

# Editorial

By Andy Behl

## Have Your Nickles Ready...

In the near future, or by next year, there will be a new addition on girls' hill — twelve parking meters. These will be placed in front of Huffman, Stroup, and two in front of Edna Moore, and cost 5¢ per hour. Parking has always been a problem on girls' hill and for the past eight years, Mr. Mike Faires has been trying to solve this problem. He has had the students use flashers, and park for only 15 minutes, but none of these have worked. The Fire Marshall has warned Mr. Faires again and again that this serious problem must be solved. It is a danger to the young women who live on girls' hill because the fire trucks would not be able to get up there if they were needed. There has also been a problem of getting the oil truck up there to deliver oil. At times, the parking on girls' hill has been so bad that it has almost been impossible to exit off the hill because people are inconsiderate as to how they park, plus they park anywhere they can fit their car.

There are a total of 1,296 cars registered at Mars Hill, and 826 of these are students. Though some of these are commuters, many belong to students that live on campus. The car has become a very valuable possession and tool to these students as they drive everywhere on campus. They drive from Stroup to the cafeteria, from Myers to Cornwell, and on occasion, from the Union to the Cafeteria. If it were humanly possible, most students would drive from their room to the bathroom. What ever happened to the age-old pastime called walking? It seems that most have

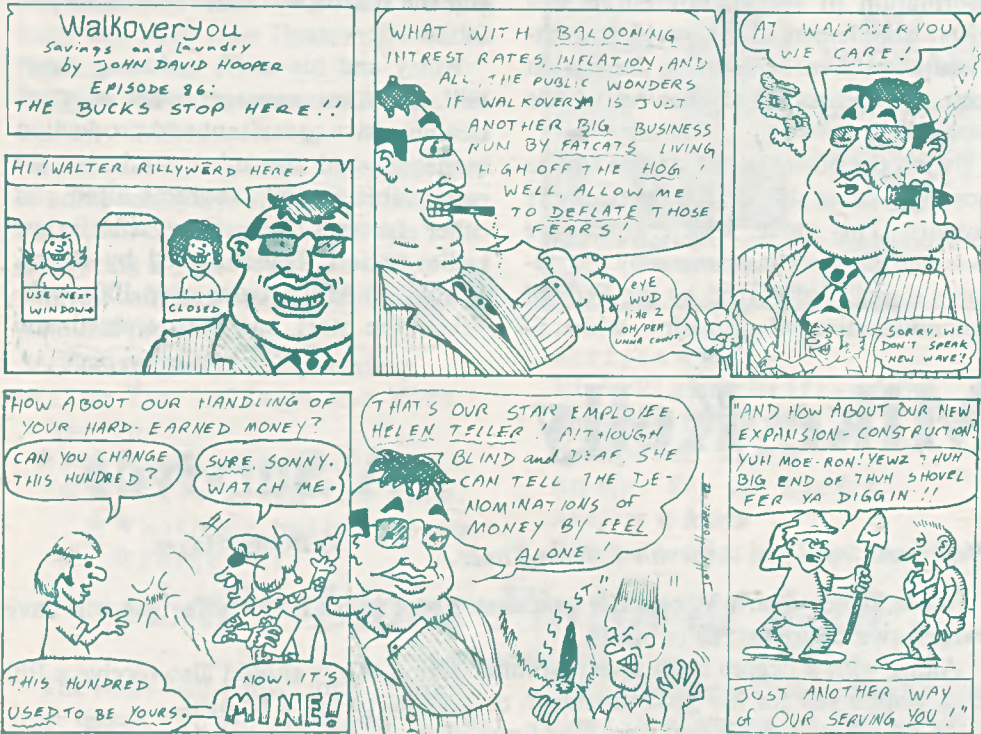
forgotten, and thus our problem arises.

If the students would obey all parking rules, park where they are designated to park, and park where there is a space, there would be less of a burden on the shoulders of Security. The faculty has some complaints that they can not find parking when they arrive to teach classes. In some cases, this may be better, but they are finding cars parked in their spaces with either student stickers or no stickers at all. These spaces are marked off in green paint, and are reserved for faculty from 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays. Any other time, these lots are open for any registered car to park in.

All students who own cars on campus are required to register their car for on campus parking. But some fail to realize that the parking lot across from the Music Building (behind where the old laundromat was) is an open lot and does not require a sticker to park there. This is true for parking on 213 and on Short Street (next to the Music Building). But all other lots on campus require that you have a college sticker to park.

Security have towed away some cars, but this has been for more than 5 tickets or \$100 in fines. Many people feel that Security does not do that much in the way of tickets, but they could not be further from the truth. Security has issued over 1600 tickets this year alone (from June 1, 1981 to now). We would like to commend the Security Department for taking these actions to make Mars Hill College, especially girls' hill, a safer place to live. Keep up the good work!

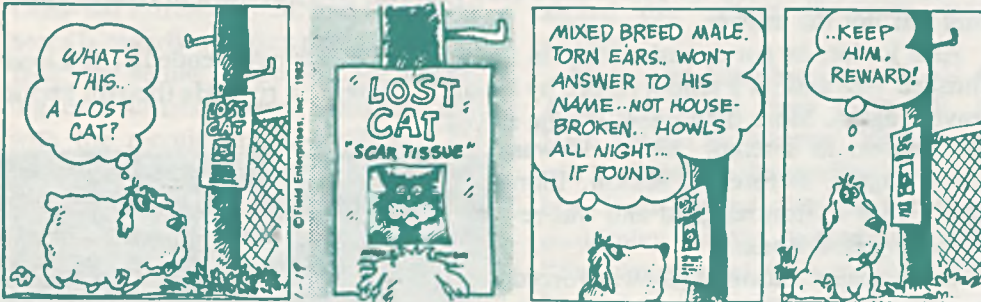
So students, take a chance and park where you want, but beware...if you're in the wrong, you stand a good chance of finding a yellow slip of paper on your windshield when you return. Until next time.....



## A Personal Note From the Editor

In the recent Communications Board meeting, it was decided that I would not place issues of the Hilltop in local businesses. It was felt that this practice was not serving the student's interest. Personally, I feel that doing this made the local community more aware of what events were taking place on the campus. It is true that they may not totally understand some issues brought up in the Hilltop, but this medium serves as a voice of the college concerning events that take place on the campus such as upcoming films, visiting artists and lecturers, and other special events. I feel that the Hilltop can help to strengthen the relationships between the college and local communities. I would urge you to voice your opinion on this issue by sending your opinion to me via P.O. Box 1148-C. All I want to do is to help serve you better. Thank you for your help.

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