

# EDITORIAL INSIGHTS

by Frank Farrell

It's springtime and the smells of budding trees and flowers fill the air. Also, firecrackers, frisbee's and water balloons fill the air.

Now I'm sure that some will call throwing water balloons and having water fight's irresponsible behavior. I agree that throwing water at someone who is completely uninvolved in the activity is being unthoughtful and can be extremely annoying. However, before we can label this type behavior irresponsibility I feel we must try to analyze these events.

It occurs to me that activities such as water balloon fights are an infrequent occurrence on many other campuses. Now I realize that my experience with other schools may be limited but I feel it is sufficient grounds for my remarks.

I do not feel that the make-up of the student body at Mars Hill is that much different than at other institutions. This leads me to surmise that the environment of the institution breeds this type behavior.

I am a follower of the theory that if a person is given no responsibility and

not treated as a responsible person then he will act irresponsibly. I feel this is the case at Mars Hill. Now I realize that there are some tremendous opportunities for students to become involved in responsible roles on campus. However, the feelings of responsibility that these select students enjoy do not permeate the entire student body. In other words, the student body as a whole feels it is being treated as if it were irresponsible.

Since the majority of students do feel this way they have no need to act responsibly. They feel they have nothing to gain by acting in what is deemed a responsible manner. I feel this is exemplified in the attitudes toward SGA. Many students view this organization as ineffective and thus don't support it.

I propose that the reasons students have this type attitude are the social rules and regulations of the college. Many view these rules as treating them as irresponsible children and thus their behavior reflects this attitude.

I do feel that there are other reasons for water fights and such behavior.

The pressure of term

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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Bibler



"CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S BUSY GRADING FINALS?"

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by terry kuykendall

Awards, awards and more awards. I believe that during this week the college has lauded itself out for at least until next May. And speaking of Laurels, the illustrious yearbook was placed in the mealy hands of students last week amid exultation and disappointment. I will not comment on the yearbook for in the process I would make some people happy and some people sad. I will merely say that for the time limit that the editor had to work in it was a miracle that we had the book at all.

While on the subject of books I want to take this time to mention Under the Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas is playing in Owen on Saturday. There are 15 actors to play over 60 parts in this story of Llarregub a Welsh town of interesting and vivid characters. My buddy, David Hobbs, is playing a part which I tried out for. So when you see him doing Willy

Nilly, the postman, please don't hiss or boo. I have no hard feelings. By the way you don't have to applaud either.

Applause or accolades I don't know which is more deserving to Ken Chamlee for his latest honor. Ken, who is editor of the Cadenza for the coming year has just recieved notice that he was selected by the judges of the Kansas City Poetry Contest as one of the finalists in this year's contest. One of the judges for this year's contest was John Updike. Ken's poem, can be seen in the present issue of the Cadenza.

Presently, Dr. Bentley has been discussing with the HILLTOP the last issue and its importance. Confidentially I think "he doth protest too much."

This weeks awards are typically interesting to note. The outstanding student award goes to Danny Miller for his credits in the past Honors Day Program. The

No Doz Award goes to Mary Dierchs who without her I would not have had enough time to finish this column. The Surprise Award goes to Stephanie Johnson, who when called on as the recipient of the Drama Award during Honors Day was in bed fast asleep.

There is only one week of school left before exams and I am sure it is noticeable that I have not mentioned Phil Weast until now. Now, what was the reason for this? Simple. It has been five weeks since I brought his name up in this column and he has not made any attempt to reply or deny my accusations. The only point that can be made from this solitude is that Mr Weast knows that I am right. Also, the administration doesn't seem to be worried that Phillip is not doing his job. Why should they be worried it's not their money that they are spending? Think about that for awhile Dr. Don. Oh, by the way, Phil, what was the proposition that the cheerleaders turned you down on concerning their dance last week?

It is time to come to an abrupt end. So I'll end with this thought. If you won't do it - who will?

We Miss YOU  
Bumbly  
Saunders

the situation.

After lengthy conversation with the source of the article we were unable to produce material to substantiate the allegation in "Philosophical Profundities of Dammit." Since we

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## HILLTOP STATEMENT EXPLAINED

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In the April 20th issue of the HILLTOP "Philosophical Profundities of Dammit" dealt with the extent and use of Dr. Bentley's power. The author stated that Dr. Bentley had used his power to prohibit faculty members from becoming involved in a recent drug arrest involving Mars Hill students. At a special called meeting of the Board of Student Communications Media Dr. Bentley said that he in no manner or way requested or prohibited faculty to "keep hands off" in the matter. It was agreed during the communications board meeting that if the HILLTOP could not produce evidence to justify "Philosophical Profundities of Dammit's" allegations then it would rectify

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