

A Look At Post-War Mars Hill

As the 1982-83 school year comes to a close, we all have a tendency to reflect on our accomplishments and shortcomings of the previous months. Yes, even as editors, we have the tendency to want to make one of our last editorials a reflection of how the year has been, what we've done and what we would have liked to have done.

Instead, we'd like to present you with typical Mars Hill thought as it was in 1946. After reading this we believe you'll feel a little bit luckier to be a student in 1983. We did.

"Mars Hill has just begun its second post-war year. Although the situation is far from normal, we at least may be thankful that our armed forces are not engaged in violence and that there is not hope for a better and happier world in the near future."

Co-Editors Carol Homan and Wayne Richardson obviously reflected student opinion when they wrote that editorial in the September 21, 1946 issue of THE HILLTOP. Students in that day and time had just seen their country go to war. They had seen many of their friends leave at an early age to fight that war. They hadn't seen some of them return.

As students in this day and time, we don't feel the cold shadow of war as they did in '46. Most of us don't have the fear of another world conflict breaking out suddenly. We don't feel the same insecurity that they felt in knowing that world tensions were still on edge.

Even though our world is troubled by problems over nuclear freezes, revolutionary countries and fanatic dictators, we still don't have that imminent sense of war that they had.

We should feel fortunate that our experience with war is distant. We should continue hoping and working to see that it stays that way.



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Not For The Serious Reader...

Dear Editor of Letters to the Editor,

The issue is not whether or not the legal drinking age should be raised or lowered. The issue is not whether we can vote at 18, but not have a brew until 19. The issue is not whether or not we should be drafted at 18, if there were a draft, and still not have a brew. Is the issue whether or not it's raining men; whether or not Barry Manilow is Barry Man-enough? The issue is that we feel it is ridiculous that we should pay adult prices at the movie theatres at age 12 when we are not considered adults yet.

Does this mean that anyone who pays an adult admission to the theatre will be drafted at the popcorn stand? No! Seeing as how we consider 12-year-olds as adults shouldn't we serve them beer at the concession stand? Are we to become a socialist society? I think not! Do we really want teenyboppers littering our high security prison blocks - for they are being tried like drunks and are not drunk like one. Is this a double standard or what? Who cares if Barry Manilow is Man-enough?

Should movie theatres now have breath analyzers at each seat? We are thoroughly disgusted, appalled, perturbed, and have yucky feelings on the inside of our tummies about the whole situation. What are we going to do? Get every 12-year-old kid on his bike for D.U.I.? C'mon! Give 'em a break! They already have to pay adult prices at the movies! Drinking and theatres don't mix. So "give a hoot and don't pollute."

Sincerely,

Captains Underwear and Underoos

P.S. Hey, why are the study desks in the quiet area of the library shaped like Swastikas?

Thank-You To Spring Fling Contributors

To the Editor,

It takes a lot of people to pull off a Spring Fling. This year's turned out to be a terrific success. Even the weather proved to be a success - thanks to the prayers of the Wren College Union Personnel, the snow came a week later.

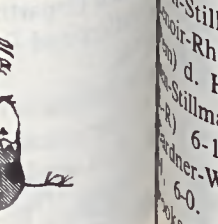
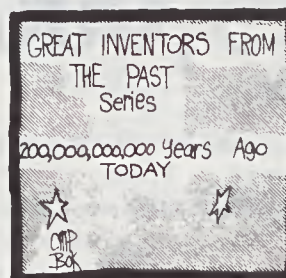
Spring Flings have become a tradition at Mars Hill College and it's you, the faculty, staff and especially the students that allow this tradition to be carried out. A tremendous amount of planning goes into this week of festivities. In fact, the wheels are turning already for next year's Spring Fling. The classes that were cancelled Wednesday afternoon were gifts to the student body from Dr. Hoffman; you may want to thank him.

I could not possibly say enough by just saying "thank you." I would like to recognize and extend my gratitude to Dr. Hoffman, WVMH, the Main Events Committee members, Jay Hirst, Barbi McKay and the Concert and Dance Committee, the Residential Living Office, the Professional Staff of the Wren College Union, Mrs. Brenda Honeycutt, Mrs. Lynn Jernigan, Dennis Hyatt & Epicure Foods for the fantastic Luau, and especially Mary Thoreen who pushed the executive board of the Union until it was done.

Gosh, I feel like I have just won an Academy Award! Oh yes - and special thanks to "Hoop" for finally getting my sign up in the cafeteria - keep up the good work buddy! Finally, I would like to thank the M.H.C. student body for having fun!

Thanks, Mars Hill!

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