

Intense Ten

by Shane Walker

People say that strange sounds can be heard in the mountains, and I believe them! An enormous rumble that pounded like tympany drums and frantic screams filled the air. A passerby would have thought that Hank Williams, Jr. was putting on a mini-concert in the Montreat-Anderson Gym. But no Hank, it was the women's volleyball team practicing for their next match.

Coach Patsy Neal is pacing the sidelines while hollering words of encouragement to the "Intense Ten." If anyone has been to one of their matches, they will know what I mean by intense. The women work their way through various drills at an extreme level of intensity. Silence is only present when the coach is speaking. "Their energy and enthusiasm is tremendous," says Neal. "This team has the best attitude and hustle I have seen in a long time! They all get along great on and off court."

When only ten players on the roster a person might think that would cause some problems. But Coach Neal pointed out, "With only ten, all of the players will get more playing time. So this turns out to be an advantage." One thing is for sure, they all eat their Wheaties!

The first time the women were seen in action was on September 15 against Piedmont and Johnson Bible Colleges. This was the first tri-match of the season. The ten came out with a 1-1, defeating Piedmont. On their first two trips away from the mountain they came back with a perfect regular season record of 2-0, crushing Queens College and Belmont Abbey.

The 86-87 team is captained by Kathy Fox, a 5'5" sophomore from Marshall, and Paula Johnson, a 5'6" sophomore from Marion. The other two upper-classmen are 5'11" Beverly McGee from Winston-Salem, and Melinda Taylor from Roanoke, VA. With only four out of the ten sophomores, the freshmen will obviously play an important role. The freshmen are as follows: Judy Brown, 5'6" from Orlando, FL.; Carol Fox, 5'8" from Marshall; Sherry Kocsis, 5'6" from Myrtle Beach, SC; Delys Lake, 5'3" from Orlando, FL; Robin Murphy, 5' from Charlotte; and Cathy Yu a 5'6" strength from Greensboro. The assistant coach is Lou Johnson and the manager is Leslie Ray.

The whole team greatly appreciates the support given by all the students and faculty. This team of Cavaliers is a promising asset to the College. The next few home games will be on the 25th of September, at 6 PM, then on the 30th, another tri-match will be played against Anderson J.C.

and King College at 6 PM also. Then comes the Homecoming game on the 3rd of October, this match will be played at 4 PM.



Melinda takes command of the game!

Spring Training In The Fall?

by Scott Wirz

Though it may sound funny, the Montreat baseball team is in "spring training," or at least a type of "spring training" anyway. You see, right now Coach Tinnell and his team are practicing hard for the spring baseball season. Although it may sound a little odd to start getting ready for the spring season by practicing in the fall, Coach Tinnell said this is because of the weather. Simply put, the weather now is much better suited for baseball practice than the weather in spring. Coach Tinnell also pointed out that the time in the fall is good for getting the team organized and used to working with each other. During this six week period the team also plays several exhibition games. These games are not counted as a part of the official record and are used to teach the players about their strong and weak points, both as individuals and as a team. These games also give the Cavaliers a look at the four year schools as well as giving the four year schools a look at the Cavaliers.

The team this year is composed of 35 students -- 24 freshmen and 11 sophomors. As far as the players themselves are concerned, Coach Tinnell said that out of his three years at Montreat-Anderson, this is the best group yet. In the spring, the Cavaliers will be playing teams such as Western Carolina, Appalachian State, King College, and the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Until that time arrives though, we will be impatiently waiting and hoping for the best group of M-A Cavaliers yet.



M-AC's 1986-87 Volleball Team

Hustle, Enthusiasm, and Compatibility

by Beth McCoy

A new year. A new coach. New uniforms. Nine new players.

What the 1986 Cavalier soccer team lacks in experience, they make up for in hustle and enthusiasm.

According to Coach Ried Estus, this team's greatest strength is "their compatibility." It's this very teamwork that has led to their early success. After the first three games, their record was 2-1.

The first game was a victory against North Greenville. Joe Vicari scored from twenty feet out to take an early 1-0 lead, and Johnny Gailles added a goal near the end of the first period. The eventual score was 3-1, the key to this win being "ball possession and good passing."

The second game was a tough 2-0 loss to Lees-McRae, but the Cavs didn't stay down long! They came back with a vengeance against Spartanburg-Methodist. A scoreless tie was broken about a minute into the second period when Marc "Duracell" Rogers scored the first goal. At 20:25 Frank Cardelle scored off a deflection to put Montreat up by two, and Joe Vicari made it 3-0 with

maining. S-MC had one last opportunity to score, but the threat ended at 1:26 when goalie Jim Kearcher made a tremendous save.

The team is an interesting one because of the players' many nationalities and the mixture of freshmen/sophomores. The captain is sophomore Momadou Taal. Montreat is a member of Region 10, a very tough region that includes the likes of Anderson College and Brevard.

Although early in the year, it's obvious the soccer team has the potential to go far. With thirteen games left on the schedule -- four of them at home -- they need the support and encouragement of the student body at games. Five of the first six games are within the region, so early success is important if they hope to make the region tournament the first week of November at Brevard. As Coach Estus says, the key to having a successful year is "eliminating defensive mistakes, staying healthy, and playing to the best of our ability." The team's hard work has paid off so far.

Go Montreat! We're behind you all the way.



Tim has his eye on the ball!