

OPINIONS

SPIDER WEBBS

The Universal Language

Music. What is it? Is there a purpose to it? Well, I know for sure that it is universal. Every known culture to man has some form of music. Just imagine if you were in a foreign country and didn't speak the language. Ask someone to point out of a bathroom, and they wouldn't understand. However, if you said, "Do you know who Michael Jackson is?" or some other recording star, then you would get an excited response.

Music is so diverse. What appeals to me, might not appeal to someone else. But there must be something to please everyone because of the range of music. Rap, country, heavy metal, R & B, soft rock, gospel, etc. But it doesn't stop there. It can still be broken down into smaller groups.

Music is a form of expression. Sometimes it is simple and other times it is complex. Yet it is an important part of everyday life. During last week's Valentine's day music sweep in the cafeteria, we all saw just a little of the power of music. If you want to know my opinion on keeping a broadcast going in the cafeteria, it is very much in favor of the addition. When the music plays, we all seem a little more at ease with one another. It make the cafeteria a nicer place. I've noticed that I listen to the radio quite a bit. It's pleasing and a way to say "I love you," "I hate you," "I don't like," etc. There is a positive note. If you can't speak the language or say what you feel, play a song instead. And why not keep music in the cafeteria?

The Opinions Page

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***FROM THE EDITOR:**

The letter to the editor shown to the right has been highly shortened due to space limitations. Much is said concerning faculty and administration as well. The Hilltop reminds the readers that the opinions listed are not necessarily those of the newspaper. REPLIES are very welcome.

TIMEOUT

LET HIM MAKE IT BETTER

guest writer

Anton Checkhov once said, "Any idiot can live through a crisis-it's day to day living that wears you out." No truer words have ever been spoken. How many times have you been frustrated enough with life that you've wanted to change it somehow, or maybe end it completely?

You're not alone. Everyone goes through these spells.

And how many times has your life suddenly taken a turn for the better? You may have seen a friendly face. You may have seen other people having fun. You may have gotten a letter from a long-lost friend. Anything! But something has always turned that bad spell around and made something good happen.

God will do that for you. No - Wait! Those of you who want to stop reading now out of fear of being "preached at," hang around a while. Let me make a couple of points first.

I am convinced that something good always comes out of something bad. It's not always a noticeable good, but it does happen. Good things happen to all people, but they happen most especially to people who follow Jesus Christ and the God in Heaven. I don't expect all of you to understand this. I just want to bring you to an

awareness of the options available to you.

There are people hurting everywhere. Some do eventually buckle under never to rise again. Some manage to somehow "get by." Very many, however, hold their heads high because they have assurance of rest and of freedom. Those people are no different that you. They have the same problems and the same struggles. The difference is in the way they deal with these struggles. They don't try to solve their problems themselves, instead, they pass them on to God to solve. God says in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." (NIV) The most difficult things I have ever done was to trust God enough to turn control of my life over to Him, but since I have, I've never known Him to fail.

Bad things happen to people because we live in an imperfect world. Don't blame that on God - we chose it. God merely abides by our choice.

Next time you feel really down, out of control or just a little morose, talk to someone. Find out how you can turn everything over to God. He doesn't promise to make the road any easier, but the load you carry will be so much lighter, and the Company is out of this world.

On A Christian College*

Editor and campus.

Thank you to those saints who have already read this letter and have expressed their support and prayers to me. I ask then that we give praise to God and our Lord Jesus Christ through our actions and prayers. If you are willing to help prepare for the week of prayer write to me care of the Hilltop*, Box 1148-C. Additional copies of this letter in its entirety can also be gotten through the Hilltop.

What is the purpose of education and more specifically what is the purpose of a Christian based education? When I first considered making Mars Hill College my place of learning I understood the motto on the college seal: PRO CHRISTO ADOLESNTI-BUSQUE, "For Christ and For Youth." I believed that was indeed the purpose and guiding principle of the college.

Students, I call to you to be more active and involved where God's Spirit needs your gifts. Also begin in earnest prayer for the future of this college so you will have a place for your children to grow in Christ and to learn in Christian love. For we are here but a short while but we are the ones who can give the most in return. For this is our college and we will carry the memories throughout eternity. And God will hold us for what we do while here. If God needs you to learn and grow spiritually, do that. If God calls you to lead others, do that. We are workers here

for Christ, and we must be worthy of his help. Praise be to God that he makes us worthy by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ...

I ask that all the saints of God join in a week of prayer the last week of March, following Spring Break. I ask that during that week for the entire day starting from Sunday the 22nd following dinner until the following Sunday morning that we would have at least three people praying and interceding every hour for our campus and our community. This invitation is open to anyone who would pray. Please begin seeking God's will for you to participate.

And then on Sunday morning let us gather as one community, centered in Christ alone, and praise and worship together our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and give thanks and glory to God the Father who loves us. I feel that God's Spirit will bless us if we are sincere.

I do not sign this letter because I pray that you would consider these words for Christ's sake, not mine. I will write as I hear back from each of you and how the Spirit has taught you. I pray also that the Spirit will move some of you to write as well, for we will win this battle in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by his blessing and power.

In the Powerful and Holy Name of Jesus Christ,
Stan Toney



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