

Editorial

Just the Facts

Craig Cox
Columnist

Self-Help Quiz

Here is a good self-help attitude quiz that was put together after minutes of intensive research by a crack group of armchair social psychologists and part-time college students one night over pizza. It is intended to help you, the reader, find your way up Abraham Maslow's famous ladder. Just answer the questions below and then grade yourself as described after the quiz.

- How well do you enjoy your classes?
 - I eagerly await each class, with its potential for new and exciting learning experiences.
 - I mostly have a good time.
 - There are some classes I could do without, but others that I like.
 - I think I could get by without classes, and whoever answered A above had out the Golden Shovel.
- Does the food suit you?
 - The folks at Epicure are culinary geniuses.
 - The food's OK, most of the time.
 - I eat at Texaco a lot.
 - Food? In the cafeteria? Really?
- Do you get along with your teachers?
 - I admire each and every one of my teachers as a role model for our entire generation to imitate.
 - The instructors are a likeable group, for the most part.
 - Although there are teachers I like, some of these people with their long-winded lectures get on my nerves.
 - I haven't brought my boxing gloves to class. Yet.
- Do you feel that the amount of homework is reasonable?
 - I study seven hours every night anyhow; having something specific to study makes it really nice.
 - There generally isn't any more than I can deal with.
 - I occasionally have to sacrifice study time from one class to give time to another.
 - Who says there's nothing to do on weekends?! I have enough to hire my own office staff! And if anybody answered A on this one, they really had out the Golden Shovel!
- How well is the campus maintained?
 - No one could ever offer the slightest complaint about the lightning service rendered to the campus building.
 - They seem to do a good job with what they have to work with.
 - I get tired of the occasional clogged sink or toilet, but you can't expect everything.
 - "Slow as Physical Plant uphill in June" will soon replace molasses in January as the hallmark of sluggishness.
- What do you think of the Hilltop?
 - I think our school newspaper is the most totally awesome, cool paper in existence and I have cancelled my subscriptions to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Asheville Citizen* and the *Delaware State News* and now only get the Hilltop.
 - It is a very well-written school paper.
 - It's OK if you're bored.
 - An otherwise marginally worthwhile paper that was absolutely ruined by that stupid columnist, and whoever even wrote (let alone answered) A above needs professional help.
- Do you agree with the Community Life Program as it currently stands?
 - I enjoy chapel and violin concerts immensely, and would attend even if they weren't worth CLP points.
 - In spite of the controversy and rough implementation, it is a very good idea.
 - I think that the events are too limited and the requirements are a little heavy.
 - Chapel and violin concerts give me the hives.
- Are the dormitory rooms adequate?
 - I don't own anything more than my clothes and books, and they don't even begin to fill all the space.
 - The dorms are pretty comfortable.
 - My stereo sometimes gets a little crowded with the refrigerator.
 - The welcome mat I bought doubles as a wall-to-wall carpet.
- Are you satisfied with the Student Post Office facility?
 - I think that the facilities look very nice and the workers all do a very good job.
 - It's OK, but the mailboxes do seem a little small.
 - It's a little hard to tell (without asking) if they've put everything in my box that they're going to.
 - I'm satisfied if I like getting my mail up to three days late, not getting packages on Saturdays, and having to pry postcards out of the cubbyhole with a forceps and surgical clamp!
- Are you happy with the quality of the education here at Mars Hill?
 - I find the courses very challenging and feel that my professors do everything in their power to give me as complete a picture as possible of their lesson.
 - Considering the size of the school, they do a darn good job.
 - They try hard, but some areas do seem lacking.
 - My little brother's cockatoo could do this stuff.

Scoring: Go back through and give yourself one point for each time you answered A, two points for each time you answered B, three points for each time you answered C, and four points for every D answer. The attitude breakdown goes like this:

- 0-9 Go back and take the whole test.
- 10-14 Attitude almost completely innocent. A very happy person, you may sometimes be referred to as a geek for no reason that is readily clear; pay it no mind.
- 15-20 Very good, school-spirited attitude. Write home and tell your parents that they should be proud.
- 21-25 Slightly above average. Write home and tell your folks they should feel slightly proud.
- 26-30 Average attitude. You are in the mainstream of college life, and basically have nothing to worry about, and probably already know it.
- 31-35 Needs improvement. Nothing to worry too much about, you probably have a lot of friends with you in this same category.
- 36-40 Completely incorrigible. The bane of faculty, staff, and student workers, people tend to flee at the sight of you. Recommend you either pack it in or write a newspaper column.
- 41 & up See a math tutor about your addition skills; you can't get more than 40.

We the staff at the Cranial Research Institute and Poker Club hope that this test has been of some use to you in gaining insight into your personality. As further research is conducted, even more profoundly revealing material may be forthcoming.

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Forum

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article in the October 16th issue of the Hilltop, "Students Urged to Prevent Flu Now." I recall giving an interview for someone's English class but not to the newspaper. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify certain statements that appeared in the article.

