

# Editorials

## Schlitz On Tap In The Cafeteria?

BY: DARRYL GOSSETT

Mars Hill's stance against allowing the consumption of alcohol on campus is easily justified. One obvious reason is because of the federal restrictions placed upon alcohol usage. By imposing a blanket censure on such substances, the college very wisely protects itself from having to deal with enforcing these rules.

But even if alcohol were legal to drink from birth, Mars Hill would still be obligated to not allow it on campus, because of its strong affiliation with the Baptist Church. The Bible teaches us that the body is the temple of the Lord and that cleanliness is next to Godliness; therefore, as Christians, to pollute our bodies in such a manner would be to go against these teachings.

So, wouldn't you be surprised, and wouldn't you feel the college had betrayed its Christian beliefs, if you walked into the cafeteria tomorrow and noticed that Stroh's Light had been added to the variety of drinks offered? Yes, most of us would question such an event. Yet everyday, on the way to our dorm rooms, we pass cigarette machines in our lobbies offering a dozen different varieties of tobacco with which to pollute our lungs.

Obviously, as in the case with alcohol, if people want to smoke, they will find occasion to do so, and I'm not even saying that they shouldn't do it on campus. However, sanctioning a practice which has been proven to kill people by providing convenient access in the dormitories seems so opposed to the precepts of Christianity that it would be almost laughable if it weren't so sad.

### Editorial Comment Financial Aid Taken For Granted?

Early on in my career in public education I became aware of how well programmed we are to gripe/criticize/find fault/wait for crises to act and how poorly programmed to praise/encourage/show appreciation/prevent crises. We tend to expect things to be a certain way and react negatively if our expectations aren't met. We take a lot for granted.

As I assessed my own behavior in this regard, I began to try to establish more of a balance - giving credit where credit was due, showing appreciation more often, expressing thanks for things previously taken for granted, offering more constructive criticism, converting negative energy/programming into positive.

My concern about our unbalanced programming has led me to bring this issue to the attention of my PDS students and other groups with whom I work. I ask them to think about special people, programs, etc., that they take for granted and figure out ways to acknowledge and demonstrate their appreciation to special people and those responsible for programs. Many students have never thanked or praised a parent, a professor, a secretary. Many have never written one thank you note. Approximately 89% of Mars Hill students receive some type of financial aid. Have they written to a State or Federal legislator, or even thanked John Hamrick for the job he does to administer the financial aid program? I have surveyed all of my classes to find out how many students have ever thanked anyone for the financial aid they receive for college. Although I have found some students who seem to sincerely appreciate the fact that they have the opportunity to go to college as a result of financial aid, I have never found one who has expressed his/her ap-

preciation to anyone in the government or college administration. And I'll have to admit that I don't know of anyone who has taken my advice to write to someone in the State legislature or U.S. Congress to say, "I'm able to go to college because of funds appropriated..."; "The loan program has allowed me to attend college with no burden on my parents"; Since the taxpayers are supporting my education, I am working as hard as I can to be a worthy investment"; i.e., "I am not blowing taxpayers' money - I appreciate the opportunity to go to college - I am not taking my aid for granted."

Work study has already been cut significantly. The Reagan administration is threatening to cut social security for students. The student loan program could be discontinued or altered. Everyone wants part of a smaller pie. If you were on a finance committee or a member of a legislature who never received one letter of appreciation from a student, how would you vote? Gripping or crying after the fact won't bring renewed financial aid. Active involvement right now could at least temper the blow of the budget cutting axe.

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cost of \$995 per year.

Along with meals is the housing situation. Three-fourths of the students Mars Hill College live in one of the fourteen residence halls on campus. In the Fall an advance tuition deposit of \$150 is due from each student. At some colleges—the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, for example—only freshmen are guaranteed a room each year. At Warren Wilson College all students must work fifteen hours a week to earn \$1272 per year, the total cost of room and board.

Another often heard complaint from students is the high cost of tuition at Mars Hill College (\$4,125 per year). Yet,

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# Tell it to the Judge

In cooperation with the SGA, the Hilltop will, beginning with this issue, be running a regular column listing the judicial sanctions handed out in the student court during the period directly preceding publication. In this first issue, we will also include definitions of the standard penalties given in order to prevent any confusion as to the exact nature of the punishment. Any questions regarding sanctions may be forwarded to the SGA offices, 3rd floor, Wren College Union.

### DEFINITION OF PENALTIES

1. Disciplinary Probation: Disciplinary probation permits continuation of the relationship between the student and the College. However, the sentence prohibits the student from officially representing the College.
2. Creative Discipline: Procedures designed in consultation with the student in an effort to fit the discipline to the individual and the circumstances surrounding the particular case. This sanction may be used in conjunction with other penalties.
3. Restitution: Compensation for damages to persons or property caused by student's actions - to be paid to the appropriate person or institution.
4. Fine: A student may be fined any amount not exceeding \$100.00.
5. Cancellation of housing contract.
6. Suspension: Mandatory separation from the College for an assigned period of time.
7. Expulsion: Mandatory and permanent separation of the student from the college. This penalty may be recommended by the appropriate hearing body, but can be imposed only by the President.

Suspended Suspension means that the student is permitted to stay in school, but the student should be convicted of a violation of the Code of Student Conduct during the period of time covered by the sanction, he or she will be suspended from college.

Students residing in College apartments who are convicted of a violation of the Code of Student Conduct will be required to move out of the apartment complex in addition to whatever sanction is given.

| Incident  | Sanction   |
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| Unauthorized Visitation and aiding and abetting in the possession of an alcoholic beverage — 2nd offense. | Suspended Suspension and Disciplinary Probation for the Spring Semester of 1981; \$60.00 fine and housing reassignment.                                    |
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| Aiding and abetting an Unauthorized Visitation and possession of an alcoholic beverage.                   | Suspended Suspension and Disciplinary Probation for the Spring Semester of 1981; \$30.00 fine and removal from apartment complex.                          |
| The knowing violation of the terms of a disciplinary sanction.  | Suspended Suspension for the remainder of Spring Semester of 1981 and a fine of \$60.00.   |
| Attempted Theft of College property.  | Suspended Suspension and Disciplinary Probation through the Fall Semester of 1981; 30 hours work for the College Bookstore Physical Plant (30 hours each). |
| Keeping a rifle in a dormitory room.  | \$25.00 fine.  |
| Giving false information.   | \$25.00 fine.  |

There will be an Alpha Chi program on Wednesday, February 18 at approximately 7:15 p.m. in Peterson Conference Center. The guest speaker will be Cicely Hand, newscaster for WLOS-TV. She will speak on her role as a newscaster in the Seventies and Eighties. Refreshments will be served, and attendance open to all interested persons.

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The North Carolina Assembly began its session with the help of a

Senior Augusta Jones, a student who was a member of the North Carolina Legislature. She is a member of the English and history.

Five of the student organizations by the Legislature are assigned to the House.

Benkins of Mars Hill is working with the Honorable Ramsey, D-M, a legal research assistant.

He will be in Raleigh according to Abner, Director of the International House of the International House of Representatives to give assistance.

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HILLTOP Reporter

Are you tired of eating one tasty alternative?

Strawberry Sundae at Mars Hill. The owner, VanEtten. The two children made an area in July and building that house.

They opened themselves. They opened first of October.

Continually increasing served. They never served. They never served.

Such as egg nog toppings for or sausage on h pastries; mill made soups; sa



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REPORTER, DARLINE GO...  
REPORTING OUR OWN ATHLE...  
DIRECTOR, BABA...  
THE LION'S FIRST GRID...  
CHAMPIONSHIP END

