

# The Angel Angle

Guy: I think if I have to go through another semester, I'll just flake out altogether. (flutter, flutter, blinding light.) What in the heck's all this?

Superangel: I am a superangel. My name is Clarence E. Young, editor of HEAVEN'S HILLTOP, heaven's number two newspaper. We try harder. Really, I am so wonderful! I never cease to be amazed at all the good works I do. Oh, rapture!

Guy: Well, come down off that table and help me.

Superangel: I was hoping you'd say that.

Guy: What are you waiting for?

Superangel: I'm waiting for you to help me! I've got my feathers all hung up in the blinds. I told Walter to wax my wings—that I was gonna have a bad wreck.

Guy: There, now to the prob—

Superangel: My word, it sure is nice to be back down here again. Boy, did I ever have a blast in the good old days. I lapped up every minute of life. 'Course it took me quite a while to get to where I could even stand it. Musta been to college when I got fed up with all those boring classes. Figured the reason I got bored was because I concentrated on the weekend and forgot all about the week. Learned to make the best of things. Put my all into whatever I did. I was determined nothing could make me miserable and nothing did. I took and I gave.

Guy: Is that how you got in? Heaven, I mean.

Superangel: No, man. I cooled it. Don't tell anybody. (whispers) I bent my IBM card. Almost wish I hadn't. There aren't any females up there.

Guy: No!

Superangel: Yeah. Boy, I miss 'em.

Guy: Who?

Superangel: The broads, who else?

Guy: Oh . . . yeah. Say, about my prob— (flutter, blinding light).

Superangel: What on earth are you doing here, Gabe?

Gabriel: Never mind all that. Listen, Super, they're looking everywhere for you. The sword drills have ended in a disputed photo-finish. Hurry, we may can scoop number one.

Superangel: I've got more important things here to do. I'm helping this young man with his problems. Go on. I'll catch you. (blinding light, flutter, flutter.) (to the guy) I'm sorry but I gotta fly. Let me give you some advice though, before I go. Don't bend your card. If you do, you'll get in all right, but you'll also get 48 stars in a cardboard crown, and after the first rain it'll come all apart. Just punch a hole between the second and third slots, and you've got it knocked. Well, anytime you need help, just call for me, Clarence E. Young, the virtuoso problem solver and good works doer. Selah! (meaning loosely interpreted, See yah.)

Guy: Yeah. Sure. Yeah! Yeah! Yuk! —CEY

# Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

I do not wish that this letter be taken as a protest by a student at odds with this college; rather, I wish it as a simple statement of a belief. I have, over the last four years, been quite pleased with the growth that this college has achieved. I have seen an immature institution, for it was an institution, grow into its infancy and raise its head to continue its growth. However . . .

I have always been taught the respect of elders and their integrity; but, when I see a supposedly mature adult acting with the petty suspicion and stupidity of senility, I lose whatever respect I MIGHT have had for this person.

When young people are viewed with a suspicion that only comes from a perverted mind, it is time to examine the viewer not the viewed. Specifically, a dorm mother that feels the only safe dating is that in a Victorian Contraceptive (dating booth) under the strong protection of a 100 watt light with Big Sister peeping around the corner every three minutes to see if the young man's feet are on the floor and the young lady is at a safe distance across the room possesses the warped, pristine mind of a 19th century grandmother.

These are the opinions of a "Gentleman Caller," but I'm sure a poll of "Young Ladies" around the campus would reveal similar ideas.

Mars Hill, if you are to grow into a respected college, you must first earn that respect. One step toward that growth is to remove the mildew which inhabits some of the dorms, or it will incite student apathy and stifle growth.

—Mike Yelton

# LITTLE 'MAN ON 'CAMPUS



"THIS IS NOTHIN' TH' FRENCH REVOLUTION!!" WAIT UNTIL WE COME TO

# Journalism Is Dead

The era of the newspaper is at an end, and American journalism, as it has been known for many years, is fast approaching its deathbed.

A newspaper simply cannot keep up with radio and television. An evening paper, for example, finalized at 2:00 p.m. is obsolete at the 3:00 p.m. radio report or ancient history at the 6:30 p.m. television newscasts.

