

Goodbye, and Thanks

In the last *Hilltop* issue, we had planned an excellent editorial on some important issue gripping the college, or even the nation. We were going to take an important factor in the news and take a clear, arguable stance on it. We were looking for a powerful, controversial thing that we could point out, clarify it, and state it from our viewpoint.

The unfortunate thing is, that we found no such issue. We feel too many newspapers have "thank-you's" as their last editorial, which isn't an editorial at all. However, since there are no "hot" issues to debate on, and since we do have many people to thank for what has been achieved in the paper this year, here are our thank-you's.

Our first debt of thanks goes out to the *Hilltop* advisor, John Campbell of the Public Information Office. He logged many miles between Mars Hill and the printing company to get the paper in on time, and back out when it was due. He helped us get photos whenever we were in a tight pinch, and always came through when we needed some extra copy. He doesn't even mind when we call him "John-boy."

Thanks also to Walter Smith who was always cooperative and helpful to us. He doesn't even mind when we call him "Walter Smith."

John Hough was always there to supply us information about women's athletics, and most of the women's sports coverage this year was due to him.

A debt of gratitude is owed to Dr. Fred Bentley who was always available to confer with us on tough issues, help us with any problems and encourage us in our work with the paper. His support has meant a great deal to the stability and credibility of the *Hilltop*.

Last and definitely not least, is our staff. A paper is only as good as its reporters, photographers, cartoonists, typists make it. We have been blessed with a staff who cares about the paper, and who wanted to see the paper progress.


Individual thanks are not possible, for so many people made the paper what it is this year. An overall thanks is due to the student body for reading it, complimenting it, and responding the way many did with letters to the editor.

The students and faculty of Mars Hill College are great people to work for; we have been proud to be your *Hilltop* editors for the 1982-83 semester.

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The Great Spring Formal Question

I am sure students are wondering what happened to cause the Spring Formal to be moved from the Great Smokies Hilton to McConnell Gym. In negotiating the contract, the Hilton stipulated that Mars Hill College must pay for any damages done to private rooms rented to Mars Hill students. This stipulation is not totally unreasonable, since college students have a reputation for causing damage in hotels. However, the College, having no legal means to enforce behavior in private rooms, was unable to assume that liability. The end result was cancellation of the contract. At such a late date, McConnell Gym was our only alternative.

The situation left the Student Government Association with quite a dilemma. I think they are to be congratulated for making the best of a bad situation. Within 22 hours after the cancellation of our contract, plans for the transformation of McConnell Gym were rolling! Peter Kesterson, Aubrey Peterson, and crew worked constantly for three days, even staying up until 4:00 a.m. Thursday morning to bring you a dance like McConnell Gym has never seen! The decorations were awesome and the food was delicious! (Thanks to Dennis Hyatt for doing such a good job on such short notice!) It will be a long time before Mars Hill has another dance like this one.

This whole incident has a lesson in it for college students in general. College managers all over are refusing to do business with colleges and universities because students refuse to recognize the long-term impact of their actions. The problem with the Hilton was a direct result of some incidents that occurred several years ago. Those students are no longer at Mars Hill College, but their damages resulted in you all having your Spring Formal in McConnell Gym. When students realize that their rowdiness at college functions will affect other students long after they are gone from campus, the situation may improve. Until then, more and more student groups will be forced to hold dances in gymnasiums.

The incident was truly an unfortunate one, but I think we all learned from it. Plans have already begun for next year's Formal, in hope that it won't happen again.

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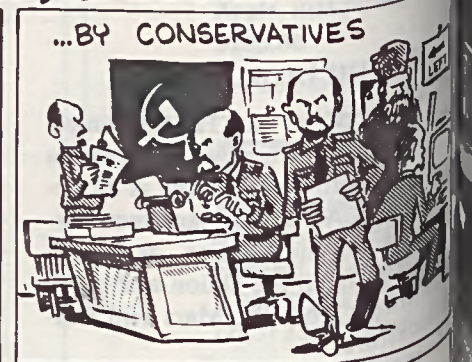
WVMH-FM

WVMH-FM closes out a very successful year of radio broadcasting with The Top 20 songs of the school year 1982-83:

1. Michael Jackson - *Billie Jean*
2. Golden Earring - *Twilight Zone*
3. Greg Kihn Band - *Jeopardy*
4. Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes - *Up Where We Belong*
5. Dexy's Midnight Runners - *Come On Eileen*
6. Stephen Bishop - *It Might Be You*
7. Michael Jackson - *Beat It*
8. Duran Duran - *Hungry Like The Wolf*
9. Journey - *Separate Ways*
10. Lionel Richie - *Truly*

11. Chicago - *Hard To Say I'm Sorry*
 12. Asia - *Only Time Will Tell*
 13. Men At Work - *Down Under*
 14. Thomas Dolby - *She Blinded Me With Science*
 15. Toni Basil - *Mickey*
 16. John Cougar - *Jack And Diane*
 17. Billy Joel - *Pressure*
 18. Lionel Richie - *You Are*
 19. After The Fire - *Der Kommissar*
 20. Saga - *On The Loose*
- The staff and management of WVMH wish to thank the Mars Hill College community for all its support this year, helping the station grow. We'll be bigger and better than ever this fall. See you in September.

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