

The Opinions Page

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Amy Webb's

Spider's Webb Thankfulness

Why am I thankful? Let me count the ways.

I am thankful for my parents who brought me into this world. I am thankful for the hugs and kisses they gave me each day. They taught me how to ride a bike and kissed my skimmed knees. They waved good-bye as I left for college.

I am thankful for friends who have been there for me throughout the years. They have given me shoulders to cry on and listened with kind ears. We've watched each other grow into mature adults. I am thankful for their friendship. For this I am very much thankful.

I am thankful for life. The joys and trials alike. I am thankful for the memories and laughs. I am thankful for the crickets and the chirping birds. I am thankful for the croaking frogs and the big, tall oaks.

There are so many things for which I am thankful. I could never begin to make a list.

Each year, the list gets longer even in the bad times. Maybe it is those times I realize how thankful I am.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"I'm worried about my marriage. After twelve happy years, all of a sudden my wife has started eating an apple every day."

TELL US what you think!

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Mike Wachtendorf's

BabbleOn

We Have All Kissed Something to be thankful for?

This is a bit off-color, off-track, off-in-the-wild-blue-yonder somewhere, but today's stress-relieving topic of discussion is the notorious lip-lock. We've all done it. Actually, I'm hoping that we haven't *all* done it.

You know, they say that when you sleep with someone, you sleep with every person they have slept with. So what about this kissing thing.

If you are or have been an active mouth explorer and exchanged saliva at one time or another with a person on this campus, I say you have swapped spit with every person that they have.

Say you are a junior and have kissed between 2 and 37.5 people since you have been in the early zip-lock, lip-lock, hormonal stages; and say two-thirds of those people have zip-lock, lip-locked with at least 8 other people.

Please multiply the numbers out now...Subtract the possible people who you have also directly kissed...Add up the people who have kissed you and you alone (if there are any).

Ok, what kind of number did you come up with? 19.95?

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What? You've kissed all of Mars Hill? That's too bad!
Case Study: (The names have been changed to protect the innocent)

Curly kissed Suzy back in February. Curly's roommate Jorge is dating (and kissing) Suzy, now. Therefore, Jorge has kissed Curly. Does Curly realize this? He does now!

What about those two months back in her freshman year when Suzy was looking for a feeling of security and became close with an entire fraternity? Was it Curly's fraternity? Who knows? Does Jorge know?

And what about Jorge's high school sweetheart, Louise. Isn't she hanging out with the basketball team at Western State University this semester? Does this mean that the fraternity boys from Small Liberal Arts College, located in Bumble Doogie, N.C. have lip-locked with the starting center on the Western State U. basketball team? Perhaps.

That's too bad.
Sorry, my psychiatrist says I must leave you now.

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Presents...

The Hilltop has added a new feature to its publication. The feature is a column recognizing students on the Mars Hill campus who are making a difference in their school and or community. Two students will be recognized each issue. Organizations, faculty, staff and administration are invited to nominate students to be recognized. Please list the student's name and contribution(s) to the campus and community. All nominations should be mailed to Jason Wunsch at PO Box 6057.

Ruth Swartz is a sophomore Math Education major. Her year has been busy with numerous class hours and activities. Her campus extra-curricular activities include CSM (Missions

committee chairperson,) New Beginning Singers, math help sessions tutor and TNT. Her community activities are done through the Bonner Scholar program in which she tutors at Cane River Middle School in the sixth grade math department. She also tutors at the after-school program at Madison High. Swartz does not play a sport, however, you can find her at any MHC sporting event cheering on the Lions.

Swartz feels being active beyond the classroom is important.

"Involvement in extra activities increases your chance to get to know people and develop better friendships and more leadership skills," said Swartz.

Swartz is from Orange Park, Fla.

Michael Bowers is wrapping up what has been an active college career. Bowers started at MHC with a bang. He served as V.P. of the freshman class, pledged DKT, sang in the College Choir and lead his youth group in music. Bowers left for one semester and return as a second semester sophomore. During this time, he became an apartment senator and worked at Cove Camp in Asheville. During Bowers' junior year, he was elected treasurer of SGA and secretary/vice president for his fraternity. Bowers also became a resident assistant for second floor Gibson. Other times, you could find Bowers working at the information desk, computer

lab, or at his job in Asheville Mall. This Bowers is a resident assistant for third floor Gibson. He is singing regularly attends Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bowers also something to say student involvement.

"MHC can seem to be uneventful, but you make it eventful and exciting by what you do. It is exciting as you make it being active, you get to know more people, and college means more to you," Bowers explained.

Bowers will graduate with a major in religion in spring. He is currently in Charlotte, N.C.

New Books Out

Novel of Swords & Sorcery Released

Master storyteller L. Ron Hubbard's gripping novel of swords and sorcery, *Slaves of Sleep & The Masters of Sleep*, was recently released in stores. The release follows the popular success of "Fear," Hubbard's story of horror and suspense.

Slaves of Sleep & The Masters of Sleep, is a richly imaginative fantasy tale about a man who lives in two worlds simultaneously. The book has been acclaimed by such fiction writers as Anne McCaffrey, author of the

Dragonriders of Pern series, Ray Bradbury, Robert Zelazny and Robert Bloch. Trek fans may like to know that Rene Auberjonois, Odo of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, narrates the audio version.

The release of the book is the first time that both stories have appeared together. "Slaves" appeared in 1939, "Masters" appeared in 1950.

Hubbard died in 1956.

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By Michael S Hilltop Editor

"I knew things w husband called and forces were atten communication cen television tower cou window."

It is hard to imagine the terror of war when you have not experienced it, but for one MHC professor, the terrors of war are a little more understandable. Dr. mathematics and edu the college went to which was the same uprising against Boris Kiser said that from floor room, she could s from artillery. Her hu Mars Hill, told her to r back side of the hotel v type and range of the could reach Kiser's roo

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