

# Editorial

By: Andy Behl

The Editorial published in the last issue of the Hilltop has caused more comments than any issue in quite some time. Many remarks, some good, some bad, have been received since the publication.

The editorial was a reaction to a news story published by the Asheville Citizen-Times and written by their reporter, Jim Baker. During a rather lengthy discussion of the editorial by the Hilltop editor and athletic director Claude Gibson, several points were made by Coach Gibson that he feels need clarifying.

These points include the following:

First, even though the comment was not attributed to Coach Gibson in either the Hilltop editorial or the Citizen-Times article, he would like it made clear that he did not say, "the players left their effectiveness on the practice field."

Second, on the matter of scholarships, Mars Hill has 22 grants-in-aid to award (for a total of \$99,550 according to current expenses listed in the catalog) and not 25. The limit for the South Atlantic Conference member schools is 25 grants-in-aid for football. The eight schools that make up the conference do not have to meet this limit; but, of course they cannot exceed it. Some of the schools in the conference, not all, do award 25 such grants. Mars Hill also does not have any grants-in-aid to award in spring sports, and while other conference schools do have spring sports grants, they do not count against a student's football awards.

Third, Coach Gibson stated that the female statistician accompanying the team was lodged in a complimentary room given to Coach Gibson by the Hilton. Originally, Coach Gibson noted, both female statisticians were supposed to accompany the team but only one was able to make the road trip. Also, the Golden Pride members were staying in another motel and not in the Hilton where the team was. He also stated that the female statistician has not driven the college car at night.

Fourth, even though no comment was made in the editorial about the support of the team during the season, Coach Gibson noted that gate receipts and concession sales were the highest they have ever been during the 1981 season.

Fifth, Coach Gibson noted that he was late to practice because he was in a budget meeting with Dr. Bentley.

Sixth, Coach Gibson stated that Mark Clark decided to option his senior year as a coach rather than a player not because he was unhappy with Coach Gibson, but for other reasons.

Finally, Coach Gibson stated that he was misquoted in the Citizen-Times article concerning the comment about NCAA Division III, non-scholarship program. The Citizen Times, however, has not been contacted concerning the misquote and has not printed a retraction.

The cheerleaders also were unhappy with the editorial. Since the editorial was published, several facts have come to light. When the cheerleaders are chosen following try-outs, they are required to sign a contract stating that they will cheer at men's athletic events. The money for their budget, which goes to buying gas for away trips, comes from the student activities budget. It is difficult to understand why cheerleaders have to sign a contract in the first place. They are not paid, and by virtue of their desire to lead in school spirit, it would seem that they would want to lead the school spirit at all athletic events.

Part of that budget comes from fees paid by all students at the beginning of each semester. Women athletes pay these fees also. (For the uninformed, women's athletics do not come under the jurisdiction of the athletic department. Instead, they are directed by the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.) Items for the cheerleaders such as uniforms and shoes are not budgeted and they must purchase them on their own.

Cheerleaders are the spirit leaders of the school. That is the most important consideration. They should represent all of the school's athletic teams as they promote school spirit and develop a sense of good sportsmanship among the entire student body.

There is good news in the fact of a meeting held between the women's athletic leaders and the cheerleaders and it has been decided that the cheerleaders would lead the yells at women's events beginning Wednesday, December 2. Congratulations are in order to them for taking this positive step in supporting, in reality, the whole college community.

Too many letters and comments have been received by the Hilltop since the last issue to be answered. However, to "Astonished Freshman," your letter would have been printed, but it wasn't signed. A Hilltop policy, of long standing, not just this year, is that letters to the editor must be signed in order to be printed. A request that your name be withheld may be honored at the editor's discretion. The Hilltop's address is P.O. Box 1148-C.

The Hilltop will present other opinions and provide a forum, pro and con, on issues involving the campus community for anyone who desires to write the editor. In fact, the more views that are presented, the better this newspaper serves the student body.

Christmas is almost upon us, and the community is gearing down and getting ready for the holidays ahead. The Hilltop wishes everyone a safe journey, a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday, and hopes that the true reason for Christmas will remain foremost in our activities. See you in January.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to some student groups that have volunteered to assist the Admissions Office.

