

Commentary

THE NEWS RECORD

Editorial

Hard Work Pays For Greater Ivy Neighbors

Madison County athletes now have a fine new ballpark to play in thanks to the efforts of the residents of the Greater Ivy community. Residents of the community met this past Sunday to dedicate the field.

The ballfield is the result of years of hard work by the neighbors of Greater Ivy. Dozens of volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of their time grading and seeding the field, erecting the grandstands and fences. The result of their efforts is a first-class facility Madison County can point to with pride.

The good people of Greater Ivy don't wait for government handouts to improve their community. They pitch in together and get things done the old-fashioned way. A tour of Greater Ivy provides a lesson in independence and good neighborliness we can all learn from.

Forum To Discuss Nicaragua

Mars Hill College will conduct an open forum on Nicaragua tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Paterson Conference Center in Blackwell Hall.

The Thursday forum will feature a discussion of the problems faced by a revolutionary government in a traditional agrarian society. Speakers will include Dr. Katherine McCoy, Dr. Richard Hoffman and Rev. Marie Bean.

Dr. McCoy is a professor of Spanish who grew up on a Central American coffee plantation. She will discuss the economic problems in Nicaragua which lead to the revolution.

Dr. Hoffman, the vice president of

the college, has traveled in Central America and currently teaches a class on Latin America. Hoffman will discuss the political background of Nicaragua and the Sandinista government.

Rev. Bean, the campus chaplain, recently returned from Nicaragua and will discuss the problems and responses of the ruling Sandinistas and the upcoming elections.

The forum is open to the public. The panelists will answer questions posed by the audience. For more information on the forum, contact Dr. Jon Crawford, director for the Center for International Studies at 689-1115.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The French Broad River Foundation is a group of folks working hard to make our precious resource, the French Broad River, a source of drinking water and recreation.

The once clean and beautiful river went through a period of disregard, a dumping ground for all our wastes. We created an eyesore! Due to the efforts of many agencies and organizations, the river has made a remarkable comeback. These efforts must be continued.

The foundation sponsors many

events to publicize the river, such as French Broad River Week, clean-up trips and workshops on water quality.

We need you to help with the job of improving our French Broad River for present and future generations to use and enjoy.

Find out how you can help. Call Bill Eaker at 254-8131 or write the French Broad River Foundation at 25 Heritage Dr., Asheville, N.C. 28906.

Sincerely,
Bess Baird

Youth fears Democrats' tax and spending policies

Dear Editor:

In an election year, where so much attention has been placed on the future of Social Security and the budget deficit, many candidates along with the public have forgotten about the future of an important segment of our society, America's youth.

In North Carolina, the youth movement is real. It is students actively participating in this year's election. Why? Because we have a future, too. We are fearful of what may happen to America and North Carolina if we allow liberal Democrats to continue their 42-year old trend of tax and spend, tax and spend. We as North Carolinians simply can no longer afford this type of leadership.

A constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget is obviously needed. However, the Democrats, including North Carolina's 11th District representative, refuse to even discuss this measure. Yet they are the first ones to complain about how large the deficits are. Yes, the deficit is too large. Congress needs to make budget cuts in spending, but the Democrat-controlled House won't make these cuts.

The Democrats feel the only way they can beat the Republicans this year is by scaring the public that America's future is in jeopardy.

The fact is, America is back on sound ground. We are strong again around the world. We have stopped apologizing and are once again the

leader of the free world. The youth of American feel secure in Republican leadership.

America's youth now desire responsible government. We are the new wave of optimism, patriotism and hope. We want a strong, prosperous America.

We don't want a weak military and an economy that rapes the worker of his hard earned wages. We don't need higher taxes as promised by the Democratic Party. We need to stop feeding the hungry mouths of big spenders in Washington.

The youth of Western North Carolina are not fearful of the future. We are fearful, however, of irresponsible representation from the 11th District.

Jamie Clarke has misrepresented the people of WNC. He does not support most of the president's policies, which is evident by his voting record. Let us elect a Republican who will support the president.

The future lies, not in the Democrats who promise to raise taxes, but in Republicans who promise to lower taxes and place government back in the hands of the people. Show some support for America's youth and give us a sound future. Vote Republican and keep America on the path to prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Thompson
Mars Hill College Student

Heard And Seen

By POP STORY



A TRIP TO BOONE IS REVEALING

Several weeks ago, three expert checker players; Len, Edward and Jim Stokes of Boone, accepted an invitation to come to Madison County for a game.