Influenza does cause persons to feel badly for several days; however, the illness is much more serious in persons with chronic diseases (i.e. lung, cardiac, diabetes, kidney, or persons that have immunosuppression for various reasons.) Death can occur in these patients such as pneumonia-related causes such as influenza.

I do not refer to patients as victims (even though they might feel that way!) The patient doesn't necessarily "wear the flu off." By observing good common sense and basic health practices one can lessen the chances of getting the "flu" and/or lessen the discomfort of it if one is unfortunate in getting it. Adequate rest, proper diet, and frequent handwashing will also help.

We use Acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol) usually instead of aspirin. We do this for two reasons. First, some of our students are still in the age group that can get Reye's Syndrome and secondly, anyone with the flu may have nausea and vomiting and aspirin is not tolerated well in this situation.

In reference to the last paragraph of the article, I do not refer to the illness as the flu torture and although I do urge students to get the vaccine (to date only seven have done so), I do not suggest that they vaccinate themselves. The nursing staff will administer the vaccine.

Thank you for letting me share these thoughts with you. I certainly appreciate you publishing health-related articles but I want to be sure that all the facts are correct so as not to mislead the readers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ellen Coomer, R.N.
Director of Nursing

We apologize for any misquotes and misinformation. Thank you for setting us straight. — The Editor

Dear Editor,

I attended the meeting on October 29 regarding the Southern Baptist Convention and its influence on Mars Hill. As a writer for the Hilltop, I had planned to take notes and write an unbiased article for the paper. I did take notes, but I cannot write an unbiased article. Instead, I am writing a biased letter.

We continually label ourselves as "liberal" or "conservative," but what happened to "Christian?" What happened to Matthew 7:1 — "Judge not, that ye be not judged?" Who has the right to condemn what brought another to Christ and term it as "wrong?" Is that not also condemning God's technique?

When I heard the statement that the Christian lifestyle had not been

seen in the "liberals," I was steaming mad. Obviously, that remark had not been thought through. Only God can determine the "Christian lifestyle" for His children. And if the "Christian lifestyle" means following the Bible word for word with no exceptions, then we all are doomed. Are there any women who pray in public without covering their heads? Are there any women who cut their hair? I Corinthians 11:5-6 speaks directly against this. What about women who (dreadful thought) wear jewelry? This is also wrong according to I Timothy 2:9. So, you say to me that I must consider the time in which the Bible was written. Exactly. I could not agree with you more.

I do not want everyone to agree with my beliefs. I am simply asking that they be respected. We worship the same God, and His influence will be different in each of our lives. That does not make us sinners. That makes us individuals. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye all are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28.

If we as Baptists, or as students, or as anything else cut off God's love or our own Christian love to our "liberal" or "conservative" brothers and sisters, then we have committed a horrible sin. God does not command us to judge each other. God commands us to love each other. John 15:12. "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." Is this happening in our convention? Certainly something to pray about.

Sincerely,
Lea Pardue

Dear Editor,

Every student at Mars Hill probably has purchased something from the college bookstore sometime or another. So most students are familiar with the policies. Maybe. But most are probably not familiar with a "loop-hole" that catches many students. The handbook stresses the importance of satisfying student. Unfortunately, the managers do not practice what they write.

The problem I faced was returning a new book for a refund after I decided to drop Spanish 112 because I felt my class load was too heavy. The last day to return books was September 4, only two weeks after school started. But the last day to drop classes was September 24. What are students supposed to do if they have already purchased a textbook, but want to drop the course after the return date?

After I dropped Spanish 112, for two weeks I went periodically to the bookstore to speak to the manager. Several times he was busy with salesmen so I came back later and he was at lunch at 2:30 in the afternoon. Other times I stopped in, he was on vacation and bookstore workers could not tell me the exact date he would be back. Finally, when I was able to speak to the manager, he said that he was very sorry that he could

not refund my money on two new books.

Next, I went to see Mr. Claude Vess, the manager in the business office and supervisor of the bookstore manager. He was also out and I had to come back a few days later to talk to him. He said that he had to speak to the bookstore manager before he could give me an answer. He asked me to come back two days later. But when I returned he said that he was sorry, but that he could not give me a refund. He suggested that I sell the brand-new books back to the bookstore at the end of the year. But the bookstore does not pay even 50% of the original price.

Is this the kind of treatment that is supposed to satisfy students? It certainly didn't satisfy me. If such complaints are made about enough inconsiderate and unfair rules, maybe something will be done about this irritating problem.

Sincerely,
Alison Powell

[To the Editor: A friend passed this on to me. I pass it on to you with pleasure. Maybe it's time college students thought about these things again.
Dr. J. P. Schubert]

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but was in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup — they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation, ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all — the whole world — had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clean up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Personal Memoirs of a Fireman

Jay Jackson
Staff Writer

There's a fire in Macon county and we need volunteers to help!"

"Why should I help?"
"How does \$4.00 an hour sound?"
"When do we leave?"

Thus began my illustrious career as a volunteer firefighter.

