

University

Past provost Hill dies of heart failure

A memorial service for former University provost Richard J. Hill will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m. in the University's Beall Concert Hall.

Hill, who was serving as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs for the state system of higher education, died of a heart attack on Dec. 18. He was 64.

Hill, who resigned as provost in 1987, was appointed to the state system post in July and would have held it until this spring, when a permanent vice chancellor is expected to be named.

"He had begun the task of leading the system to a new concept of its role in academic affairs," Chancellor Thomas Bartlett said of Hill's work. "His stature, selflessness and integrity gave confidence and strength to his work."

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son and one I loved and admired very much," Olum said. "The kind of person he was and the principles he lived by made him loved and trusted by the faculty of the University.

"For me, he was the best of friends, and in recent times the evenings I spent with Dick and Barbara were some of the warmest and most pleasant that I can remember," Olum said.

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1971 and became the head of the sociology department in 1972. From 1975-78, he was director of the University's Institute for Social Science Research.

He was dean of the School of Community Service and Public Affairs from 1978-81 and acting vice president for academic affairs from 1980-81. In 1981, Hill assumed the provost's post and served until 1987.

Hill is survived by his wife Barbara, and his two daughters, Susan and Laura, both of whom reside in Oregon.

Former University President Paul Olum, who was in Greece, said he was terribly saddened by Hill's death. He described Hill as a "brilliant scholar" and a great human being.

"Dick was a wonderful per-

ford University in 1950 and earned his master's in 1951. In 1955, he was awarded his doctorate from the University of Washington.

Before joining the University, Hill taught and held administrative posts at Purdue University, the University of Texas and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Hill was a social psychologist whose research interests included the interrelation between attitude behavior and the effects of mass communication.

During his career as a professor, Hill wrote four books on such topics as effective teaching methods in adult education and leadership and management effectiveness and sociological methods.

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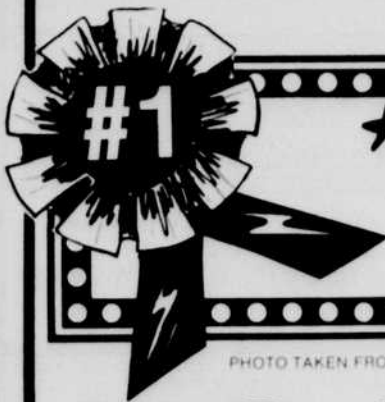


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