

# MHC IS IN THE MONEY NOW



Faculty members may apply for grants from the fund, ranging up to \$3,000 for summer study, sabbaticals, and other projects.

Miss Bingham joined the college in 1937 and became chairman of the department in 1946. Under her leadership it became one of the largest and strongest academic divisions of the college. The business Club Alumni Association, founded and guided by her for nearly 40 years, has established a scholarship program in her honor. She retired from teaching in 1979.

A \$50,000 gift to Mars Hill College from a former student will endow a faculty development program in honor of Mildred Bingham, former chair of the department of business administration and economics.

The donor, who prefers to remain anonymous, said the gift was to express his "deep appreciation to Miss Bingham, whose wise, caring Christian counsel had a great influence on me as a student at Mars Hill College."

The new fund will complement an endowment created at MHC in 1984 by a \$384,000 challenge grant from the Mellon Foundation. That grant supports a faculty enrichment program for the liberal arts faculty. The fund bearing Miss Bingham's name will support similar activities among faculty in the professional curriculum areas, especially business administration and economics.

College president Dr. Fred B. Bentley said when accepting the gift, "This gift is a complement to our faculty development program and a tribute to a woman whose contributions to this college are legendary."

# NEW MEMBERS AT MARS HILL

The Office of Development at Mars Hill College has announced the hiring of two new personnel. Helen S. Dowling, former Assistant to the Vice President for Development, has been named the new Alumni Director, and Harold G. "Bud" Christman, Jr. has been appointed the new Director of Planned Giving.

Dowling's parents were missionaries and she was born in Brazil. After returning to the US, her late father served as a pastor and her mother as a self employed architect in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

After earning an associate degree at Montreat, she completed her bachelor's degree in English at Queens College in Charlotte. She has continued her education at seminars sponsored by the Council for the Support and Advancement of Education (CASE) and conferences endorsed by the NC Association of Independent College and Universities, of which Mars Hill is a member.

She chaired the 1994 Homecoming Steering Committee at MHC and prior to coming to Mars Hill, she was Alumni Affairs Director at Montreat Anderson College. Her previous experience also includes a stint in the public affairs office at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia and as a

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