Sunday morning, a loud pounding on my door woke me from dreamland. It was a fireman asking if anyone wanted to help put out a fire. I said I would, and he said to meet outside in the parking lot, ready to go.

We were on the road at 9:30 anticipating the roaring flames that we were soon going to face. The long two hour drive included a stop at Texaco (for food) and a trip to the North Carolina Forestry Department's base. After transferring to another vehicle, the ten-man crew that had been as-

sembled drove to the scene of the fire.

We arrived at the site around 12:00, ready and willing to take on the task we had volunteered to do. After waiting an hour, we received our instructions and were finally on

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We climbed, and climbed... and climbed.

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our way. We climbed, and climbed, and climbed... and climbed until we reached the spot that had been assigned to clean-up duty. There would be no burning bushes to tangle with today, only the ashes from 20 acres of

burnt wildlife.

While searching for spouts of smoke, I engaged in a conversation with the crew chief. I asked him if he had any idea of what had started the flames. He said he wasn't sure, but he believes it was fox hunters on top of the mountain.

After a healthy McDonald's dinner, we were relieved by another crew, who were to stay there all night and keep the flames under observation. We reloaded back into the trucks that had brought us there and we were on our way home. The trip home was even longer, for we had lost the "spark" that we had attained on the way there.

We arrived back at the dorm with nothing to remind us of the event except the pictures in our heads and the stench in our clothing. It was a rewarding experience, and is one I hope to encounter again.

A Message from the SGA

Hello friends, and you may say, "I love you, and for those who have no idea what about — you missed out!"

Friday, October 23 at Hill students — from both the cafeteria — came together to raise money for the Foundation. After 49 long hours, the largest amount raised in the history of Mars Hill was over. Tub-a-Thon \$6532 to help out arthritis.

Special thanks go to Yates, Kelly Garner, Lea Mike Zito, Amy Gaskin, Bett, and Glenn Smith. Individuals stayed out all night, but the most of the work these people did was not have happened. Also, to thank every single person participating in a group effort.

Alpha was the top fund, Gamma Chi Epsilon came second. Overall, the Greek girls raised \$1500 for arthritis. I want to thank the sole frat president, Kappa Alpha Psi, on Friday afternoon.

Now I'm sure that the of you who really feel like worry — Tub-a-Thon II is the corner, so bundle up your feet up because you are all the rest you can get. You who can't wait to remember you were my friend, and you are my friend.

Chip Th... SGA President

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New Offerings

Lea Pardue
Staff Writer

With registration semester right around the corner, you are probably thinking "What new and exciting sign up for next semester?"

What about Ethical Issues in the 80's? This is a brand new course offered by the ontology program. It will be Dr. Dick Olson, University of North Carolina, and our very own Goldenberg.

Why should you take it? Well, if you ever parents might one day be age of sixty-five, you concerns you. Certain planning to work in a vice-oriented fields such as sociology, social work, and so forth, this is a schedule.

Ethical Issues in Sociology will cover all the dilemmas such as dilemmas (decisions regarding termination of treatment, autonomy and right to life), the aged, patient's/resident's reality. By the end of the course, you will be able to identify codes of ethics that work with the aged, professionalism in the family, and to identify common ethical issues providers are faced with. You will be able to form and use it in the lives of the elderly.

The issues examining are issues concerning you have Monday evening 9:00 free, sign up worth your while.

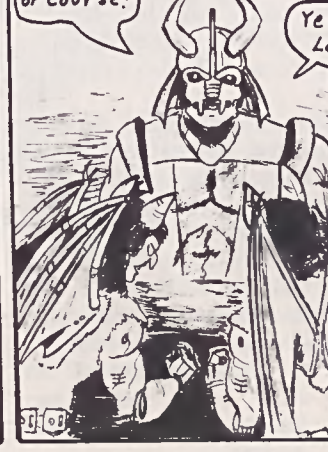
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While Gerard sets out on his journey to retrieve the Orb of Order, we find the Dark Lord already planning to scheme against him.

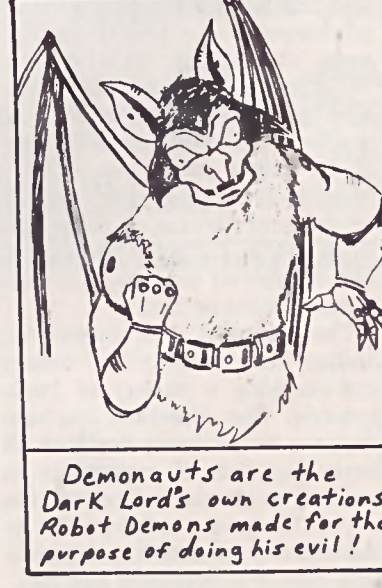


Chapter III

I want you Demonauds to capture young Gerard and bring him to me... In one piece of course!



Yessss, Lord!



Demonauts are the Dark Lord's own creations. Robot Demons made for the purpose of doing his evil!



What will happen to Gerard? Will he escape the dreaded Dark Lord? Check in the next issue to find out. Meantime...