



editorial

Ah yes, I admit it, many moons and several hundred suns ago, I was once a Mars Hill College freshmen myself. (Only I referred to myself as a freshperson since I was not a fresh man, myself being a young college woman.) I am sorry to say I recall my first week of college life with no fond memories. I did not know a soul. The first weekend I stayed in my dorm room eating peanutbutter crackers because I did not want to eat by my lonesome in the cafeteria. G.A.T.E.-W.A.Y. and my mentor group tried to keep me busy but in between meetings and socials the hours were boring and lonesome.

When classes finally started, when upper classpeople arrived, college became exciting and time consuming. I love it here at M.H.C. I am happy here.

I was recently talking with several '78 freshpeople who had the same introduction to college life as my own sorry saga. These conversations prompted me to write this conglomeration of words in the form of an editorial. In my opinion the arriving date for freshpeople should be moved to two days earlier than upperclass people, not four. It is feasible. Most other colleges do it.

I would be interested in some response from other students and faculty members as to my idea - for or against it. WELL... what do you say? Use the Hilltop for your own worthy replies.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

We cannot adequately express our deep gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, and friends who sympathized with us during our time of bereavement over the death of our son. Thanks for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, and all else you did for us which enhanced the confirmation of Mars Hill as a Christian community. God bless you all.

— Roger and Peggy Underwood

Editors note — The Underwoods were students here during 1977-78 and served as RDs in Fox. Their baby died shortly after birth in June. The couple now resides in Louisville, KY, where Roger is enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

news brief



BOTHERED BY THE PERILS OF DNA? AFRAID YOU'LL GO BONKERS IF IT GETS IN YOUR WATER SUPPLY? A CHAP TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SAYS HE HAS SWALLOWED - WITH NO ILL EFFECTS- ABOUT 100 BILLION OF THE BACTERIA USED IN SUCH EXPERIMENTS.

"IT'S RATHER LIKE YOGURT," HE REPORTS.

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IN COLLEGE YOU HAVE TO STAND IN LINE TO CHECK INTO YOUR DORM

IN COLLEGE YOU HAVE TO STAND IN LINE TO GET YOUR MEAL

IN COLLEGE YOU HAVE TO STAND IN LINE TO REGISTER FOR YOUR CLASSES

IN COLLEGE YOU HAVE TO STAND IN LINE TO BUY YOUR BOOKS



Campus Paperback Bestsellers September

1. **The Thorn Birds**, by Colleen McCullough. (Avon, \$2.50.) Australian family saga: fiction.
2. **The Dragons of Eden**, by Carl Sagan. (Ballantine, \$2.25.) The evolution of intelligence.
3. **The Lawless**, by John Jakes. (Jove/HBJ, \$2.25.) Saga of an American family, vol. VII: fiction.
4. **Delta of Venus**, by Anaïs Nin. (Bantam, \$2.50.) Elegant erotica: fiction
5. **Your Erroneous Zones**, by Wayne W. Dyer. (Avon, \$2.25.) Self-help pep talk.
6. **Looking Out for #1**, by Robert Ringer. (Fawcett/Crest, \$2.50.) Getting your share.
7. **The Book of Lists**, by David Wallechinsky, Irving and Amy Wallace. (Bantam, \$2.50.) Entertaining facts.
8. **Passages**, by Gail Sheehy. (Bantam, \$2.50.) Predictable crises of adult life.
9. **Jaws 2**, by Hank Searls. (Bantam, \$2.25.) Gripping shark sequel.
10. **The Sword of Shannara**, by Terry Brooks. (Ballantine, \$2.50.) Fantasy novel.

This list is compiled by The Chronicle of Higher Education from information supplied by college stores throughout the country.

Quotable Study Tips

from aap student service

“ In a lecture hall, the best place to sit is in the middle, towards the front, where you can see and hear easily. Believe it or not, those who sit in this position usually do better than those who sit in the back.

-Harry Maddox

HOW TO STUDY, Fawcett Books

“ Recitation is an effective device for learning while reading a textbook. To make certain that you understand and remember, you should stop periodically and try to recall to yourself what you have read. This is recitation.

-Morgan & Deese

HOW TO STUDY, McGraw-Hill

“ There is a great deal of difference between high school study methods and those at the college level. In college you will have to learn more material in less time, and learn most of it outside of class. Another difference is you will have to think more. Some courses require that you criticize or evaluate information and not merely accept it because it is the printed word.

-Gary E. Brown

A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO ACADEMIC SURVIVAL, Harper & Row

“ Learn to think physically in relationship to cause and effect in history. Geography, economic conditions, even the air men breathe (whether fresh or saturated with smog) influence history. Do not overlook the world in searching for a detail.

-William H. Armstrong

STUDY IS HARD WORK, Harper & Row

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