

EDITORIAL

To Our Readers;

In past years **THE HILLTOP** has undergone several changes. Just as editors in the past tried to improve the quality of the paper, we, as your new editors also intend to do our best to improve **THE HILLTOP**.

The first thing that will be noticed is the change to a smaller size paper. (14½ x 11 from 22 x 14½) this enables the reader to handle the paper more easily. This is also an economic help for us to be able to give our readers papers of first rate quality. There will also be a change in the material presented.

Such regularly running columns as "Tom's Corner" and "Focus on Faculty" will be added in addition to previous columns. Also new this year, **THE HILLTOP** will give information

about organizational events and activities. Plans are being made for a community section which will offer Mars Hill students and Faculty with news of community events. Another prospect that is being looked into is possibly to get area writers to write articles of interest to Mars Hill College students.

Look for these changes and others in upcoming editions. We are looking forward to a successful year and hope we can be a contributing factor to your stay at Mars Hill College.

Your Editors,

John Anderson and
Katherine Mann

THE HILLTOP wishes to be the voice of the Mars Hill College Community. Your comments and opinions will be willingly accepted. Editorials will be printed at the discretion of the editors. Please let your opinions be known. Names will be held at the discretion of the editors.

ALUMNI NETWORK

By John Anderson, Co-Editor and Chief

New to Mars Hill College this fall is Mars Hill's old, confusing? Not really when the fact is explained that Mars Hill alumni are now taking an active role in the recruitment of new students. The idea is a joint effort of the alumni Office focuses on the identification and recruitment of potential students by MHC graduates.

On September 8, 1986, a workshop will take place that clarifies the concept behind the program and tell of its advantages. The workshop will include an overview of campus activities, and its academic structure, question and answer periods, and a

tour of the campus will also be included. In addition, the workshop will examine the role of the MHC graduate as an active recruiter and will explain how alumni might better fill this capacity.

Finding new students for Mars Hill is now a job that depends more heavily on graduates than ever before. The graduate is a product of Mars Hill and is hence the best advertisement the college can have. Utilizing this resource can be very valuable to the future of Mars Hill College. Taking advantage of it now ensures Mars Hill's tomorrow.

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SGA Today

By Skip Wood, SGA President

Dear Students,

As we all gear up for the coming year, please note that SGA has already hard at work for you. As you read this, SGA has already had a welcome back dance for the upperclassmen, refrigerators, held freshman elections (hopefully) and is in the process of getting the senate going for the 1986-87 school year. We are busy organizing our various committees and are making preliminary plans for this year's Spring Formal.

This year SGA will be undergoing some organizational changes. We are trying to become more structural and visible so we can better serve your needs better. This summer I met with Dr. Bentley and O'Brien on occasion to discuss how SGA might serve you better. We try to do so, please bear with us for the first few weeks of school as we put these into effect.

In the past, there have been a few complaints that SGA does not support the school or live up to its standards. We hope to diminish these comments this year through our efforts to be your best possible representatives. In order to do this we welcome any questions or comments concerning any aspect of the college. These can be sent to P.O. Box 1-C here on the college campus. We also have a billboard type structure near the college information desk in the Wren College Union and hope you will take advantage of reading it in your spare time. Also, an SGA officer will report to you in every issue of **HILLTOP** in the "SGA Today" section and hope it will keep you informed of our proceedings.

SGA is here for you. We work for the benefit of you, the college and community. We also work with the college faculty, administration and staff so to continually improve the institution we attend.

We are available for emergency loans, legislative and judicial matters and serve as formal liaisons for Dr. Bentley and the rest of the administration. Our standing committees work with faculty and staff concerning campus police, campus life, religious life, academic life. We welcome and urge anyone who is interested in becoming part of SGA to contact us. Please have a safe and fruitful year at Mars Hill and aid us in our continued endeavor to make Mars Hill college the best it can be.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Merry Burgess, Contributing Columnist

Welcome and welcome back to a new year at college! I am glad you are here at Mars Hill College! I think this is a wonderful place to be and hopefully you think so too!

Nine months of education face us. These months will undoubtedly bring knowledge, excitement, joy, sorrow, troubles, and pleasure. The only thing for sure is that it will go fast (honestly, it will!). What will you do with the year?

Whether you are an old-timer or a young'un at MHC, new opportunities abound. New people to meet, new friendships and romances to share, new experiences to try...the possibilities are endless. It is up to you, however, to experience them. No one else can do it for you. You've got to reach out, take life in both hands and make it what you want it to be. Granted, that is not as easy as it sounds,

but without an attempt, there will be no success.

Remember the cartoon showing a person struggling to make a decision? On one shoulder is an angel and on the other is a devil. Both of them arguing their case. I would like to name those two devils the critters who sit on your student's shoulder: **Perseverance** and **Procrastination**.

Joe Student: Hmmm, should I stay in tonight and work on my project or should I go to Asheville with my friends?

Perserverance: Well, you need to get started on this project. After all, it is due next week!

Procrastination: Next week? Heck, that's seven days away. Play, have fun! There's plenty of time to get it done.

Perserverance: Not so, you little devil, remember your commitments he has made for the rest of the year.

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