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## Good News Announced at Community Meeting

### Bentley Reveals Gift, New Student Jobs, and Renewed Purpose for College

At least five items of good news emerged from Dr. Bentley's discussion of the college's current financial crisis at Tuesday's community meeting:

(1) Whereas the college had been facing a possible \$500,000 deficit for the fiscal year ending May 31, the red ink may not run that high. Thanks to a recent settlement of the estate of the late Mrs. Minnie Reddish of Morganton, Mars Hill will receive about \$300,000 in April. This represents an accumulation of interest on the bequest, which has been tied up in litigation since Mrs. Reddish's death in October 1978. The college will be able to apply this money to the projected deficit. (Mrs. Reddish was the sister of the late R. O. Huffman, for whom Huffman Dorm is named.)

(2) The college is not planning to eliminate any academic programs as part of adjustments to bring expenditures in line with declining income. Some current students had feared such program cuts were being planned and they might be unable to complete their degree at MHC. Dr. Bentley refuted that rumor.

(3) Tuition and other charges will not be increased drastically for 1983-84; they will total only \$300, about the same as in recent years. This increased income will help Mars Hill pay higher costs of electricity, postage, fuel oil, telephone service, and other supplies. This means, Dr. Bentley explained, that students will not be asked to pay for faculty/staff salary increases because there will be no such raises for 1983-84.

(4) The college will expand its student work program to assist students who need to earn part of their expenses. Dr. Bentley said 50 new on-campus jobs will be created for 1983-84. Details will be provided to current and prospective students before the end of the current semester.

(5) Finally, the college is pledging a renewed effort to serve the needs of its students more effectively. Dr. Bentley told a crowd of about 600 at the community meeting that a new statement of college purpose/mission is being drafted and will be published soon. It will identify Mars Hill as a Christian institution,

founded and sustained by Baptists and following the life and teachings of Jesus as its guide. It will further identify Mars Hill as an institution where academic standards of excellence are maintained and high moral standards are expected of faculty, staff and students.

The new mission statement will reaffirm that the college is committed "to nurturing the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social development" of its students.

It will pledge that the college will (1) structure a friendly, caring atmosphere in all aspects of campus life; (2) value and treat each student with dignity; (3) provide proper role models for students through the faculty/staff; (4) encourage, motivate and recognize students in their achievements; (5) assist students in solving personal problems, academic difficulties, career plans and questions pertaining to campus life; and (6) provide jobs for students to help them pay a portion of their college expenses.

## Ko-Kela Hits Mars Hill

Ko-Kela, a talented young piano quartet, will present their enthusiastic program of chamber music on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. in Moore Auditorium.

The term piano quartet is somewhat misleading, as it does not mean a group composed of four pianos. Instead, it means a piano with three other instruments, in this case a violin, a viola, and a

Ko-Kela, which is supposed to come from the Sioux Indian word that translates "to make sound," has earned rave reviews wherever they have played. Despite their relatively young age, the quartet performs with polish and total stylistic vitality that led one reviewer to compare them with the best of the Eastern European ensembles.

The quartet is composed of James Bonn, pianist, who has chaired the piano divisions of three universities and currently is Professor of Music at the University of Southern California. His recording of the early instruments in the Metropolitan Museum of Art with music from a corresponding period was awarded the "Critics Choice" by High Fidelity magazine. Peter Rejto is the cellist of the group and is the son of the reknown Hungarian cellist, Gabor Rejto. He won the International Young Concert Artist Award in New York at the beginning of his career which resulted in literally hundreds of appearances throughout the U.S. and England. He currently is an associate professor of music at California State University, Northridge. The violist of the group is Ronald Copes, who is as accomplished on the violin as the viola. He has recorded for Columbia Records among other companies and is on the faculty of the University of California at Santa Barbara and the Music Academy of the West. Clayton Haslop, violinist, is, at 26, the youngest member of the group. He made his debut with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Neville Marriner. Formerly on the faculty of the Forest Meadows Center for the arts, he is currently com-



## news briefs

### MADISON MANOR JAMBOREE

Friends and neighbors of Madison Manor Nursing Home will join the staff and residents at the facility on Saturday, February 26, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation.

The event is a part of the *Rock and Roll Jamboree* conducted each February by nursing homes across the country to encourage communities to give financial support to health education and research. Madison Manor's day-long fund raiser will include a bake sale, a flea market, raffles, entertainment, hot dog sale, individuals rocking in rocking chairs and rolling in wheelchairs for donations pledged, and plenty of fun for the children. Lyda Crain, a resident of the facility who is afflicted with arthritis, will serve as Honorary Chairperson. Her artwork will be auctioned for donations as well.

It will be a fun-filled day of activities to benefit a worthy cause, the Arthritis Foundation. Please come and bring your friends, your children, and your pocket full of change.

### KAPPA ETA IS

#### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

Kappa Eta Chapter of Tri-Beta at Mars Hill College has designated an Outstanding Chapter for the academic year of 1981-82. "This award is given to recognize the excellent program in advancing the objectives of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society: the support of sound scholarship, the dissemination of scientific knowledge, and the promotion of research in biology."

#### MARCH OF DIMES WEEK

March of Dimes Awareness week will have activities here at Mars Hill on March 8, 9, and 10. On the 8th, there will be an informal display in Coyte Bridges Dining Hall. On March 9, the film "Alcohol and Pregnancy" will be shown in the lobby of Edna Moore at 8 p.m. In the lobby of Melrose, "Sexually Transmitted Diseases" will be shown at 8 p.m. On March 10, a benefit dance will be sponsored by Lambda Chi Omega in McConnell Gym, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

#### USE OF UNION FACILITIES

Effective February 1, 1983, any organization wishing to use College Union facilities will be required to fill out a request form in the student Development Office.

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