

Editorial

An Expression of Gratitude

Through the editorials this year, we at THE HILLTOP, have tried to question various areas of our college community including pride, ERA, Spring sports and our values as a Christian institution. Through these we have tried to cause student, faculty and the administration to make their own decisions on these issues by giving both sides to think about. We hope we have accomplished that to some degree.

Being the last editorial, we would like to draw attention to certain students, faculty and organizations we have been in close contact with not only this year, but over the past four. First of all, we would like to commend the media heads in their excellent work this year. They have all worked many long hours, on THE LAUREL, THE CADENZA, and WVMH-FM. We also feel the Class of 1978 has done an excellent job over the years under the leadership of Buzzy Scott. New innovations and dedication have placed our class in high standing. We also feel that the leadership of the SGA, CSM, College Union and other campus organizations has shown definite insight into the hard work and accomplishments over the past four years. We feel that we are losing two outstanding administrators this year from Student Development. They have both done much for the students and we are sure that Don Gehring and Phil Weast will be missed.

We thank our administrators and faculty for listening to us and keeping an open mind. We feel that there are several departments on campus that have outstanding programs and faculty and deserve recognition. We have been closely related to the Biology department, being majors, and thank these faculty members for their continued interest and dedication as teachers and friends.

Our goal for the newspaper this year has been to reflect the entire college community in theatre, sports, organizations, and special events. We have tried to remain fair throughout the year, printing every letter to the editors and welcoming contributions. We thank our advisor and staff members that have remained faithful throughout the year. We wish the new Editor, Sara LeFever, continued success for next year, and wish her the best of luck. We leave MHC with not only an education, but with special memories of friends and occasions that have meant so much to us.

Letter to the Editors

Student Voices Concerns

Dear Editors,

It is with much relief, excitement, and sadness that I write this letter. As a graduating senior this May - I look forward to that "ole cruel world" out there, its challenges and opportunities. Yet with sadness I hate to leave my "home away from home" here at MHC. The joys and sorrows, memories, friends, and even enemies will be missed. The future excites me because I hope to pursue a career in my major. (Don't we all?) I really believe with the excellent training I've had here, my eagerness for a job, and the continual reliance on God to provide my needs - I will be where I want to be before too long.

To all those who are "left behind" - I challenge you to really take a minute to stop and look at what you've got here at this college. I admit that not everything is perfect, and it never will be. But if we also take a look at ourselves and see that we are sometimes the contributors to imperfectness, then what do we have to gripe about? Enjoy MHC while you can, because before you know it - four years will have passed and you'll be wishing in a way that you could stay.

Sincerely,

Lori Smart



The Opening of the Door

By Sara LeFever

"Come in, come in," says the world. The door is held open for the '78 graduates to venture forth. There are countless doors waiting to be opened and experienced out there. Marriage, graduate school, jobs, beach bumming to name a few. It is up to the graduates to choose which doors to leave closed, which to crack, and which to fling wide open. The excitement of life is that one does not have to constrict oneself to a single door.

To find out popular paths, one hundred seniors participated in a recent poll taken at Mars Hill College. When asked what they had planned for after college, the results showed the majority (48% - 16% of them teaching) as going straight to work, although many did not know where. Second on the list (24%) was attending graduate school. Ten percent did not know and nine percent were getting married. The remaining were split between traveling, internships, medical school, and seminaries.

Some interesting responses from the poll are as follows; "parole officer", "missionary journeyman in Africa", "sex change", "assistant tennis pro", "travel in Europe", "coach", and

"LIVE!"

The career choices of college students show a continual interest in the "helping professions" - teaching, social work and the like. Females now comprise 47 percent of the labor force. Unfortunately there is still a great deal of progress to be made in "emancipating" some stifling attitudes. According to a May Gallup Poll these attitudes are as follows:

*most people do not think a woman has as good a chance of becoming an executive of a company as a man of equal ability.

*Americans, 9 to 1 margin, would prefer to work for a man than a woman if taking a job.

*Traditional stereotypes still persist when it comes to the perceived skills of men and women in various professions and jobs. These hurdles are being overcome slowly. Male or female it's not always easy out there.

The decisions facing the soon to be alumni are somewhat frightening. Where do I go? What do I do? Many know but many are uncertain. The Mars Hill College teachers have done their best to prepare each individual student to face these decisions with maturity and knowledge.

May the doors each and every 1978 graduate chooses to open greet its opener with sunshine.

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