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College Establishes New Tradition

WELCOME TO MARS HILL - When Mars Hill College Vice President, Dr. Donald Meltekopf, was formally installed Tuesday, September 9, the college's newly completed mace led the procession of pomp and circumstances. Originally a Middle Ages war weapon, the mace gradually evolved into a symbol of authority, most probably through the association with the king's guards, church administrators, and other officials. The story of Mars Hill's mace began a year ago with the installation of Lees McRae College president, Dr. Bud Bentley.

Faculty members representing Mars Hill, impressed with the ceremonies, were full of enthusiasm for an installation ceremony for their new vice president. It was during the ceremony's planning stages that the idea of a mace was born.

The idea caught the imagination of college president, Dr. Fred Bentley, and he soon involved several members of the region's art community before the mace was finished. Don Mahy, art professor at Mars Hill, began the activities and he accepted the challenge of drawing the original designs.

The design features a sculptured walnut cube, capped by a silver dome, and the design includes images from the college's seal, particularly the mountains, and the bell tower located on top of Marshbanks Hall. Other symbols on the sides of the cube include a Christian cross, the school's founding date, a scene representing the Apostle Paul preaching to the Greeks from Mars' Hill as found in Acts 17, and a silver medallion. The dome would then be mounted on a staff of walnut and topped, capped by another cube and dome-type base.

Dr. Bentley, himself an amateur carver of some repute, had been impressed by the wood sculpture of artist Dirck Cruser, who had been featured in an exhibit at Mars Hill College. He enlisted Cruser to oversee the project and to carry out at least half of the work on the cube. An Asheville jeweler had been approached to complete the silver work, but when all the estimates were in, the cost had risen to an acceptable level of approximately \$9,000. (continued on page 3)



Drinking Age Officially 21

ALEIGH --You have to be 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages in North Carolina since September 1, 1986.

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is charged with enforcing alcoholic beverage control laws and regulations. Since September 1, there

has been a crime. The conviction bears no consequence other than the payment of the penalty.

A person charged with this infraction will be given a citation by an ALE agent and can go to district court for trial. If you are found responsible for this infraction, you may not be assessed court costs and will not have a criminal record. A person can pay the \$25 penalty

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There has been no change in ALE's method of enforcing alcoholic beverage laws and regulations. However, through the court system, treatment of certain violators and the resultant penalty will be somewhat different due to provisions of the law.

If you are 19 or 20 and attempt to purchase, or possess alcoholic beverages, you will be charged with an infraction, which is punishable by a penalty of not more than \$25. An infraction is an unlawful act which, under the law, is not

and not go to court, unless he has been convicted of an ABC offense within the last two years.

All other alcoholic beverages control law violations are misdemeanors, including the sale of alcoholic beverage to a person age 19 and 20. A conviction on a misdemeanor charge can result in up to two years in jail and a fine. This means a 19- or 20-year-old purchaser may be charged with an infraction, while the person selling the beverage may be

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New Faculty at MHC

MARS HILL - Mars Hill College has several new faculty and staff members among its ranks this fall, according to officials at the Baptist-related college.

Leading the list of new faculty is Dr. Peter J. LaRue, named Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands. Dr. LaRue received his Ed.D. in May from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he also earned his master's degree in 1980. His undergraduate work was completed at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to enrolling in the doctoral program, he was Director of Music at Bloom-Carroll High School in Carroll, Ohio.

Lisa Wachtman of Asheville has been hired as an Instructor in Mars Hill's Developmental Studies Program. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Carolyn Linkous, a graduate of Tennessee Technical University and UNC-Greensboro, has been named Assistant Professor of Math.

New staff members include Kelly McBride, who comes to Mars Hill as Reference Librarian from a library position with the University of Chicago

library. Michele Jacon, a native of Weaverville and graduate of Appalachian State University, has been named an Admissions Counselor with the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Sandy Mainguy, a 1986 Mars Hill graduate from Oakland Park, FL, is the new Assistant Director of Residential Living in the Office of Student Development. Four new security officers have been hired and are being trained. They include James Grady Harris of Asheville, Randy Hensley of Marshall, Glen Edward Hyer of Asheville, and Delano Steadman of Mars Hill.

Changes in duties include the naming of Ed Knight as Director of the Physical Plant, while former director Jim Fish has assumed new duties in connection with the renovation of Wall Science Building, under a grant from the Pew Foundation. Donnie Caldwell has been named Director of Purchasing for the college, and Darryl Norton has been named Manager of the College Bookstore. Dr. W. Otis Duck has become the College Medical Director, following retirement from his family practice this summer.