

## Gratitude important

JENNI BRADY  
Staff Writer

Some people seem ageless. No matter how unstable the rest of the world is, there is always someone or something that remains as constant as when you first encountered that person or that thing.

For me, that someone was Bill, a neighbor that for 14 years my family lived in the house beside. Having lived in our neighborhood the longest, Bill had a sense of leadership and responsibility for the rest of us. He would "supervise" any activity that went on in the circle.

When a street light was put in near the bottom of our driveway, Bill was out there every day to make sure the workmen were doing their job correctly. He knew what was going on with everyone, not because he was a nosy neighbor, but rather because he would take the time to ask.

When I was younger, I would go next door when I forgot my key after school or if I was bored. He and his wife, Anita, would inquire about my life as though I were the most important person in the world.

As I grew older and started driving, I saw Bill watering his lawn or standing in his driveway with his hands on his hips thinking. His arm would lift up into the biggest, friendliest wave I have ever seen. He would still inquire about what was going on. For that brief moment, to him, you would be the only person in the world.

Bill died peacefully in his sleep Saturday morning. He was 83 years old. When my mother told me the news, I was in denial. There was no way that the white-haired man who had been such an important part of our neighborhood would not be there the next time I went back home.

Thinking about the whole situation reminded me of the cliché "You never know what you have until it's gone." There

are so many things that we take for granted. I never realized the impact Bill had on my life until I was forced to remember.

I am sure that many students were made painfully aware, especially during the first few months on college, how important family and friends are and what they mean to them. I know that I definitely was. And for me it was not just people, but the comfort of a familiar place.

Had I realized the joys I had to the fullest extent possible, I might have appreciated them more. But I guess that everyone, to some degree, is unaware of the blessings they have until those blessings are taken away.

The ability to walk to the Cate Center to check mail may seem like nothing to us, but to a person who lives in a war-torn country, the idea that we are studying in a place of higher learning and that our letters aren't first opened and censored is amazing. That may be a bit extreme, but things like that actually happen.

I'm not saying that we should get carried away with our gratitude, but it seems like today's society is more focused on what we do not have as opposed to what we do. Maybe for just one day we should stop and think about what our lives would be like without certain people or certain things. It might just make someone else's day to hear it.

**HONOR COUNCIL**  
IS SEEKING OFFICERS  
FOR THE 2000-2001  
SCHOOL YEAR. \*  
APPLICATIONS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
OFFICE OF STUDENT  
ACTIVITIES ON  
FEBRUARY 28 AND ARE  
DUE MARCH 6. PLEASE  
CONTACT MISSY NEFF  
AT X2597 OR DEAN  
GLEASON AT X8521  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

### Submitting to the Herald :

Submissions must be received by 1 p.m. on the Monday before Wednesday's publication. Submissions include letters to the editor, press releases and feature articles.

## High priority on women's education

JONI SMITH  
Staff Writer

As students at a women's college we should take a moment to reflect upon the great female leaders of our country and the world.

Where would we be without such intelligent and competent women such as Sandra Day O'Connor, Janet Reno, Princess Diana and Margaret Thatcher? There are so many female leaders who progress every facet of

society, we must recognize them all.

From politics to education to helping the needy, women are no longer taking a back seat in current events.

And one thing that you will never hear a successful female say is that you do not need a good education. Education is a vital part of climbing the corporate ladder or doing anything else you aspire to do.

In the job world, a good edu-

cation can put you ahead of someone who does not have a higher form of education. An educated woman is very hard to stop. As an intelligent woman, your options will not be limited, and you can do anything you put your mind to.

"We must love to learn in order to live," Princess Diana said in an interview in 1992. With women no longer being suppressed in the area of education, why should any female not learn all that she can?

It's a connected world.  
Do your share.

For 30 ways to help the environment, write  
Earth Share,  
3400 International Dr., NW,  
Suite 2K (AD4),  
Washington, DC 20008.



friends  
don't let friends  
drive drunk



### CLASSIFIED ADS

**FUN-LOVING & CARING** teachers needed, full-time & part-time positions available. A Center offers small classroom settings & excellent benefits. Apply to: Terri, YWCA, 782-3072.

**MYRTLE BEACH, SC** Spring Break--Grad Week. \$75 and up per person. www.retreat-myrtlebeach.com. 1-800-645-3618.

**ENERGETIC, ENTHUSIASTIC** day camp staff to work in Raleigh or Cary. Full and part-time positions available. Apply, YWCA, 828-3205 or 834-7386.

**BABYSITTER WANTED** after school for 6 year old and 9 year old every Wednesday, and occasionally, other afternoons and evenings. Must be a non-smoker and have own car. Positive attitude and references required. \$10.00/ hour. 678-1367.

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!** Students earn \$375/ \$575 weekly processing/ assembling medical I.D. cards from your home. Experience unnecessary...we train you! Call MediCard 1-541-

386-5290, ext. 300.

**FUN-LOVING INDIVIDUALS** to work with school-age children during after school care programs. Weekday afternoon positions available in Raleigh and Cary. Apply, YWCA, 828-3205 or 834-7386.

**WEEKEND HELP WANTED** for children's birthday parties. Looking for fun, energetic person and previous experience with children. Great hours and excellent pay. Call 876-1391.

**NOTICE TO MEREDITH STUDENTS:** Since October, an ad hoc committee has been studying the pros and cons of distance learning. Have you ever taken an on-line or television course for academic credit? If Meredith were to offer a distance course, would you be interested in participating? Please reply to Dr. Pitts (pittsb@meredith.edu).

**CHILD CARE NEEDED** this summer for 5 month old twins, boy and girl, in nice Cary golf course community starting in early May. Job includes peaceful home environment, pool access and generous salary.

Prefer 8-5 but flexible. Call Marcy/Jeff Hobart at 469-4119. Child care experiences and references required.

**THE AUTISM SOCIETY** of NC is in search of part-time employees to instruct and assist 3 men with autism in a supported living home from 4-9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Training will be provided. Excellent hourly wage and experience for students. Please email your resume to tsheriff@autismsociety-nc.org.

**HELP WANTED:** Flexible hours, fun work with brides-to-be and students. Gingiss Formal-Wear, 3 Triangle locations. Call Denise 783-8911.

**NANNY NEEDED,** Part-time, flexible hours, great pay. ASAP. References and experience required. Please call Patricia at 554-0161.

The *Herald* does not check ads before they are placed. When you respond to an ad, do so at your discretion.