

MA-Hall's Residents-Living Examples

by Sammy Feldmon

Every student here at MAC, if they live on campus, knows their Head Resident and possibly a few things about them. Unfortunately, many students don't know those in other dorms, nor would they recognize them if they saw them on campus. The purpose of this article is to give an idea of their origin, academic background, spiritual emphasis, how they came about coming to MAC, their relationship with the students, what the Lord has shown them through these relationships, what their goals are, and how these relationships and what they have learned from them will affect those goals.

In Montreat-Anderson Hall there lives a lady who is dear to all who know her. Her name is Mrs. Sally Bixler, but she is better known to the students as "MOM". She was born Sally Mathews in Decatur, Georgia in 1919 and raised in Lithonia, Georgia, both of which are near Atlanta. She earned a B.A. degree in Sociology as well as a minor in Bible at Agnes Scott College in Decatur. After graduation she worked as a receptionist for a doctor and then as a service representative for Southern Bell. This was what she considered the "best job" until 1943 when she became Mrs. Sally Mathews Bixler. In other words, she got married—to Rev. Charles R. Bixler. Through her husband's position as a minister, she has lived in Tennessee, Virginia, and BOTH North and South Carolina. After his death, she moved to Fort Mill, South Carolina where she lived for 20 years.

In the summer of 1975, MOM came to Montreat for an interview as a Head Resident and began working in that position at the beginning of the Fall semester. Incidentally, I think it would be interesting to note that it was through a recommendation from the late Dr. B. Hoyt Evans that MOM went to South Carolina as well as coming to Montreat.

MOM is the mother of three wonderful children. They are Anne, 33, who has four children of her own in Fort Mill, S.C.; Edwin, 30, who is a graduate of Montreat Anderson College, is married, and presently living in Riverside, California; and Joe, 27, who is single and lives in Fort Mill, S.C.

"I feel very strongly that the Lord called me to this work. I can look back and see how a lot of things I did were done in preparation for this. I'm very

happy with this position. If I stopped and thought about my position and the responsibility of 133 girls, that thought itself would be overwhelming, but God is helping me see them as individuals—one girl at a time. I think I have 133 'top-notch' girls."

Also in MA Hall is Betsy Oliver, a lady who is more than likely known by all. She was born in May of 1954 in St. Louis. A few years later she moved to Houston, Texas where she lived for 9 years. She lived in a small town in Pennsylvania for 6 years before moving to Pittsburg. After graduating from high school in Pittsburg she went to San Antonio, Texas to attend Trinity University. She was there for four years to earn a B.A. degree in religion.

In the spring of her senior year she was looking for a seminary to attend, but she couldn't find what she wanted. One of her college friends, Ann Wilson (Head Resident of McGregor at the time), urged her to come here and work. Having already done that at Trinity, she wasn't too excited about doing it again. When Ann told her that in addition to being Head Resident she would be able to teach choir and lead a musical group, she took the job feeling the Lord was in the decision. She figured "seminary would always be there but Montreat wouldn't."

"I'm the assistant resident because I work in music. The music enhances my relationship with the girls in the dorm. I'm able to work on specifics with the girls because we have a common aim, such as a musical, or a G.A. performance, etc. Whatever we do, we're in it together. More than anything else I've been reminded about the discipline of the Christian life by the lives of the girls with whom I work. It's the academic environment that promotes personal discipline as a priority, and I'm grateful to be in that environment. Many of the girls here are so earnest in wanting to please the Lord that it inspires me to want to do the same."

"My work at Montreat has awakened a desire to work in music in a full-time capacity, pending on the Lord's desire for me. I'm looking into Master's programs in choral conducting and Biblical Studies and counseling. I've really seen in the last two years how music can be such a dynamic medium through which people can grow and develop. Because of this I get really excited about using music in an academic community as a way to reach people."

