former senator and vice president Hubert Humphrey, columnist Jack Anderson, humorist Erma Bombeck, and Senator Barry Goldwater, network news commentator David Brinkley, former Olympic champion Tom Owen, Watergate Prosecutor John Jaworski, President Gerald Ford, Senator Sam Ervin, Consumer Advocate Ralph Nader, television interviewer Barbara Walters, and newspaper columnist Ann Landers and Abby Van Buren.



Mars Hill College president Dr. Fred B. Bentley accepts a \$10,000 check from the Square D Foundation which will be applied to the college's capital expense fund. Presenting the check is Gerald C. Beyers (right), plant manager of Asheville's Square D Company. John N. Daniel (left), vice-president-group manager of Square D's control group, looks on. Dr. Bentley reports that this has been a record year for Mars Hill in fund raising. The college has received close to \$6 million in gifts and grants from federal agencies, private foundations, and individuals.

New Media Leaders Named

The Board for Student Communications Media at Mars Hill College has announced that new student editors and managers have been elected during a recent meeting of the board.

The four student-managed media at Mars Hill include the school's yearbook, The Laurel; the student newspaper, The Hilltop; The Cadenza, a literary magazine; and WVMH-FM, the campus's 10-watt educational FM radio station. The Board for Student Communications Media sets the operating policies for the campus media as well as elects editors and managers. The board is composed of a cross-section of the college community, including students, faculty, and administration.

Co-editors were named to The Hilltop's top post. They are Darryl Gossett, a rising sophomore from Chattanooga, Tennessee, who is majoring in English, and David Bowerman, a rising junior from Morrow, Georgia, also an English major.

Co-editors were also named to the top post for the 1980 yearbook, The Laurel. They are Nancy White, a rising senior History major from Stanleytown, Virginia, and Donna Enochs, a rising junior Music Education major from Winston-Salem.

The Cadenza, Mars Hill's literary magazine, will be co-edited for the 1979-80 academic year. The editors are Pam Smith, a rising junior English major from Easley, South Carolina, and David Perkins, a rising sophomore History major from Burnsville. The student manager of WVMH-FM is Tim Taylor, a rising junior Music Education major from Mocksville.

Commencement Schedule

Approximately 275 seniors will receive their degrees Sunday, May 20, as Mars Hill College brings to a close its 123 academic year.

Commencement weekend will officially start on Friday afternoon, May 18, with an exhibition of student art on the mezzanine of the Fine Arts Building, which will open at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, May 20, the Board of Trustees will hold their semi-annual business meeting. During the course of their meeting the trustees will approve new faculty appointments, increases for the coming year in tuition, and approve an overall budget which is expected to exceed \$7.8 million. They will also elect new officers for the coming year and elect new members to the Board of Advisors.

The trustees and advisors will be addressed by college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley during a joint luncheon. Dr. Bentley will report on the capital campaign's progress as well as other aspects of the school's year.

A banquet for the seniors, their parents and friends will be held in the college cafeteria Saturday evening. Mars Hill separated the traditional alumni activities from commencement weekend last year so that the emphasis could be placed on the seniors and their families and friends. Saturday's activities will be brought to a close with a "pops" concert by the music department in Moore Auditorium.

On Sunday morning, the college community will be joined by the congregation of the Mars Hill Baptist Church to hear Dr. Harold C. Bennett, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m. in Moore.

There will be a student recital by seniors Edward Kearney and Craig Cansler in Moore beginning at 2:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. the seniors will begin receiving their diplomas from Dr. Bentley. The weekend's activities will be brought to a close with Dr. Bentley's traditional address to the graduates and their guests.

Richard Heaton Talks

With The HILLTOP

by Sara LeFever

HILLTOP: What do you feel is the main role as S.G.A. Vice President?

R. Heaton: On top of the list, the vice-president is concerned with the senate. There are fifty senators and five major senate committees. The vice-president is not one office or one person. The vice-president is so many different people. The vice president is a diplomat. The vice-president is a minister. The vice-president is a psychologist. The vice-president deals with individual people.

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