

The Opinions Page

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The Opinions Page is a forum for any member of the Mars Hill community to express their ideas, problems or thoughts. The Hilltop does not discriminate against anyone who wishes to submit a letter. All letters must be signed, but the editor can withhold the name if requested. Send all letters to THE HILLTOP, PO BOX 6148, MARS HILL, NC 28754. The views presented on this page are not necessarily those of the Hilltop or of Mars Hill College.

Amy Webb's

Spider's Webb Birthdays

Birthdays are wonderful events and what makes them so special is that everyone gets to have one. You celebrate getting older and growing with family and friends. Some birthdays are considered more special than others.

On your 16th birthday you get your driver's license. On your 18th birthday you are old enough to get into clubs, and you can vote. On your 21st birthday you can drink legally and so on with other special birthdays. Birthdays are a big market economically. There are card shops that sell thousands of birthday cards, tee-shirts, and gifts every year.

I remember when I was younger and I thought birthdays were the only time of the year I could get gifts other than Christmas. Now gifts aren't as important as just having someone to share the day with. I've come to realize that birthdays are a celebration of life.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Well, I don't see any fingerprints. Whoever did this must have worn gloves."

Write To The Hilltop...

Tell us what you think about the issues, the college, your roommate, or whatever. This page is for you and for all your opinions, so use it!

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Babble On A Dying Lady

Mike Wachtendorf's

Somewhere in the Western hemisphere about 200 years ago, there stood a mighty woman with unparalleled vision and determination. As people watched her, they admired her beauty, her courage, and the opportunity she represented. She was called many things. To some her name was "Freedom," to others she was "Justice," and those who knew her best called her "America."

After years of greatness and growth, she began to get old. Her own children forgot about all the things which made her the great lady she was. Some accused her of being ugly and out of date.

Those who really loved her did their best to keep her beautiful and strong, but some insisted that she should change. They wanted her to become someone she was not.

They took away her values, her virtue, and her vision. As the world now viewed their former darling they saw a frail tramp far from the greatness she once represented.

Some folks refused to admit what they had done to her. They knew that they had blown it, but their own foolish pride allowed them to excuse their demoralizing actions.

The lady got weaker and weaker. She was but a shadow of her former self. Folks even started refusing to look at her. They were ashamed of the way she looked, but they made her the way she was.

She was alone and dying: a victim of society. One day, not so long ago, she was discovered. Her framework laid harshly on the ground, she was a horrible sight.

The world spread about the broken, old lady. People wanted to help her, but didn't know how. She needed a miracle or she would soon die.

The government tried to help her out with special programs and aid, but these just couldn't heal her. A program could heal her broken heart or replace the things which people had stolen from her.

She needed a miracle, but the people just couldn't find this concept. They figured that if they couldn't find it, nobody could. They tried more and more programs with no success.

This old lady is still alive, but needs a miracle to stay that way. Maybe, someday folks will realize this and start praying for one.

Letter To The Editor

Before The Hilltop went to press, the cartoon in this issue was seen by Jim Wood. His request to respond immediately was granted. In attempt to be timely, both the comic and the response appear in this issue.

To the Editor of The Hilltop,

The Brothers of Iota Alpha Omega Fraternity would like to make a formal complaint pertaining to the anonymous cartoon printed in this edition of The Hilltop. We find this cartoon degrading toward the appearance of Greek organizations on this campus as well as our own. The cartoon printed does not give an accurate portrayal of what Greek organizations constitute and signify.

Furthermore, as a Fraternity and organization of Christian men, we personally maintain that an individual's beliefs are not a basis for entrance into an organization. The general misconception about joining a Greek organization is that personal beliefs become a basis for entrance. However, every organization has certain characteristics that tend to draw an individual toward it. Our fraternity also maintains that individual beliefs are to be preserved. We, as Christians, and as human beings, have no right to judge our fellow man, this alone is our Lord's concern.

