

The Opinions Page

POLICY

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 Time For Me

I've always been a "people" kind of gal. I feed off of their energy. I've been like that for as long I can remember.

It wasn't until lately that I discovered that sometimes I need time by myself to think about things or just enjoy the day. I'm sure there are others who are the same way.

Your day is packed with classes and other activities. I don't think we realize how much we need to meditate or pray. It makes the day a little less stressful and the week seems to go by faster when we take those moments.

I still like to be around lots of people, but I've learned there are other energies I can concentrate on. It's not a selfish act. In fact,

it could be considered a thoughtful thing to do.

Sometimes we have to do something special for ourselves like taking the occasional afternoon nap. But, who has the time?

I'm not suggesting hours upon hours, but maybe 20 minutes just to relax and take a breather. To some of us, even a few minutes seems hard to spare.

Maybe our lives get full too fast, and we feel as though we are always trying to catch up. Yet, if we don't take a little time during the day for ourselves, it could lead to burn-out by the week's end.

Dwayne Kennedy's Eye On The Storm: State Of The Union

Now that we have experienced a full year of the Clinton Administration we can evaluate his performance as the forty-second President of the United States.

Of course this brings to mind the proverbial question that seemingly all presidents must ask, "Are you better off today than you were one year ago?" For a majority of U.S. citizens the answer is a resounding yes. This can be primarily attributed to the steady, slow improvement of the economy and the emergence of the Clinton administration's ambitious domestic policy agenda that has addressed problems such as the deficit, health care, and gun control.

Let us look at both successes and failures during his first year in the Oval Office. Firstly, we do have a reduction in the federal deficit for the first time in over 10 years. Secondly, after 30 years we finally have some gun control enacted into law. Of course the age old argument of the second amendment, "Right to Bear Arms" has resurfaced on the political landscape. Thirdly, we have a family bill which offers families greater flexibility to attend to important issues that affect them. Fourthly, there was the passage of the NAFTA that will shape the economic destiny of our country into the 21st century and hopefully afford all involved the ability to successfully compete in the global marketplace. Finally, there was the appointment of Janet Reno as Attorney General and Ruth Bader Ginsburg as only

the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court. Obviously a lot has been accomplished in a relatively short period of time.

Now let us examine the failures of his first year in office. Firstly, there is the nagging problem of the inability to fill vacancies in key cabinet positions such as Attorney General, Secretary of Defense, and Head of the civil rights division in the Dept. of Justice. The Zoe Baird and Lani Guinier fiascos were hard lessons to learn concerning cabinet appointments. Secondly, there was the foreign policy miscues that occurred in both Somalia and Haiti. Other foreign policy problems such as the ethnic cleansing that is still rampant in Bosnia-Herzegovina were inherited from the Bush Administration. Thirdly, his application of chaos theory has made it difficult for us to get comfortable with the man that Bill Clinton is and wants to become and who leads a party that is "too liberal" for a majority of the country. However, change is inevitable and essential for a democracy to flourish.

President Clinton is an ambitious, driven man that has a vision for the U.S., but has not as yet clearly defined for the rest of the country what that vision is. He has become more presidential during the course of his first year and acclimated himself to life in Washington, D.C., but still remains true to that Bill Clinton from Hope, Arkansas. Overall, his first year performance merits a grade of B- from this political columnist.

Mike Wachtendorf's BabbleOn: "In the Name of Love"

Saturday afternoon is spent in cold, pounding hesitation. He knows that within hour they will be together celebrating their two-year anniversary. He remembers their first date together! It was a Thursday night Denny's run.

Nothing is really all that special about a late night trip to Denny's, but the all-night eating establishment is where it all began.

He ponders a return visit to Denny's, but wisely chooses to go the high-class route. She will be pleased.

He sits there in his apartment holding tightly the ring which he sacrificed greatly to buy. He looks it over, reaffirming the decision he has made.

He imagines the response she will give. He sees her crying, then laughing, then simply saying "yes."

His mediation is interrupted by the ringer on the phone.

"Hello—"

"Yeah, I'm finally going to do it—"

"Naw, it won't be that bad; I'll never forget my boys.—"

Well, thanks, I'll be sure to tell her you said that.—"

He hangs up the phone and walks into his room. He catches sight of himself in the large mirror on the wall. He smirks and rehearses the words one more time: W-W-W-ill you marry me. He tried again, not stuttering the second time. "That's more like it," he thinks to himself.

He notices a slight blemish on his face, then realizes it's just a patch of hair he had

missed when shaving. He grabs up his electric razor and heads to the bathroom to rectify the situation.

He brushes his teeth. This is only the second time today. He finishes the job with a good long gargle and spit.

He peruses through the short line-up of colognes assembled on the counter top. He decides on "Shaka" cologne (a musky, manly I've been sweating in the jungle scent). She loves "Shaka." She bought the bottle as a Christmas gift two months ago.

He finishes the task of getting dressed and heads out the door.

His ride over to her apartment is anxious but short.

"She sure looks beautiful," he thinks. "maybe that's why I picked her." He chuckles.

The meal goes quite well. He drops a shrimp in his lap, but she doesn't notice.