Judson Edwards of Beech Glen arranged the 'tournament' in the Beech Glen Senior Citizens' Center. Local players included Edwards, Carroll Radford, Cecil Creasman, Bill Clouse and myself.

Following a day of checkers, we were invited to Boone for a return match. We accepted the invitation and Judson, Carroll, Bill and I left Marshall at 7 a.m. last Saturday, arriving in Boone at about 8:30. We played until about four in the afternoon and had a wonderful time. The Stoke brothers, including Ralph, were victorious, but we didn't mind being beat by our friends from Boone.

It was our first trip to Boone since the new highway has been improved. It was a delight to travel on the new highway, especially in the Burnsville-Spruce Pine area. The fall colors were beautiful and we enjoyed the entire trip.

GREATER IVY FIELD DEDICATION

Dedication ceremonies were held on Sunday for the new Greater Ivy Athletic Field and facilities. Among those taking part were Greater Ivy Community Development Association president Patsy Maynard, Dr. Grover Angel, J. Bruce Phillips and Wayne McDevitt, representing Gov. Hunt.

The lighted field, modern dugouts, improved grounds and pressbox revealed the great interest and community pride of the residents of the area.

My congratulations to the people of Greater Ivy for their dedication in making these improvements.

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

It's that time again. Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday at 2 a.m. Readers are reminded to turn their clocks BACK this Saturday night before going to bed.



Know Comment

By JOSEPH GODWIN



It scares me when I realize how close I came to losing the race for governor. The only reason I did not lose the race is that I did not run.

A few years ago, I had an awful rash all over my hands and arms. After a simple test, my dermatologist ruled out poison ivy. He said that I was simply itching to run for governor.

When I informed My Girl that I was going to Capital City and get into the race, she informed me that I was not going to do any such thing!

You should have heard the confidence with which she spoke. Face to face with such confidence on her part, I immediately decided it would be best for me to go on living.

Don't get me wrong. Just because I did not run for governor is no reason to assume that I lost my interest in politics.

person could learn as much about political science in just one lifetime as I have learned. Realizing just how great my store of political knowledge really is impels me to, leave to posterity these Ten Commandments for Successful Politicians.

I. Thou shalt learn to talk for hours without saying anything. This is especially helpful in winter when thy hot air will help thee with thy fuel bill.

II. When thou art faced with a question, thou shalt respond to it; but thou shalt not answer it. It makes no difference at all what thou sayest as long as the questioner thinks that thou art in agreement with him.

III. Thou shalt never answer any question with a simple "yes" or "no."

IV. Thou shalt not call anything by its common name. Instead, use a long, complicated word, or a name, for example, when thou sayest "I am going to the store," thou shalt say "I am going to the place where we buy our provisions."

highway use privilege levy.

V. Thou shalt strictly master thy memory, and thy forgetting ability thou shalt make perfect. This do until thou canst remember what thou wanted to remember and until thou canst forget what causeth thee political pain.

VI. Thou shalt be selective in what thou seest. Thou shalt notice only what thou desirest to see and be oblivious to all that causeth thee political pain.

VII. Thou shalt be careful about what thou hearest. Thou shalt hear all that blinseth thy ears and all that maketh thy political heart weary. Thou shalt not hear anything that causeth thee political pain.

VIII. Thou shalt carry thy conscience with thee at all times. With it, thou shalt measure what is important, and with it, thou shalt have judgment and common sense.

IX. Thou shalt never speak in

money trouble concerning taxes, campaign expenses, or plain old crooked dealing, thou shalt blame it on computer error, or human error, or your accountant—anybody. Be sure that thou never admit wrongdoing thyself.

X. Anywhere thou goest and seest a television camera within four furlongs, thou shalt grin like a lilly goat using sandpaper. Thou, some may think thou art smiling and not recognize thee as a nerd.

Although I passed up my opportunity to be defeated in the race for governor, there are others who will come after me with political ink. To them, I send my best helpful counsel. And I have seen many others who followed their consciences and were in their political aspirations. Although, I could not be of help in this manner.

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