

# OPINIONS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### LOVE, FOR WE ARE MERELY MAN

Editor,  
Recently I received a letter from a friend with this poem in it:

Now and again we all sin.  
We are what God created.  
We are simply man,  
but we are nothing.  
However we are made to represent something.  
He made us in His image but perfection's not the key  
and just because I sin time and time again  
Does this mean that I don't love Him?  
And sometimes when I fall  
Must it be like dominoes and take us all?  
I need you to understand and just reach out your hand.  
When I am weak and you are strong  
don't need you pointing fingers to tell me that I'm wrong.  
I need you to stay right by my side and say  
"I love ya man," even when it's not your way.  
I love God from the heavens to the shores  
But because I have a beer or two  
Does that mean you love him more?  
You don't know the pain I hide  
and the things I cannot deny.  
So look when I'm high and when I'm low  
Show me, don't take my pot of gold.  
Don't drown me with your Bibles  
and your pity full of guilt  
Don't you ever leave me  
for Jesus never would.  
Say that you forgive me because you know you could.  
Your rumors are like stakes driving through my heart.  
I know deep down that you don't believe that Jesus and I will ever part.

*Don't mock me and stare  
Just love me and let me know you care.  
Cause after all is said and done  
What's the worst thing I could do?  
But say thank you for making me  
and God one and one again.  
I may not always live my life according to his plan  
But hey, what can I say?...I'm not God,  
I am merely MAN!*

Reading this shocked me...and reminded me of Jesus' main commandment. Love. It's hard to do this because it's easy to feel that if we love, we're condoning whatever activity it is that we disapprove of or that people will not know what we believe. People will know what our beliefs are, if we uphold our standards. Love.

Even if he wanders in drunk every night? Love.

Even when she sleeps with the campus? Love (and don't believe everything you hear.)

Even when he doesn't respect my beliefs? Love.

Even when that "Christian" doesn't love me? Love.

Love.

It's so difficult to grasp the real concept of love, but we all must continue to strive for it, we must sacrifice our natural feelings of anger, envy, and jealousy to love. It helps, I think, to remember one line in particular, "You don't know the pain I hide." We don't know what each person is carrying around, so we have to leave knowing that and changing, if need be, to God. Our job is to love each other.

Erica Brotzman

## SURVEY:

### CONDOMS AND MHC

The following is a survey approaching the students and faculty of Mars Hill College about their feelings towards placing condom and/or birth control advertisements in THE HILLTOP. All questions should be read very carefully and answered in the same manner. Individuals wishing to participate in this survey should respond to the questions on a separate piece of paper and mail their reply to THE HILLTOP, P.O. Box 1148-C. Names can be included, or you can remain anonymous. If you wish to include additional comments, you may either include them in your response, or call Carol Jo Howell or another staff member. Results of the poll will appear in the next issue of the paper, so be sure to respond as soon as possible to be counted.

- 1) Would you, as a student/faculty member attending/working at a Baptist institution, be opposed to seeing a condom advertisement placed in THE HILLTOP? Birth control advertisement? Why or whynot?
- 2) If not opposed to the idea, do you feel that there is any kind of need to place such an advertisement in the paper?
- 3) No matter what your response, would your feelings be altered in any way if the advertisement was put in the context of battling the AIDS virus?
- 4) Do you feel the advertisements would promote safe sex on campus?
- 5) Do you feel the advertisements would promote sexual activity on campus?
- 6) Are there any other effects you feel the advertisements would have on the student body or activities of the student body?
- 7) Do you know anyone who is currently sexually active on campus? If so, are they practicing safe sex?
- 8) Are you yourself currently sexually active? If so, do you practice safe sex with your partner(s)?
- 9) Approximately what percentage of the student body would you predict is sexually active, and what percentage of those do you predict are practicing safe sex?
- 10) If you chose to remain anonymous, are you male or female? Senior, junior, sophomore, or freshman? Commuter or do you live on campus?
- 11) Any additional comments?

## Whatever comes to Mind

Rob Cothran  
staff serialist

Our college has quite a history of silliness. The students are always trying to come up with stunts that will go down in the record books. There was a sign hung on the mud hole (otherwise known as the future cafeteria) saying "if you build it, they will come." Recently a stuffed skunk was used to scare the living daylights out of several people on campus. And once all maintenance workers were lined up and pushed in perfect unison to gain revenge upon a certain disliked RD. But the thing done to date has ever topped what we call "The Kaiser."

