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# THE HILLTOP

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## 1982-83 School Year: The Year In Review

The unexpected dismissal of Athletic Director Claude "Hoot" Gibson dominated the news in issue one of the Fall Semester. The move was announced on Monday, September 27. Many players and students were shocked and angered by the announcement, and approximately 100 students held a candlelight vigil in front of the home of college president, Fred Bentley. Dr. Bentley spoke to the students at the protest and answered questions from the crowd. Gibson decided to appeal the action to the

board of trustees. The Ferguson Fountain was officially dedicated on October 16, during the college's homecoming and alumni day activities. WVMH-FM had returned to broadcasting September 17. The college received 250,000 dollars from the estate of Flossie E. Marshbanks. The theater department opened its season with "By Jupiter," Rogers and Hart's longest running musical. The WCC organization announced plans for nuclear awareness week from October 17-22. Fall visitation day was set for Sat-

urday, October 30.

In an interview in *Hilltop* issue two, ousted football coach Gibson called the process by which he was to make his appeal a "whitewash." He said he didn't expect to win his appeal, and he felt President Bentley's credibility had been damaged. Gibson estimated that 50 football players would transfer after the Fall Semester. Gibson didn't rule out the possibility of ever returning to Mars Hill, if Dr. Bentley were not here. "Mars Hill may not be big enough for

the both of us," said Gibson jokingly. When the appeals board adjourned October 23, a press statement was released at noon stating that the board had upheld Dr. Bentley's decision and that Gibson's firing had been justified. In other news, the "Good Night Jay" show was becoming a popular item on WVMH as callers gave imitations of Kermit the Frog, Fozzie Bear and even mother nature, and the calls were broadcast over the air. The show drew up to 50 callers

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### News Briefs

On Saturday, May 7, there will be a special community viewing and fellowship hour from 3 to 4 p.m., sponsored by the college and Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The exhibit is open to the public at no admission charge, and may be viewed during Memorial Library's hours of operation. The hours of operation for the library are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

### MISS HILLTOP PRIZES

The winner of the Miss Hilltop contest received a dinner for two at Western Mountain, a months free skating at Skate World, U.S.A., and a year's membership for two at the Sly Fox, as well as a year's passes from the Union and a \$100 certificate from the Mars Hill College Bookstore. The runner-up received a \$5 gift certificate from the Bookstore and movie tickets from the Union. Flowers for the contest were provided by Four-Petals florist of Mars Hill. Dinner passes were provided by A Dancer's in Asheville. Dinners for all the winners were provided by The Lion's Club. A special thanks goes to Andy Behl for his part in making the Miss Hilltop contest possible.

### HILLTOP FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Susan Mann has been named "Hilltop Female Athlete of the Year" for her outstanding contributions to the Mars Hill Women's Sports Program. Miss Mann received a handsome plaque courtesy of *The Hilltop* and our congratulations on her fine accomplishments as an athlete in Mars Hill.

### CORRECTION

In the last editorial of *The Hilltop* in the April 28 edition, we incorrectly quoted a former edition of the paper as stating "there is not hope for a better and happier world in the near future." That paper actually read there is now hope for a better and happier world in the near future." We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

"Hope and Dignity: Older Black Women of North Carolina," an exhibit of photographs by Susan Mullally celebrating the lives and achievements of Black women 70 years of age who have been active in their homes and communities across North Carolina is having its Western North Carolina premiere at Mars Hill College through May 15.

The 30 black and white photographs provide an insight into the lives of these women, whose services have ranged from the laundry room to the corridors of power in the state's financial centers. The stereotypes that portrayed the Southern black woman for years are stripped away to show the strength of these women in their homes and communities.



At the annual homecoming activities, the Ferguson Fountain was formally dedicated on October 16. The fountain was donated to the college by local craftsman Douglas Ferguson, and adds a nice touch to the campus of Mars Hill.