

Editorial

by Cheryl Curtis

The Student Union is no longer a word in the Montreat-Anderson student's vocabulary. Not only did it go out of existence for the year, there are no plans made for one in the immediate future.

This year, the cost of renting Moore Center from Montreat Association went up from \$1,250 to \$2,500 per school year. The money spent on rent was subsidized money and is going towards other projects which include buying buildings for the college, and remodeling Fellowship Hall and Howerton Cafeteria. Scholarships or endowments funds have also been set up.

The Student Union is not a priority on the college's list for several reasons. They feel that the items mentioned above are more vital projects than the S.U. The other reason is student apathy. The lower level of the gym has been set aside for the students, yet few students have taken advantage of it.

"It is less space than we would like to provide and has limited facilities, but participation is less," commented Mr. Walter Hall, the business manager. "No one has complained about the situation to us yet."

Apathy. It's that famous human characteristic that gets nothing accomplished. Either the people that filled the S.U. last year don't care about it enough to get an alternative plan moving, or they're just going other places outside of Montreat to relax, when they should have that option on campus.

One suggestion that has been made is to renovate the house next to MA Hall. But the only way to get funds set aside for a Student Union is for the students to let the administration know that there is a need for one. Is there a need?



Lake Susan Dam--slow, tedious work

By Allen Meadows

The first issue of Aletheia stated that the middle of October would mark the completion of the Lake Susan Dam. Needless to say, it wasn't finished then, and it is not likely to be finished until November 20. "I don't care if it takes until 1988, we're going to do it right. I'm not going to do it half way," says John Lewis, Administrative Director of the Mountain Retreat Association.

Completion postponements were not due to worker apathy although Lewis admits that there were a few times during the summer that they (the workers) could have worked but did not. Neither is it a case of a squandering of funds. Lewis' impressive background in such financial matters as this speak soundly of his competence.

"Doing it right" is the delay factor towards finishing the dam project, not to mention recent bad weather. The new dam will last, and last, and last. . . .

Midway through completion the iron used to stabilize the concrete in one of the slabs, to put it simply, slipped and fell about 4 inches during the concrete pouring. The iron support is supposed to remain in the top third of the concrete slab. Leaving the faulty slab there would have meant a repeat of what happened two years ago when because of hurried work the 50-year-old dam gave way when it should have lasted nearly for an eternity.

A decision had to be made on whether to replace the entire wall, remove and replace the one concrete slab, or to place another concrete slab on top of the faulty one. The final idea was discerned the wisest and cheapest, but a lengthy wait for approval of the decision by the State of North Carolina interrupted progress.

But whose fault was the faulty concrete slab? The blame must be cast upon the engineers and contractors. One built it, and the other inspected it and considered it sound before the concrete pouring. Nobody is perfect. Consider

too that their contract was 20 percent less expensive than the next bid by other contractors wanting the dam project.

Moving now to the weather. Seeing how we can't blame God (please don't) for all the rain of late, let's just thank Him for it and pray for drier skies, soon!

QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE MAC STUDENT BODY VIA THE EDITOR AND ANSWERED BY JOHN KLEWIS.

ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A BEACH AS BEFORE?

No. This is to help deter swimming.

WHY NO SWIMMING?

Several years ago authorities tested the water in the lake and considered it unsafe for swimming. If it were used for swimming, following steps toward purification, a six foot chain-linked barb wired-topped fence would have to encircle the lake as required by state law thus destroying its natural beauty.

IF THERE WILL BE NO BEACH CAN WE STILL GO CANOEING?

Yes. Canoe slips will be constructed on the bank below Assembly Inn.

SHOULDN'T LANDSCAPING GET STARTED SOON IF COMPLETION IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 20 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER?

Landscaping is certainly planned but with cold weather upon us shrubbery and trees would surely die. We'll wait until spring.

HOW ABOUT ALL THAT DIRT BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS IN THE LAKE?

Removing the dirt is the last thing to be done. Much of it has already been removed to below the tennis courts and the remainder is needed to hold up the heavy equipment.

Letters to the Editor

I am writing in regard to your article on "Intramural Football" in the October 27 issue. I was very disappointed when I read the article and found that there were only two short sentences concerning the women's part in this activity. While the reporter took the time out to record the present standing of each of the men's teams and to briefly interview the leader of each team, he didn't even attempt to give an account of the women's achievements. I was also very insulted by the last remark (the only remark), that said, "It should be curious to say the least." This insinuated that women's intramurals is all a big joke; which it isn't. Our team had an excellent coach, and we practiced for one hour each week. We enjoyed Intramural Football but we also took it seriously. I felt like the girls on all of the teams did a good job with football skills and did not look like a bunch of uncoordinated fools whom someone would look "curiously" at.

I know I may have exaggerated a bit with my reaction to the article,

but I do feel that women's athletics should not be overlooked but are to be taken seriously.

Respectfully Yours,
Patty Colcord

RESPONSE: We are truly sorry, but as policy stated in the initial issue that we can cover only what we have time and space for. I'm sure you will be pleased to note the write-up concerning your game on page 7.

What ever happened to the rule in flag football that when the flag is pulled the play is stopped? This rule was not observed too well in the recent women's football championship game. I think a body should know that when a flag is pulled and held into the air before the opposing body has fallen on top with the mere hand across the goal line that the play is stopped. Why can't justice rule! Why did the refs just want someone to win? In my opinion 3rd floor MA Hall was rooked!

A very upset
3rd floor person

RESPONSE: According to referee Kenny Roseboro the play was not questionable in the least. She scored the TD and that is that.

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