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We Stayed!

by Mindy Clinard

The "We're Staying" display is now history and the "I'm Staying" t-shirts are all packed away in our drawers or are at home being worn by little brothers and sisters. To the new junior class at Montreat-Anderson, the concept of actually staying here for four years has finally become reality. One member of this pioneering group summed up the third year at M-AC as, "Hey it's just like any other school. Believe me this is a 'real' school."

Real school indeed! Being the first group in the new four-year program does not guarantee or even give hint to an experimental or even a slack year of classes. New Jersey native Diane Jefferies commented, "At first I was a little skeptical of the program, but I now find it to be very challenging."

In some ways starting the new year as a junior class felt to the participants almost like starting all over at Montreat. Starting out two years ago as freshmen, feeling what it's like to be sophomores, learning about the college and surrounding area, holding leadership positions, taking World Civ., being entertained at the sophomore breakfast, and actually graduating from good ole' M-AC all helped to make the past two years complete. Saying goodbye to the majority of the class of '86 as they moved to new schools, careers, or even into new family lives gave a slight feeling of being left behind, which was soon forgotten as the juniors realized what they had in store for their

next two years of school.

Of the new programs, the Christian Ministries division has seemed to win top honors in enrollment, but the Business Administration and Liberal Arts divisions have actually brought back a number of M-AC graduates from years past to finish their study at their old alma mater.

The new program contributes much and seems very beneficial to the students as well as to the school. Some junior level courses are being offered to sophomore students and thus better prepares them for their actual junior year in college. Most of all, the juniors are able to continue their education with the faculty and staff they have learned to love (or have learned what to expect from) over their years here. The new faculty have proven very capable of teaching the junior level courses and seem to have impressed the students just as much as M-AC's "old faithfuls."

When asked what it felt like to be a junior, at what is still thought of as a two-year school by many, the general consensus among the class was the same. At first there was a slight feeling of being left out, but now there is a greater feeling of excitement. Getting into the actual majors and courses of study cause this group to finally feel like juniors at two-year Montreat-Anderson and help to give them the Christian basis for their future careers. Which in itself is mainly the reason the juniors opted to continue at M-AC.



1986-87 Homecoming Court: (front row) — Ellen Pillsbury, Carmen Vander-noord, Kristen Bass and Christy Spicer. (Back row) — Carole Beaumont, Kim Hood, Cindy Henderson, and Karen Levine.

Some Big Important Dude



by Nancy Nichols

The first day on campus this fall my mother and I were walking up the steps from the "M" floor of Belk when a distinguished, good-looking man stopped us on the stairs and introduced himself. He said he was Dean somebody-or-other and asked where we were from. Being ignorant about college life can be detrimental because as soon as I heard the word "Dean" I said to myself, "some big important dude" and assumed he knew everything there was to know about life, the world, the universe in general. So when I told him I lived near Greensboro he said, "Is that in N.C.? I'm new around here too." Anyway, I'll never forget

how friendly and outgoing Dean McDowell was to me and my mom that first day. And even though he is a "big important-dude" he is just as human as the rest of us.

In case you don't know exactly what Dean McDowell's job is, I'll tell you. According to the college's official job description -- he "shall report directly to the Vice President and Dean of the College with responsibilities for administering the Student Affairs programs and supervising the personnel who lead these programs. These areas include athletics, the new Belk Campus Center, student activities and intramurals, health services, residence life, career counseling, student government, and student conduct. This person shall also be expected to teach one or two sections of an academic course in a discipline of expertise." Dean McDowell is now teaching one of our Bible classes.

Dean McDowell and his family were living in Seattle when they first started to feel the Lord was calling for a change in their lives. They were praying hard for direction when they heard about an open position at Montreat-Anderson College. Dean McDowell first contacted M-AC by phone and then letter. He integrated a visit to M-AC in May with a conference he was attending in

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