

OPINION

HILLTOP

HILLTOP CHANGING For The Better

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Recently, there has been a great deal of change going on in the staff structures of the HILLTOP. In the previous two week period our News Editor, Managing Editor, and my co-Editor have resigned their positions. They felt that they neither had the time nor the dedication to continue with their positions. It is regretful that they had to make these decisions, however, I am sure that everyone can understand and relate to their dilemma. We have all at one time or another been in a position of over-extension. I am deeply sorry to be losing these co-workers, yet it is agreed that they made the best decision for all concerned.

The position of Managing Editor will now be filled by DeeAnn Peterson, who is an exceptionally competent individual. John Anderson, who previously served as my layout editor will be applying for the position as co-Editor and has already assumed the responsibilities thereof. This leaves the position of Layout Editor vacant. Jim Parks has agreed to fill the vacancy. We are

still searching for a News Editor.

I have absolute faith in these individuals. We have proven in the past that we can work together as a team. We hope that through these changes we can improve and upgrade the quality of the HILLTOP. Changes will be seen in this issue and others that follow it.

We invite students, faculty members, and any other interested individuals to get involved with the paper, through suggestions, ideas, and criticisms. The HILLTOP is in desperate need of support from the student body. We can only be as good as the student body will let us be. It is often difficult to dedicate your time to something that you feel receives little support. We ask each of you to help make the HILLTOP the quality paper it deserves to be.

There are several new projects in the works that we think will generate student involvement. One such new addition is Campus Candidids compiled by Kristy Crowe. She will be going around campus with a tape recorder asking students their opinions on certain topics of interest to them, such as SGA and student media. The general layout style will change for the better. Also, we hope to establish columns which appear regularly that will highlight student life. One such column will be Brenda Holleman's "Introducing" which will present unique individuals on campus. Other ideas are at this time being considered.

Once again we invite you to get involved.

Campus Candidids

KRISTY CROWE
Staff Writer

How do you feel about student publications The Laurel, The HILLTOP, WVMH?

I like the HILLTOP because they've covered some of our football games. [I] can't pick up the radio station since I live off campus.

Joe Pizzo
Junior

The Laurel and the HILLTOP, I appreciate. WVMH - I feel [doesn't] contribute enough to the campus. It doesn't enhance the campus and doesn't bring it to today - it is still playing yesterday.

Bonnie Brewer
Senior

The Laurel is good. I like that. The newspaper is pretty good. I kind of wish that it would come out more...with more interesting things to peak the interest of the students.

Charles Cook
Sophomore

Misplaced Grief

DEEANN PETERSON Managing Editor

On January 28, 1986 at about 11:40 am, the space shuttle Challenger carrying seven astronauts and millions of dollars of satellites and experiments exploded on live television. For the rest of the day, we were bombarded by the press with interviews and speculation on the cause of the explosion and the impact it would have on the public and the space program. I am not going to try to explain what happened because I am not qualified. I am going to express my opinion on the speculations that flowed for a week following the accident.

There was an outpouring of grief in the media for the astronauts, especially for the teacher Christa McAuliffe. I watched this grief go from the TV and radio to the faces of people watching and listening. I heard people talking about how terrible it was and how it should not have happened. My first reaction was selfish. I wanted to know how it was going to affect my brother who does research for NASA. I felt sorry for the families of the astronauts but I was not overcome with grief and could not at that time understand why people who did not know them could be. The media told everyone that they should be sad and they were.

The accident was a tragedy. There is not other way to say it. But how can anyone say that it was more tragic than the crash of the

military transport plane in December carrying men home for Christmas, or the pilots we lose everyday in training exercises, or the homeless on the streets of the cities. Part of being an astronaut is knowing the risk you are taking with your life. It is not all glory and it is not easy. Every astronaut knows that he is riding a bomb into orbit and that any small 'accident' in orbit can kill him. NASA makes his job as safe as possible, but can not foresee everything.

This accident does not mean the end of the space program as some reporters speculated. The program does too much for us that we take for granted for it to just stop. To stop now would be to admit defeat. We did not stop trying in the early years of the program when accidents were plentiful. We will not stop now.

I grew up with NASA and have enjoyed its advances and been saddened by its setbacks. I am sorry for the families that lost their loved ones, but life goes on. Being an astronaut means risking your life. That is a part of space exploration and should not be unexpected but accepted. Those that it affected personally should be comforted. But I think that the best thing that those of us who are separated from it can do is should support the program and expend our energy helping people by charity work and giving blood so people that have a chance can survive.

HELP WANTED

There will be an organizational meeting for anyone interested in joining the staff of the HILLTOP. We will be meeting in the HILLTOP office located in the publications area, ground floor of Wren College Union at 6 PM on Sunday, February 9, 1986. We need writers, layout staff, photographers, typists. Most importantly, we need people who are willing to work and commit themselves to something worthwhile.

How do you feel about SGA?

I think that SGA is an organized committee that included all members of classifications of students who meet together to figure out where we're going to have dances. Other than that I think it's a puppet regime set up by the administration of this college. [I would improve SGA by] first severing all ties which it has with the administration so that it could represent the people. I would have free and open elections. I would try to form some different kind of party such as Democratic and Republican, for example where the issues could be debated in which the population of this campus could in fact join into a campaign. It would provide valuable experience plus it would get some life and motivation into the campus from its usually humdrum self. Another thing which might be valuable is having not only free elections where you vote the peo-

ple, but also where you vote for the kind of government you want.

