

# Editorial

Too often the media is criticized for doing a poor job in covering current events. Don Henley's "Dirty Laundry" has gone far in the American music charts, and it has made many journalists begin to think: do we always give the bad side of the news? Are the headlines always those that grab the readers attention due to some tragedy? Is "crap" really king in modern journalism?

To that, I must answer an emphatic "no"! There are standards that all virtuous news media follow, the most important of which is **tell it like it is**. Oft times, that requires showing a less-than-pleasant newsreel on television depicting death or tragedy. Many times that means a front page picture of a downed 727. Many times that means a news bulletin to tell you your president has just been shot.

In these cases, the job isn't always pleasant. But it is necessary. It's our job to let you know what's going on around you, be it good or bad. Examples of good news can be readily found, too. Like stories of handicapped persons overcoming their problems, and conquering some goal or problem. Reports on good, as well as bad aspects of our economy. The story of the little child

who received an organ transplant just in time to save his life.

It is the news media, for example, that got the ball rolling in the Watergate case, due to a story in the Washington Post. That story led to investigations and convictions of high level members of our government. Recently, a local news team held a big story for over two weeks in order not to spoil a local police investigation. On a national scale, it was us who warned you about the Tylenol poisoning.

This isn't intended to be a pat on the back for ourselves or our fellow journalists. The news media have made mistakes in the past, and will probably do so again. There are "glory-grabbing" reporters who go after the sensationalism in a story, rather than the fact. Don't be fooled, publications like the ENQUIRER and the STAR make big bucks for what they print. But keep in mind they don't even quality as a journalistic publication - I haven't seen them awarded any Pulitzer prizes lately.

When you want your favorite ball team to be covered, you call the newspaper. When you want your wedding to be printed, you call the newspaper. When you want to speak out with your opinions, you write a letter to the editor.

And all these things are great! We're a public service, and all of the above are a part of our job, our service to you.

## Erratic Dorm Temperatures Cause Waste, Worry.

Dear Administration:

You have raised our tuition, supposedly to cover additional costs, yet a major operating expense of the college is not being wisely administered. The failure to regulate heat in the college's buildings results in the waste of fuel and the discomfort of faculty and students in classrooms as well as the dorms.

Being a business major, most of my classes are in Marshbanks. In the morning, downstairs, the classrooms are usually so hot that the windows go up first thing. Yet upstairs, people are cold because of the lack of heat. In addition, the adjustment knobs which at one time were on the heaters, were removed long ago under your orders. This makes it impossible to adjust the heat in the classrooms.

The dorms are worse than the classrooms. You insist on turning the heat high during the day and then you have it turned off at night. I think an adminis-

trator might see a dorm window open many for that matter and then complain to his/her colleague about the waste the students. Well, I'd say that you only see things from the outside, about going into the dorm and find out first hand why the windows are open. And in the morning, I loved to get up and walk down the cold hall to a colder shower. I say that in past years because two years of dorm life, and freezing that goes with it, were enough for me.

The new water fountain is... I don't know, but if you would scrape the paint off of McConnel Gym's entrance and repaint it white, that would be an improvement to the school.

The cafeteria food is usually good. Everybody makes fun of college food, but compared to other colleges I've eaten at, it's good.

I didn't want to end on a sour note. Bill Ghormley

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Dear Editors,

I would like to write about what I feel is an important issue concerning Mars Hill College athletics - fan spirit.

In the previous years, fan support towards the athletic programs has been less and less. Even though the athletic teams have not done so well in the past, I feel that fan spirit is a partial cause of this. I know that a loser will not get any support. Someone said, "If you don't have a winning team, then you won't get support." But, I feel, without support, you can't have a winning team.

The athletic program is in a rebuilding process. It takes at least two to three years to start having a successful program. We can now see the program starting to build with the addition of a new painted floor, programs for the game, halftime entertainment and spectacular pre-game introductions.

The fan support at basketball games is just not spirited. We are averaging an estimated 450 people per game at home, but we are not getting any support. It's like one team member said, "It's just like playing on the road." If you think back to previous home games, you will see my point of view. In due respect to the cheerleaders for the men's games, I know they put forth an effort and take time away from their studies to cheer at the games, but I would like to see them get the fans unified in a cheer during the game, whether we are winning or losing. Right now, they look like they (the

cheerleaders) are only out there cheering. Plus, what about some cheer timeouts. This is a good time to express support for the players especially when they return to the court.

I would like to comment on our mascot also. The Lion has done a good job at attempting to get the fans to cheer. But usually the fans do not back up the players until the game is within a point or we've already won. However, this doesn't mean all fans. There are some that will cheer, but a few cheering does not amount to much support. It is embarrassing when you hear five people cheering at a home game.

A team will respond to a loud cheer at home. Whenever teams come to Mars Hill, they should dread playing there. You look at other colleges and universities, the gym is packed and fans are cheering. Right now is a strategic time we need home fan support and the court advantage.

I have even heard some fellow students put down other students for cheering at the games. I think this is wrong. If someone wants to cheer, let them. If you get embarrassed, then move to another seat, but do not deny them or put them down. Cheering is part of any sporting event, and an important part of winning.

I hope this shows that I care about fan spirit and athletic programs at Mars Hill. What about you?

- Marvin

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