First of all, many individuals have volunteered to lead tours and accommodate students in their rooms. APO, Sigma Alpha Chi, and CSM have undertaken projects for the Admissions Office.

APO has devoted two evenings to stuffing and sealing and labeling envelopes for us.

CSM has willingly taken a large portion of the host responsibilities.

Sigma Alpha Chi members have generously given of their time to lead campus tours.

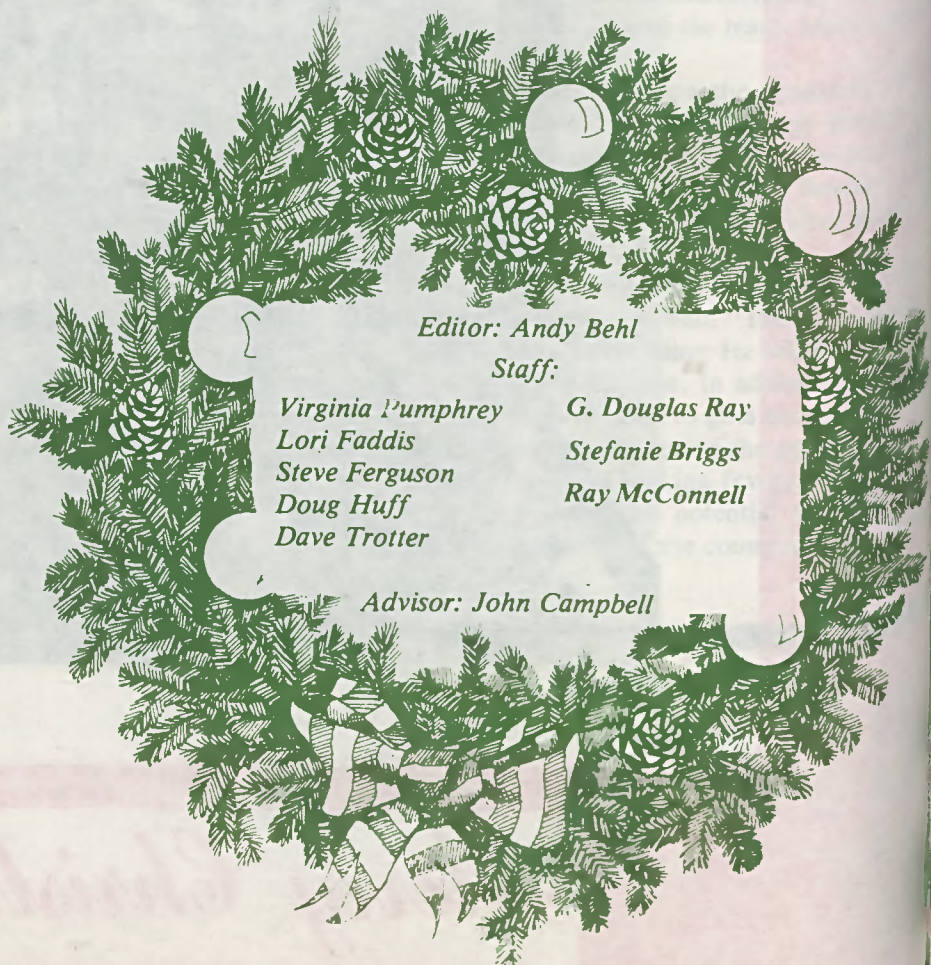
The women of Jarrett House have agreed for each of them to help us for at least two hours each week.

A big "thank you" is in order to each of these. I hope that all of our community will catch their spirit so we can attract an excellent student body each year.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis Hill, Associate Dean  
Admissions and Enrichment

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Twenty-seven of the 1982 Who's Who's according to associations were nominated by the general administration criteria: participation in scholarship and service.

The students will have ceremonies this spring. Campus leaders from American College are rewarding and recognizing. With the support of this program, having their accounts student members of service maintained employment or full graduate school.

1. Ms. Rebecca
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