

## Conference Begins with a Fond Farewell

The Hett auditorium buzzed with excitement on the evening of April 9 as Dr. Brian Frederking opened the McKendree Model United Nations conference. This presentation had an important purpose: celebrating the retirement of Dr. Jim Dohle, who had been with the program since it began 42 years ago. President Jim Dennis welcomed the delegates to "the best university in Lebanon, Illinois." Paul Woodruff, the following speaker, was McKendree's Secretary General before he graduated. Dr. Dohle introduced Woodruff, who called Dohle's retirement "hard to fathom," to Model

UN. Woodruff also said, "it is good to call him a teacher, a mentor, and . . . a friend."

Dr. Jim Kerr, another of McKendree Model UN's "founding fathers," honored Dohle by assuring that "you won't find a finer human being associated with Model UN." Dr. David Ahola, another McKendree professor, praised Dohle's prowess with students, saying he "took good students and made them great delegates and, maybe even more importantly, took good students and made them better." Frederking then presented Dohle with an appreciation plaque for "40-plus years of service." Dohle recalled his years with the program before reminding the

delegates to "say, 'Thank  
you' to your own advisors."

Finally, a standing ovation  
thundered through the  
auditorium.

After that, McKendree  
Model UN Secretary General  
Benjamin Pollard added notes  
about room arrangements and  
the plenary session before he  
let General Assembly Chair  
Brandon Hoeflein open the 42<sup>nd</sup>  
McKendree Model United  
Nations conference.

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