

# Editorial

## Forum

Dear Editor:

Tony Domenico preformed in the Timberline Coffeehouse the night of Aug. 22. Not only was he late, but he disgraced our Christian community. He talked about sex and sexual habits (which should be a private matter), used profane language, told distasteful jokes, made fun of religion, religious leaders, prayer, and yes, even God.

There were no warnings about his material and I was unexpectedly surprised. I went for an evening of fun entertainment but wound up being offended and insulted. In humiliation, several others and myself made an exit during his act. We not only stood up for what we believed, but we also showed our disapproval. If more Christians would let God take over their lives, concerns such as this would not take place.

I am not the perfect Christian, but I believe God and respect Him enough not to make jokes about Him or those whom He has ordained to preach His word to the lost.

On behalf of those who left, I urge the student activities committee to please know what kind of programs you are bringing for us to watch. See what type of material it contains. This is supposed to be a Christian college; try to set an example by letting us see and hear clean concerts.

Sincerely,  
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Class of 1993

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Unsolicited submissions are welcome and will be considered for the next issue. All material received is subject to editing. Thank you.

## Lions Roar!

Freshman, "What was your first impression of Mars Hill College?"

Stacie P. "I loved it. It wasn't a fake, 'Oh come to our college.'"

April P. "It seemed like they were interested in the individual."

Pat O. "It was pretty cool."

Chris E. "It was a nice little school."

Bill S. "Boy, is this school small!"

Michelle H. "It was very impressive."

Wendy M. "It's homey."

Mike P. "What a nice campus and a quaint little town."

## The Christian Dilemma: Choice vs. Imposition

Ken Gahagan  
Staff Writer

It can hardly be argued that running a school is an easy thing to do, and running a "Christian" college has more than its share of problems. One of these problems is "Exactly how far a college should go in imposing the morality of its denomination upon its students?"

I ask this question for several reasons, but the main reason is that I have encountered a moral dilemma about one of the rules of this campus. Granted, the Bible does speak out against drunkenness. It plainly states "Be ye not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). But the Bible does not condemn the consumption of alcohol.

Mars Hill College and other schools like ours handle the problem of drinking by simply making rules which outlaw possession of the substance on campus. This should take care of the problem. If alcohol is not allowed on campus then there should be no one drinking, right? Wrong. The problem that this kind of rule creates is that people who are of legal drinking age go off campus, into Weaverville, and buy the alcohol that they want and consume it away from campus. Then, they try to drive back to campus under the influence of alcohol.

Is it any less wrong to create a situation which puts a person in jeopardy of their life than it is to allow them to drink on campus? I know that Christian colleges place a great deal of emphasis on the idea of *in loco parentis*, but it is the responsibility of the family, not the college, to instill moral values. And beyond

this, it is a decision which must be made by each person. All moral questions are such. If the American government passed a law which stated that all of our citizens must confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, what good would it do? A person must decide on his or her own what is right and wrong and live by those decisions. The Bible says that you must believe in your heart before it says anything about confessing with your mouth.

By the time a student reaches college, his ideas of right and wrong are not complete, but they are pretty well formed. One thing that is in high gear however, is the rebellious attitude. Something is against the rules, chances are that someone will try it just to exercise their individuality and new-found freedom. Therefore, such rules may, in fact, actually encourage people to drink.

This is not a call for the repeal of the drinking rules on campus. I am concerned about the problem of drinking and driving that these rules seem to encourage. I am calling for a joint effort between the students and the faculty of the college to discuss this and other problems/moral dilemmas which we have to face as a Christian college.

Perhaps the answer is not in protecting our students from the evils of the world, but providing a place wherein the student can find himself or herself. If a person wants to drink, that is his/her choice. The choice cannot be dictated by the administration of the college. However, the responsibility of dealing with the consequences of the action are the students and the students alone.

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