He excuses himself to the men's room to gain some sense of composure. He returns to the table where she is waiting patiently looking more elegant than before.

The violinist soon visits the table as he is arranged. He reaches smoothly inside his coat pocket.

She looks straight into his eyes and says "I have something to tell you. I want to tell other people."

He collapses in his chair as he dies of a broken heart.

Happy Valentines Day!

"I'm Not Sure What It Is, But I Like It"

As it creeps past you, unseen but definitely felt, you don't know what it is. It is still there. You can definitely hear something. A unique sound, but where is it coming from? You peep your head around the corner and whoomp! there it is!

But what is it? No, really, what the heck is it? It's different - that's for sure. Your roommates walk in; you ask them what it is.

"I don't know what it is."

"I like it, it's different."

Wait a minute.

You hear a voice; You get a little closer to check it out. The voice tells you you're listening to WVMH, FM 90.5.

It hits you like a truck, but you wonder what the heck is going on. What you are experiencing is good, but you say to your roommates, "I didn't know the radio station was like this. What happened to our terrible sounding, often ignored, poorly run campus radio station?"

You peek back into the hall and watch as another experiences what you've just been through. You laugh, re-enter your room, and keep on listening.

You are reading this article skeptically.

Sure, I might be making this all up, but maybe not. I wouldn't believe it either, if I

hadn't already seen it, smelled it, and heard it myself.

It's kind of like having a newborn baby. Sure it may smell every once in a while, but you make changes, and then listen to everybody talk about how fresh and cute it is.

What's new.

The largest problem that the station has had in past semesters is a lack of campus music. New management has taken the problem head on by establishing a new library at the station. Also promotional efforts are in the works with several record labels.

Management is dedicated to providing a professional sounding station. Programming varies from DJ to DJ, but all do their best to make Mars Hill a happy place through good radio. That's swell.

What about giveaways?

Well, I'm glad you asked. The station has already given away \$100 in Bookstore Certificates and will be giving away prizes all semester. Listen and win.

Trust me, the contests are easy to win and user friendly.

I have a good feeling (actually I have several good feelings) that given a few months or so the station will mature, set standards for years to come.

See Page 5

THE HILLTOP
S T A F F

Michael S. Roten,
Editor in Chief

Freda Banther,
assistant editor

Bill Wright,
assistant editor

Jennifer R. McKinster,
sports editor

Staff Writers:

Rhonda Baity

Freda Banther

Candace Bryant

Dwayne Kennedy

Patrick Nelson
Mike Wachtendorf
Amy Webb

Graphics Artists:
Michelle Davis
Belinda Edwards

Distribution Manager:
Jennifer Ploeg

Staff Advisor:
John Campbell,
Director of Media Relations

THE HILLTOP is bimonthly coverage of Mars Hill College and is the official student newspaper

for the college. It is funded by a school budget and through advertising. THE HILLTOP is

printed by Groves Printing, Inc. of Asheville, NC. THE HILLTOP office is located on the bottom

floor of Wren College Union on the college campus. Mailing address is P.O. Box 6148, Mars

Hill, N.C. 28754. Telephone 704-689-1419.

Christ

By Rhonda Baity
Hilltop Staff Writer

The annual Christmas Hill Campus from February 10-12. Christian Focus Week, Christian faith to life, leaders from various parts of the world brought to Mars Hill by

Colleg Singer

By Jennifer R. McKinster
Hilltop Staff Writer

Later this month, the Hilltop will embark on a trip to Washington, D.C. for the Spring Tour. The tour will include stops in Washington, D.C., Alexandria, Franklin, and Chapel Hill, N.C. Many of the choir members had all hope that it goes well.

Weathe

By Jennifer Ploeg
Hilltop Staff Writer

You may be noticing new faces on campus this year, or maybe ones you just haven't seen in a while. Mars Hill College has three new first-time freshmen, along with fifteen transfers, and twenty-two returning students as reported Ms. Edith White, registrar for the college.

The weather, however, played a major role when it came to registering. Making it to registration, because of the snow and ice, took several days were still long.

Laura Berrong, a junior from Canton, NC, had a hard time coming back to school until Monday morning, but with the three heavy snow and ice, she decided to head back last night. Driving conditions were fine on the highways througho

What's new.

The largest problem that the station has had in past semesters is a lack of campus music. New management has taken the problem head on by establishing a new library at the station. Also promotional efforts are in the works with several record labels.

Management is dedicated to providing a professional sounding station. Programming varies from DJ to DJ, but all do their best to make Mars Hill a happy place through good radio. That's swell.

What about giveaways?

Well, I'm glad you asked. The station has already given away \$100 in Bookstore Certificates and will be giving away prizes all semester. Listen and win.

Trust me, the contests are easy to win and user friendly.

I have a good feeling (actually I have several good feelings) that given a few months or so the station will mature, set standards for years to come.

See Page 5

See Page 5

Earn \$500 - \$100 weekly stuffing envelopes. For Details - RUSH \$1.00 with SASE to: Group Five 57 Greentree Drive Suite 307 Dover, DE 19901