Next week: McGregor, Davis and Howerton Residents

MONTREAT-ANDERSON COLLEGE BASKETBALL 1977-78

November 29	At Brevard College	7:30 p.m.
December 3	At Mitchell Community College	7:30 p.m.
December 8	Isothermal Community College	7:30 p.m.
December 10	At Warren Willson College	7:30 p.m.
December 13	Caldwell College	7:30 p.m.
January 12	Mitchell College	7:30 p.m.
January 14	Piedmont College	7:30 p.m.
January 18	Asheville-Buncombe Tech.	7:30 p.m.
January 21	At Surry Community College	7:30 p.m.
January 24	Wilks Community College	7:30 p.m.
January 28	Open	
January 31	At Davidson Community College	7:30 p.m.
February 4	At Piedmont College	7:30 p.m.
February 8	At Asheville-Buncombe Tech	7:30 p.m.
February 11	Surry Community College	7:30 p.m.
February 14	At Rutledge College	7:30 p.m.
February 16	Brevard College	7:30 p.m.
February 18	At Caldwell College	7:30 p.m.
February 21	At Wilks Community College	7:30 p.m.
February 25	Warren Wilson College	7:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Norm Wilhelmi

GO MAC!

MONTREAT-ANDERSON COLLEGE WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL 1977-78

December 6	Spartanburg	HOME	7:00 p.m.
December 8	Davidson Community College	AWAY	7:00 p.m.
December 10	Warren Wilson	AWAY	6:00 p.m.
January 13	King College	HOME	7:00 p.m.
January 18	Asheville-Buncombe Tech	HOME	4:00 p.m.
January 21	Tusculum	AWAY	7:00 p.m.
January 24	North Greenville	AWAY	5:30 p.m.
January 28	Spartanburg	AWAY	3:00 p.m.
January 31	Davidson Community College	HOME	5:30 p.m.
February 2	Brevard	AWAY	7:00 p.m.
February 8	Asheville-Buncombe Tech.	AWAY	5:30 p.m.
February 10	King College	AWAY	7:00 p.m.
February 14	Tusculum	HOME	5:00 p.m.
February 21	North Greenville	HOME	5:30 p.m.
February 25	Warren Wilson	OWEN	6:00 p.m.

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Head: Javne Isaacson

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GREAT MONTREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!--The 1978 Mountain Meditations Calendar, with 12 fine color photographs of our mountains, accompanied by thoughtful Scripture texts. Suitable for anyone, useful, attractive, easy to mail, and only \$2.50. See College Bookstore, or the Montreat store.

A RIDE? to Charlotte for Christmas break on December 20 or 21. Glad to help with gas and driving. Contact Neill McLauchlin in Davis 319.

THANK YOU!--Cathy and Phil for the beautiful rose. Beth.

FOR SALE: One pair of navy blue hiking boots (short) size 7½ medium. Used only twice. Price \$7.00. See Mrs. Andrews in the Bookstore.

WANTED--A ride to Plymouth, N.C. Thanksgiving break. New Bern, Greenville, Elizabeth City, or Rocky Mount will do. Please contact Bea Burton, MA Hall, Room 512.

SALE OF A LIFETIME--Back Packing equipment: Kelty Haul Pack (Day Pack) \$30.00, R.E.I. McKinley Sleeping Bag. Full mummy style, 3 lbs., Goose Down Gear (Rock and Ice) See Mark Grubb 216 Howerton.

PRAYER NEEDED for the victims' families of the Tocoa Falls Bible College disaster.

"ATTENTION" The 3rd Annual Montreat-Anderson Family Auto Rally! November 8, Friday 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. Meet at the Library. A minimum of 2 people per car and a maximum of no more than there are seats. Prizes and food for all who participate!

ARE WE FORGIVEN?--Sorry about the delay on getting Earl Zelswick T-shirts. If you want to order one just see John Baker. The first shipment will be in soon.

FCA MEETING--Changed to tonight at 8 p.m. in Gaither.

ALL ARE WELCOME to attend Montreat Presbyterian Church Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night, GAITHER CHAPEL, 7 p.m.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT that a mouse and mermaid could have gotten along. Maybe the Lion and "T.C."

Letters to the Editor

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Well, the "can redneck" strikes again! This certain person that gets thrills out of knocking cans out of windows in Davis Dormitory strikes again. A brief description of this villain has been reported and probably it will be caught in the near future. This has to be the work of a sure redneck or possibly a grit from Lizzard Lick. We want you to know that we understand your problem. You're either insecure,

lonely, or probably as mental as X&+ +\$! Please write the editor next week and let all of us know how you slowly are working towards manhood.

name withheld

RESPONSE: I agree 100 percent with you sir. Those culprits must be mental! Imagine getting turned on by knocking cans over. Sick, sick.