Wayne Hyer
Freshmen

SGA doesn't do anything visibly seen on campus. It has its good points and bad points.

Bonnie Brewer
Senior

I think they should publicize themselves more. No one really knows anything about them. I guess they're doing a good job. I don't really know anything they've done. But, then again I don't have any complaints.

Charles Cook
Sophomore

I don't know anything about it.

Marty Feebus
Freshmen

A Real Person

MARIE BEAN

Campus Minister

Have you ever heard somebody say, "Now he (or she) is a real person! Or, "Man, he's (or she's) not real!" What does it mean to be a real person? How do you know one when you see one?

Last month I had the rare privilege of hearing Bishop Tutu speak. Since the setting was a worship service on a Sunday evening, he preached a sermon, which lasted only about fifteen minutes. He spoke softly, in a gentle, friendly kind of way, telling stories, reading scripture, and holding us spellbound because he "spoke the truth in love." Bishop Tutu is of small stature, rather ordinary looking. There was nothing pretentious about him at all. I couldn't help thinking as I listened to him, "There stands a real person!"

Another word that is sometimes used to describe such a person is to say he or she is "authentic." Some of us who teach PDS at Mars Hill like to say that one of our goals is to help students understand the process by which persons become whole, mature, and authentic. That is, genuine, not phony or fake. Real.

The words authentic and authority both come from the same root, which means creator. The first thing we can say about real persons is that they are self-creators. They have a sense of who they are and act out of their own self-knowledge to become their own persons. They are autonomous; they are self-ruling, inner-directed persons, as opposed to those who are outer-directed.

An outer-directed person does not have opinions or loyalties of his/her own. Whomever he/she judges to be the "in" crowd supplies opinions, loyalties, beliefs, and prescribes behaviors and actions for them. So the person who operates only under the influence of others has no lasting or trustworthy authority of his or her own.

You say: "Wait a minute! It sounds to me as though you're advocating a self-centered in-

dividualism that could Nietzsche's Superman." autonomous existence carries with it that danger am not talking about Ni "triumphant self-affirma his "will to power."

Nietzsche, remember writing in what he saw as where God had died. In text, human power was hope of survival, of mea I come out of the Christian tradition understands human ex light of our relationship Creator "in whom we move and have our Because we have been the image of the Creator the power to become aut self-creating beings. But to the Superperson who faith in his or her own live by faith in the Creato the things that means I choose to set aside son own personal power for good. Just compare the of Hitler and of Jesus.

A truly authentic person, does not have his weight around" to sp with authority.

The supreme model is Himself. God, whom we be all-powerful, does n His authority on us, His Unfortunately, we have formed our ideas of God the Bible, but from othe The great English wr Milton, who has had a fluence or popular theo trays God as Taskmaster Bible teaches us that far ing Taskmaster, God "wooing us" (as one writ to do His will. When about it, doesn't that m If He were only a Task would straighten out South Africa and other places in a jiffy.

Like Bishop Tutu there been many, many othe (including some in your ding town) who have blessed because they chose to live (authentic) persons rather carbon copies or cnpri somebody else. Maybe n dream of something as as blessing the world, hav could think about yourself. That's not a baver start.

COMING TO MOORE AUDITORIUM

The Calling

The Compelling and true story of a young couples missionary challenge. A story of commitment.

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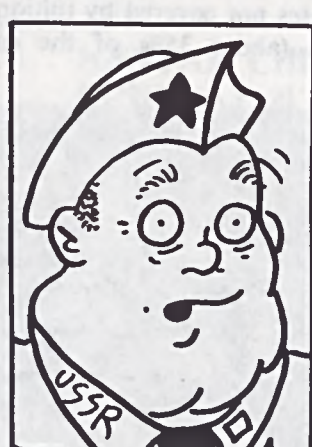
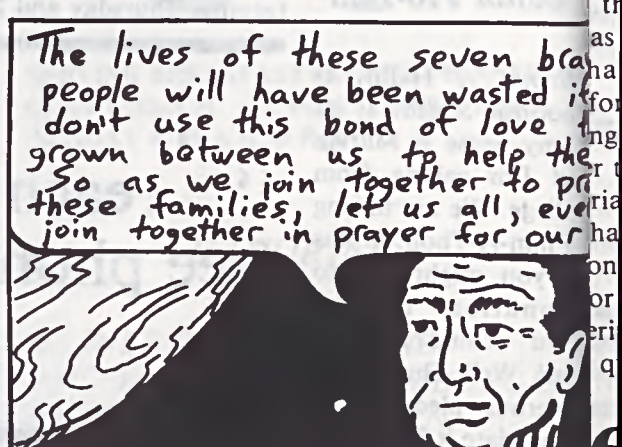
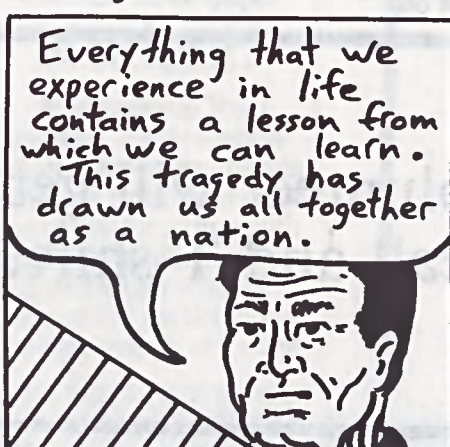
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