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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Merry Burgess
Contributing Columnist

Well, well. We are already a month into the new year and I am finally getting used to writing 1987 on my checks! It is hard to believe 1987 is here - and I know it will be gone just as fast. What are you going to do with your next year?

George Burns summed up 1986 in a very succinct manner: "It was a great year for me. I started it and I finished it." What kind of year did you have? Did you finish it the way you wanted? Are you ready to move on into a new year of challenges, learning, and growth? Really, we don't have much choice - the year is moving on whether we want it to or not!

I made two New Year's Resolutions for 1987. One of them I have stuck with a very determined manner. (The other one I have "thought" about and "planned" but have not yet "acted" upon. So let's not mention it!) How are you doing on your resolutions this year? There is something about starting a new year that gives us hope for a brighter tomorrow. We talk about turning over a new leaf, getting our act together, doing something new or right for a change. A new year challenges us to grow, to try again, to learn new things.

I hope you have started your year with feelings of excitement and challenge. Life will not automatically be easier or more pleasant. There is nothing magical about changing the digits from 1986 to 1987. But the attitude, the hope of change, can bring it about. To start with a sense of hope rather than a feeling of hopelessness will carry you further and with more strength as you tackle the year's challenges.

Last weekend I was enjoying dinner at a Chinese restaurant. My favorite part of the meal is always cracking open the fortune cookie to see what fortune is in store for me. This one had an interesting play on words: "You are never too old to learn new mistakes." That is somewhat reassuring in a strange way. We always make mistakes. That is a normal part of life. What we do with those mistakes is the key. We can brood, beat ourselves on the head with imaginary sticks, call ourselves nasty names, and do other terrible things that accomplish nothing but a bad self-image. Or we can learn from it - what we did wrong, how we can correct it, and then get on with life in a positive manner. Personally, I prefer the second option. It is your choice.

So look for challenges this year. Resolve to be more positive and hopeful and helpful. Make 1987 the best year yet!

NEWSBRIEFS

4-H Camps will recruit summer workers on campus Friday, February 13. There are five 4-H Camps in N.C. with 60 positions to fill for the summer. If you are looking for a summer job this is an excellent opportunity to interview for one. The recruiter, Mr. J. Rolland Flory will be in the Career Resource Library, Wren College Union, on February 13, from 9am-1pm. Call the Placement Office at 689-1196 or 689-1253 to sign up for an individual interview time.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

The Special Interests Committee is ready to kick off another fun-filled semester. We really want to sponsor events and activities that you are interested in, but we need your help. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities to do this semester, please let us know. Contact either Carrie Smith at 1409, Linda Plants or Donna Burkett at 1147. Ideas that we have in mind for this semester are: Weekend Road Trips, Special Topic Class, NCAA Play Off Contest and Party, An Outdoor Center Fair, and a Fiesta Night. We want your additions to this list! Let us know what you want to do!

Special Interest Committee
Carrie Smith, Chairperson

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FROM THE HPERA DIVISION: There are two scholarships available for student athletes in the division. One scholarship is also available for athletes or student workers, such as a student training manager. Information on each scholarship and application forms may be obtained from Mrs. Hogan's office on the ground floor of the gym.

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PERSONAL COMPUTER

by Mike Maschenik
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Has this ever happened to you? You have stayed up all night and wrote a five page term paper only to reread it the next morning to find out that you left out a whole paragraph. If your like most students here at Mars Hill you wouldn't even think about retyping the whole paper. Wouldn't it be easy to just go to a computer and put in a disk, then add, subtract, and move whole lines and paragraphs. Some students fear that a computer is too confusing and difficult to bother messing with. They couldn't be any further from the truth. Computers are designed to help you, not make things harder. And if you do have a question there is always an assistant ready to help you at the computer centers here on campus. The centers offer prewritten pro-

grams called "Word Processors" which enable you to write term papers, novels and stories. Some even have programs that check your spelling, how nice for us non-spellers. Matt Murray, an English Major and personal PC owner says, "My Personal Computer helps me with over half of my English classes, and I mean helps!" Matt spends hours on papers that would normally take him days if they had to be hand written or typed. When he is done with any of his important writings, he puts in "Spell Check" and the program makes sure all is in order. If you walk into Matt's room and find him playing one of his many high graphic space games, it's only because he has time, thanks to his PC!

FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome back to "the hill". As you have noticed, the paper has undergone some visual changes. The mast head, type faces and the names of our sections have been changed. The reason for these changes is that THE HILLTOP will be used as an experimental ground for layout styles this semester. We are planning five different issues, all of which will contain different layout styles. If you have any ideas or contributions, please bring them to our attention. We hope you will enjoy the changes we are bringing about.

Sincerely,
John Anderson
Katherine Mann