What, may you ask, is the Kaiser? Well, the following reprint is from an article written by Chris Royster, and it explains everything. It is coming up on the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Kaiserdom, so I thought it would be great for everyone to hear once again the story of the Kaiser. (Townhouse 003 is now 103).

# Our Silly Past: Remembering the Kaiser

1988  
Royalty at Mars Hill? Secret agents thwarting deadly terrorists? A royal Charles-and-Diana-style wedding on the mountainsides? And (gasp) is there really a harem walking our lovely Christian campus?

The answer is yes - to an extent.  
Seeking to develop a new tradition, some students have begun their own mythical answer to the Round Table, hoping to rival the creative genius of "Star Wars," C.S. Lewis, and the land of Dune.

"Royalty" (such as it is) takes the title of the Kaiser, after the great Kaisers of the German Empire (Kaiser is the German name for Caesar or king). And the person presently holding that title is Greg Burnette (alias Grover Sebastian). GS, as he is affectionately known, is from Little Switzerland (alias the Bavarian Forest), NC.

Burnette's subjects decided he deserved the royal life of Kaiser because of his colorful personality: "Lord, I'm such a character," he is fond of saying.

The Kaiser's "domain" is the townhouse complex on campus. From Townhouse 003, his royal headquarters, he delivers his State of the Domain speeches, when he issues edicts on such matters as "official favorites" (the sport of wrestling for its aesthetic value) and "anthem for the domain" (Steppenwolf's "Born to Be Wild").

But since his formal installation last year, the Kaiser has been plagued with numerous coup attempts sponsored by sinister Serbian Nationalists (his arch rivals in nearby townhouses) for control of the domain. It is rumored that some of his own subjects are subversive members of this group.

Some of the Kaiser's lighter adventures, however, include snowball battles and nefarious assaults from a water hose (fed by his own "loyal" housemates).

The Kaiser was stunned this year when the women of his domain, those located in Townhouse 101 specifically, revolted against the Kaiser's "chauvinism" and stole his most prized possession - the Royal Mace. The Kaiser modeled the mace after the Mars Hill College mace, and it has been displayed at most of Mars Hill's football games. In the games it was used (Kaiser GS waves it over his head in the manner of a monk waving incense), the Lions have never lost.

Once the women of the domain had the mace in their possession, they blackmailed the Kaiser into submitting to their demands for a co-ruler. So, early in September, a ceremony was held to crown Pamela Janulet, official representative of the Women's Liberation Activities, as Kaiserette. Janulet spoke about [the] joy of her coronation: "I would like to thank all the little people out there. I will cherish these memories always," she said while rubbing her carefully manicured fingers through her long blonde hair. "We, Kaiser GS and I, enjoy such pastimes as fashionable conversation over tea and crumpets and expensive shopping sprees at McCrory's Boutique."

The Kaiser, apparently taken by his lady's charms, commented, "She's a wonderful, great-looking gal with class, creativity, and sex appeal."

The Kaiser, who plans to be a Baptist minister, estimates that he has a harem "of at least twenty" female friends that don't mind having him give each of them a friendly hug each day.

Even with the concession of naming a Kaiserette, the Royal Mace has still not been returned.

but the Kaiser is trying to recover it before the next home football game.

Rumblings continue among some of the Kaiser's subjects (alias, his housemates), who seem on the verge of launching another coup because of his concessions to the women. "GS Kaiser is a wimp," one subject said. Referring to the many water attacks against him, the Kaiser stated, "They are unfair assaults against me...but on hot days they come in handy."

Still the Kaiser remains optimistic about his status. "The best things about being in this elevated state is that I have risen from relative obscurity to social prominence," he said.

The Kaiser has recently created a number of auxiliary organizations for the defense of his domain. Among these are the KID (kaiser Intelligence Agency), KATO (Kaiser Atlantic Treaty Organization) and KFOGH (Kaiser for Reunification of the German Homeland). His foreign policy consists of making satellite nations out of most of the dorms on campus and uniting them in an assault on Russia.

As his fame has spread, the Kaiser has been recognized (ie. addressed by his title) by several faculty members, including Dr. Pat Verhulst, Rev. Sue Fitzgerald, Dr. Robert Melvin, Dr. Jim Lenburg, and Dr. Jon Crawford.

So what does the future hold? Will the Kaiserette find a real Prince Charming? Will the Kaiser be overthrown by his own subjects? Will he abdicate and hand his mantle to a new lead?

The answers to those questions are uncertain, but the Kaiser knows the road to victory and security is long and bumpy. And as Dusty Rhoades said, "If you can't run with the big dogs, Daddy, stay on the porch."