

# Harris Media Center Dedicated



The Marleine Reader Harris Media Center, Mars Hill's award-winning underground media facility, will be formally dedicated today in ceremonies involving the college's administration, students, staff, trustees, the building's designers, and others from the community.

The new building was financed by a bequest from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meade Harris of Roanoke, Va., which now totals over \$900,000. Although apparently having no formal connection with Mars Hill, Mr. Harris left an assortment of property and other assets totaling \$700,000 to the college in his estate when he died in 1978. His only instructions were that the building be named for his wife, leaving college officials free to construct whatever they felt the college needed most.

The new building contains 11,500 square feet, all underground. Only the mechanical equipment and the sun-facing skylight — the central component of the building's supplementary solar heating system — are above ground. The concrete retaining walls below grade

take advantage of the almost-constant temperature level of 55 degrees Fahrenheit within the earth, radiating heat in winter and absorbing it in summer. The underground location also offers light and sound control features essential for the operation of a media center. Because of the supplementary solar heating system and the underground location, construction costs were lowered, the costs of heating equipment installation and operation were lowered, and the costs of maintaining the building will be lowered.

The building will house materials and equipment for communication instruction, ultimately providing a wide range of services from basic references to advanced production designs. Photographic darkrooms, a video studio, film editing room, audio studio, projection room, conference rooms, and media classrooms will provide facilities for students and faculty to increase their skills in the rapidly growing area of graphic communications. Six Associates of Asheville, the building's architects, won

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# New Trustees Installed

Mars Hill has announced they will install four new trustees and five who have served previously on the governing board during the board's semi-annual business meeting here today.

Management of the college is legally vested in its Board of Trustees, which is composed of 36 North Carolina Baptists appointed to four-year terms by the Baptist State Convention. The board delegates authority to the president for the operation of the total college program in keeping with established procedures and policies. The president is the official liaison between the college and the board.


The board approves all major policy decisions, adopts official budgets, and passes on other major matters of college business. It holds two regularly scheduled business meetings each year. In De-

cember, newly appointed members are welcomed, new officers are elected, and other mid-year business is conducted. At the other meeting, which is held at commencement, the board approves the coming year's budget, approves new faculty and staff appointments, and completes the current year's business.

All of the nine appointee's terms will begin officially on January 1, 1982. The four who are new to the board and will be serving their first term include the following:

Reverend Ronald O. Brown, pastor of the Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church in Asheville, is a graduate of Appalachian State University and earned the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also a member of the board of the

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## The Hilltop

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## Behl Named Editor



Andrew V. Behl

Andy Behl, a senior sports medicine major from Springfield, Va., has been named the editor of the 1981-1982 Hilltop.

The move was made official by the college's Board for Student Communications Media following Chris Clontz's resignation. Clontz cited academic studies and his membership on the baseball team as taking more time than he originally anticipated.

Behl has been active at Mars Hill in both sports medicine and drama, having appeared on stage in college productions of "Six Characters in Search of an Author," "The Tempest," and more recently "Guys and Dolls." He has served as trainer for the football team, both

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## In Remembrance . . .

Mars Hill College and the local community are in deep sorrow in the recent loss of Leonard Davis, an employee of the Physical Plant for many years. His friendliness and smile will be missed by all who knew him.

We would like to express our sympathy to Mrs. Betty Hughes, Associate Professor of English, on the loss of her husband.

We would also like to express our sympathy to Ms. Lou Therrell, Assistant Professor of Education, on the loss of her father.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ The HILLTOP would like to welcome the Board of Trustees on campus! ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