# Commentary

### **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 hadouts 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 the college, has traveled in Central open forum on Nicaragua tommorow at 3 p.m. in the Paterson Conference Center in Blackwell Hall.

discussion of the problems faced by a revolutionary govenment in a traditional agrarian society. Speakers will include Dr. Katherine MaCoy, Dr. Richard Hoffman and Rev. Marie

Dr. MaCoy is a professor of Spanish who grew up on a Central American coffee plantation. She will discuss the economic problems in Nicaraugua

America and currently teaches a class on Latin America. Hoffman will discuss the political background of The Thursday forum wil feature a Nicaragua and the Sandinista

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

The forum is open to the public. The panelists wil answer questions posed by the audience. For more information on the forum, contact Dr. Jon which lead to the revolution. . Crawford, director for the Center Dr. Hoffman, the vice president of International Studies at 689-1115. Crawford, director for the Center for

### Letters To The 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 orinking 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 publicise 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. 28808.

> 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 feeding the hungry mouths of big their 42-year old trend of tax and spenders in Washington. spend, tax and spend. We as North Carolinians simply can no longer af-ford 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 oines 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

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

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

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

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 sup-port 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 pro-mise to lower taxes and place government back in the hands of the people. Shoe 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

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# **Heard And Seen**

By POP STORY



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

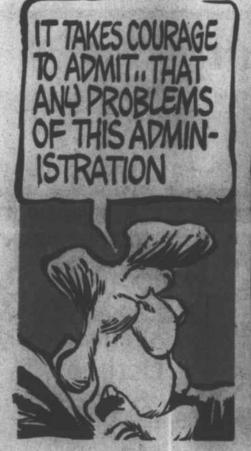
Dedication ceremonies were held on Sunday for the new Greater Ivy Athletic Field and facilities. Among those taking part were Greater Ivy Community Development Association president Patsy Maynard, Dr. Grover Angel, J. Bruce Phillips and Wayne McDevitt, representing Gov. Hunt.

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**

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Robert T. Koenig

When I informed My Girl that I was

It scares me when I realize how dose 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 pesion by. He said that I arm to talk for hours was simply itching to run for governor.