

Editorial

Pride is defined as a sense of one's own proper dignity or value; self respect. It is also pleasure or satisfaction of one's work, achievements, or possessions. This type of feeling must be instilled in the students of any college or university for that institution to be a success. We at Mars Hill College have fallen short of this feeling in many areas of our college experience. Over the years, students continually criticized our campus organizations, sports, and other activities causing morale to decrease. We are only as good as we believe ourselves to be. Nothing is as defeating as inner decay, apathy, and complacency.

The condition of our campus has also been degraded this year by students this year who continually throw their trash where and whenever they please. Some people have also chosen to "decorate" our campus with toilet paper on the bushes and trees. This may look appealing to them at the time, but the rain has a way of making their decorations look even worse. We recognize the fact that many students have questioned the diligence of the physical plant staff, but we cannot hold these staff members responsible for all of the negligence and littering of students and possibly staff, faculty, and administrators.

We at THE HILLTOP recognize and congratulate certain groups such as the "hill raisers", band, cheerleaders, fraternities, sororities, Wren College Union and other such groups who diligently strive to promote school spirit and enthusiasm.

However, many students have the attitude that just because we are a small college we should leave campus on weekends, not attend sports events, concerts, or special events, because "they won't be worth much anyway." They also say, "What can you expect from a small school like Mars Hill?"

Well, if we expect great and exciting things, that is what we will get. We should develop the attitude that we can be as successful and prosperous as we want to be. It is quality that we should look for, not quantity. THE HILLTOP challenges each and every student to support our school and follow the Homecoming theme for this year: "Pride of the Mountains."

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Let me contemplate upon the perplexing question of personal existence. I often wonder beyond the raceless race and journey with no destiny, if there really is a valid universal purpose for individual man to exist or is it just one big rat race with a few winners? Within the context of the question I must answer "yes" with a potential "no" resting upon the individual involved.

Within each individual's life there lies three potential reasons for striving towards the abundant life. The first and primary being your Ultimate Concern - your God; or that which you place your total self into, and strive to live within its fullest potential. This primary Ultimate Concern transcends, or gives all facets of your life meaning. Only through you, being ultimately concerned can one utilize and realize the potential of life itself, the community and yourself.

The second concern is conditioned upon you. You as individuals are responsible for your relationships with others. For it is only through your relationship that you can utilize your potential. When you do someone a favor, they do not "owe you one", but quite the contrary, you owe them one for allowing you to strive to become what you can be. Only through active, freeflowing relationships do we learn to love and be loved. As a part of a community, we must utilize our potential to revolt and change to make human life human. All in all, it means - Give a damn! Care whether someone is hurting and take time and yourself to show that you care.

Finally, you as an individual are responsible for making your life meaningful and fulfilling, through your Ultimate Concern and the community. You are responsible for the ratless race that you neither win nor lose. You are responsible for living your life in a sincere and humane commitment to find meaning and salvation. You alone are responsible; not God; not Satan; not society; not the guy next door. To find meaning in life, commit yourself to fulfilling your Ultimate Concern - this conditions your relationship with others, and how you really feel about YOU.

Joe C. Knight

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A typical scene illustrating negligence. (Photo by Kirk Hall)

Dear Editors,

As a representative on the College Union Board, present at the meeting concerning the "Exorcist issue" I would like to comment on the letter by Bobby Burnette in the last issue of THE HILLTOP. This letter is not written to criticize Bobby, a fellow English major and friend, or any other students on campus. I would just like to open the eyes of students who tend to criticize Dean Gehring or other administrators when decisions are made.

Bobby's letter began with the phrase "Dean Gehring led the way" which probably gave students the idea that it was all because of Dr. Gehring (a typical administrator) that "The Exorcist" was cancelled. This is not true! When the issue was brought up, Dr. Gehring did share his negative feelings, but so did several students on the board. Several presented reasons not to show

the film, and a few tried to persuade members that the movie should be shown (myself included). The cancellation was not a "one man decision". There were approximately fifteen board members who voted to show or not show the film. EACH VOTE WAS EQUAL! In other words, no one student or administrator had a more powerful effect on the outcome.

So, if you got the wrong impression about who was responsible for the cancellation of "The Exorcist", I hope I have cleared things up for you. It was the decision of the College Union Board whose members, for the most part, felt that the film could cause friction which the board would prefer not to handle.

Sincerely,
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