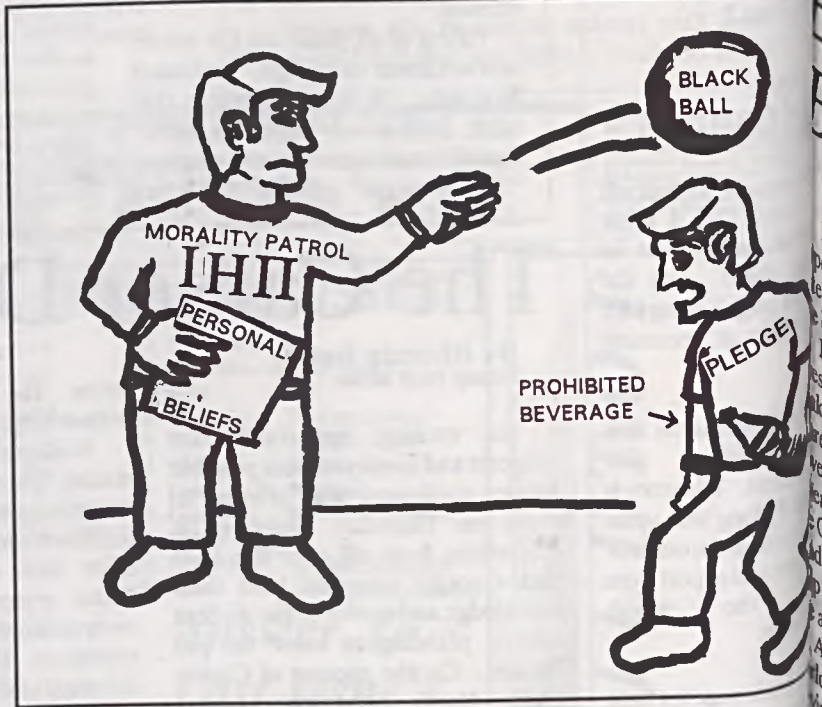
It is for the sake of our Fraternity that we write this letter. The publishing of this cartoon not only diminishes our reputation but has the potential to destroy other

Christian organizations as well. Jesus did not condemn the world but to save it. It is not our task to condemn an individual's beliefs, but to lead others to Christ. For this reason we denounce this judgement upon the Greek system that we participate and believe in.

The Brothers of Iota Alpha Omega see the publication of this cartoon as a slander toward ourselves and the Greek system. We exist to help the students of this college maintain life-long relationships with our Lord, the College and ourselves. Free speech is a constitutional right, but it damages other people it is unexcusable.

Sincerely,
Brothers of Iota Alpha Omega

Ponder This...



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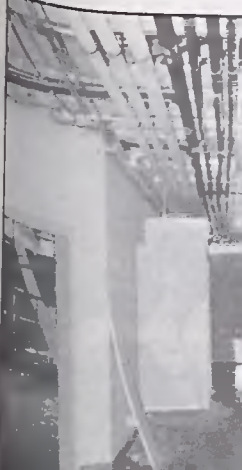
For Students Staying Thanksgiving Break...

- ✓You must have a Thanksgiving Break approved parking permit placed in your back left window.
- ✓You Must Park in the Townhouse Area
- ✓There is NO VISITATION during the break.
- ✓Please Call 1230 if you see any suspicious activity during the break.

Pittman

By Kelly McEl...

A deadline date completion on the Pittman Dining Hall has been set although majority of construction will be finished for its 4 dedication service. "There are so many variables in construction said Tim Siel Vice-President Development. difficult to speculate on completion date. We can delay the process."



The cooking area of Pittman

The Career Experience Beyond

Continued from Page 1 For juniors, she suggests experience. Sophomores interested to locate all options best suited." Harmon said that senior presenting resumes. They seek themselves present Career Counseling Office help letters, interview skills. Complete Guide to Graduate schools (GRE, MO gear their resumes and are here to help them prepare. As one prepares to take the world, remember the Career Center that they provide to

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