The direction being taken by journalism to combat this situation is an excellent one. The weekly newsmagazine is the answer. It provides detailed accounts of things other news media only skim. Those following world news in depth rely on radio and TV to keep abreast of latest events while newsmagazines supply them details, commentary, and interpretation. More and more the newspaper is forced to the local scene of dull reading—bridge club winners and jaycees' benefit balls.

Though the HILLTOP faces no serious competitors, it does have to deal with essentially the same problem. HILLTOP news is always two to three weeks old, simply because there is no technical way to produce it more often. The new Blackwell Building will eventually house a press which should alleviate some of the presently existing problems.

American journalism, inevitably a reflection of the American people, has always had a penchant for fact at the sacrifice of opinion. The news-writer is to let nothing of personal feeling come into play. He is to be completely objective. The writer's creativity is thus stifled. This and the foregoing problem have caused me to re-evaluate the concept of the HILLTOP.

My new conception of the HILLTOP is that it should deal with more items of general interest which are not dependent on a deadline. Progressively the HILLTOP should assume the format of a magazine. Next year, it may well be just that—a monthly magazine.

—CEY

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# pro and con

**Question:** What do you think about our chapel services last semester?

**David Hopstetter**—I believe that the chapel programs of this past semester have been, on the whole, the best since I have been at Mars Hill College. The variety of programs has helped to make chapel more interesting, and I hope this will continue.

**Tom Ellington**—I am not fully satisfied with the chapel programs because I believe we need more musical programs. I would like to hear speakers talk on more controversial topics.

**James Wiles**—An effort should be made to try to secure better and more renowned speakers. I feel also that a reorganization in which students would have more to do in the planning of these programs would make them more interesting.

**Sharyn Russell**—If we have to have a chapel period, each one should be planned well enough in advance so that it will be meaningful and not just something to fill up the time. One solution could be fewer but more well-rounded and meaningful programs.

**Jim Smith**—Because Mars Hill College is an institution of Christian higher education, the students and faculty should be exposed to the highest caliber of speakers who convey a rich Christian philosophy of life. We can add more meaning to our chapel services if we have more speakers such as Dr. Bill Lancaster, Dr. Bill Smith, and Dr. Cecil Sherman.

**Question:** Do you think we are spending too much money on the space program?

**Louie Cox**—The space program is important; however, our economy is and keeps going further in debt as a result of high expenditures. The United States has proved itself in the space program, and I hope will continue to do so. I do not believe in halfway jobs, but neither do I believe in spending ourselves into a situation of false competition with other countries. Our children will be the ones to bear the debt or the majority of it. I do not believe they deserve this burden any more than we do.

**Mel Dowdy**—No. Space is a new frontier that must be explored for future use. If America is not in the forefront of the space race, it will lose much of its prestige around the world, and other countries may not use their conquest of space for the betterment of humanity. Therefore, I believe we must continue on with the space race, letting nothing slow us down.

**Paul Early**—A slowdown in the space program now would be disastrous to the United States in the future. Any gap between the free world and the Communist world is certainly a short one, and a cutback in spending on our space program would give them a lead in the important years ahead. I would suggest a more careful spending of funds already appropriated.

**David Jones**—Basically, I am anti-war, and I feel that Vietnam is a senseless war in loss of life, etc. I am for a pro-space program, for, after all, we may find something "out there" that will help our civilization-live space, at least. However, I do find it rather provoking that 60-odd nations signed a pact or treaty to use space and the moon for peaceful purposes, when on this planet we cannot find a peaceful solution to international clash in doctrine. Therefore, I feel it would be best to cut spending on the space program and do something constructive about Vietnam.

**Johnny McIntosh**—Yes, I feel that we should continue to develop our space program; but I feel we should put our capital into areas which benefit man more directly.

**Carroll Reed**—No, because the rest of the world is looking to us as leaders, not only in the leadership of democracy, but also in all political aspects including the space program.

**Luther Rickenbacker**—In both his inaugural and first State of the Union addresses of 1961, President Kennedy called for East-West cooperation "to invoke the wonders of science instead of its terrors, together let us explore the stars. The space effort has moved along with considerable smoothness since its beginning. The recent tragedy will be a date long remembered by the American people when three astronauts lost their lives practicing in the Apollo space program. To halt the space effort would be invoking the terrors of science, to continue would be to invoke the wonder of the moon! With the amount of attention focused on Southeast Asia in the last two years, I think the space program has progressed enormously."