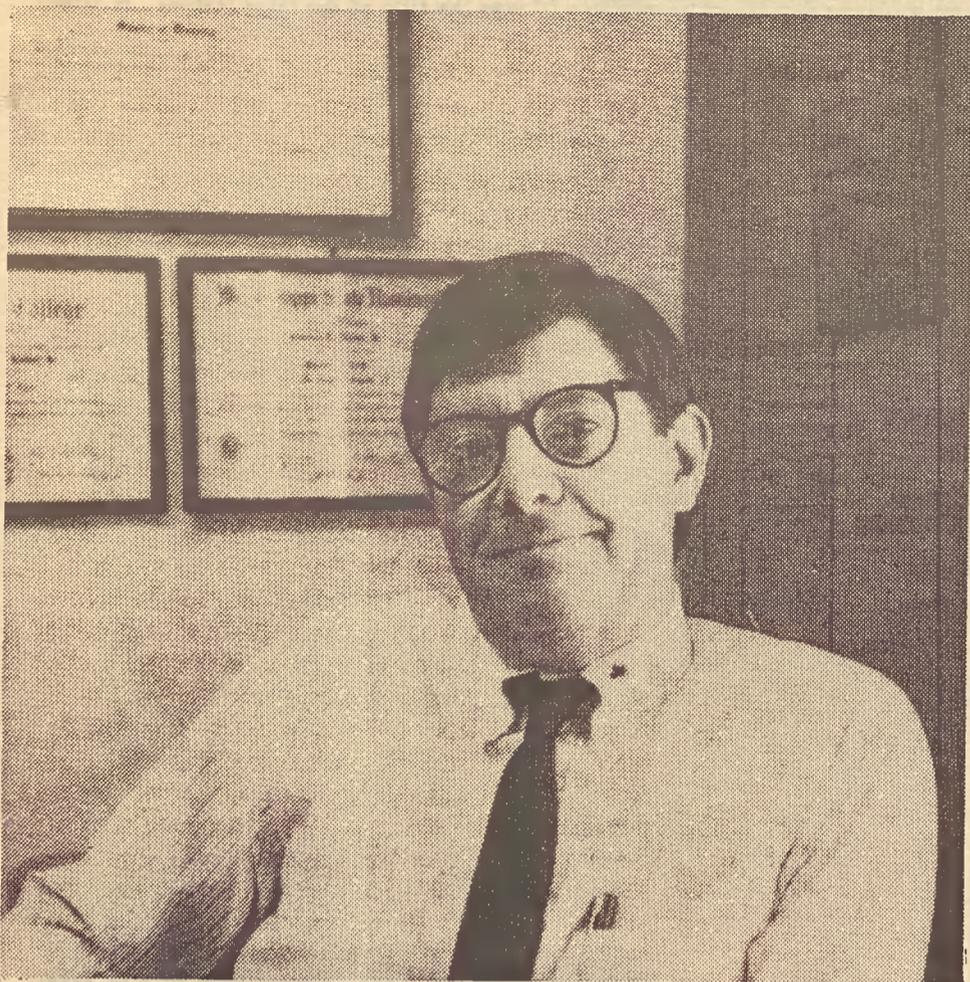


## CAMPUS CANDIDS



### CHARLES RISHER: "MAKING HISTORY" AT M-AC

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As I ascended the staircase to McLeod's Third floor, I saw Dr. Risher, my interviewee, gazing out the window at the beautiful Montreat mountains. I gave a slight knock at the door (so I wouldn't startle him) and was gladly received into his office and asked to have a seat. As I made my way into his office, I noticed the many books on his shelves, as most professor's and doctor's have after many years of hard work. Several diplomas were hanging on the wall from various prestigious institutes to show the rewards of all those years of tedious studying. I sat down quite nervously since this was my first interview and began asking him general questions that I thought the college would like to know. Dr. Risher made me feel quite at home and what's better, he did the interview for me! I asked one question and he took off into his past.

Although Dr. Risher was born in Newport, Rhode Island, he grew up in Mississippi because his father travelled with the Military. After high school he went on to Belhaven College and majored in History. There he also met his wife, who, by the way, is a Montreat-Anderson College alumni. He continued to pursue his education and attended Mississippi State University where he received a Masters in History

and later a Ph.D. During this course of time, Dr. Risher and his wife had two children. Randy, who is now fourteen, and Laurel, who is now ten.

As Dr. Risher's interest in education excelled, he decided to move to Georgia for better opportunities. There he taught at Dalton Junior College, received a Master's of Divinities at Emory and accepted a scholarship at Princeton. While furthering his education and teaching at night school, he pastored a Methodist Church in Jackson, Ga. Other schools he taught at were; Gordon Junior College, and Georgia State. Dr. Risher also taught at Mercer University, was Director of Admissions for Macon Presbyterian Day School and taught prison inmates through a program at Brutan-Parker College.

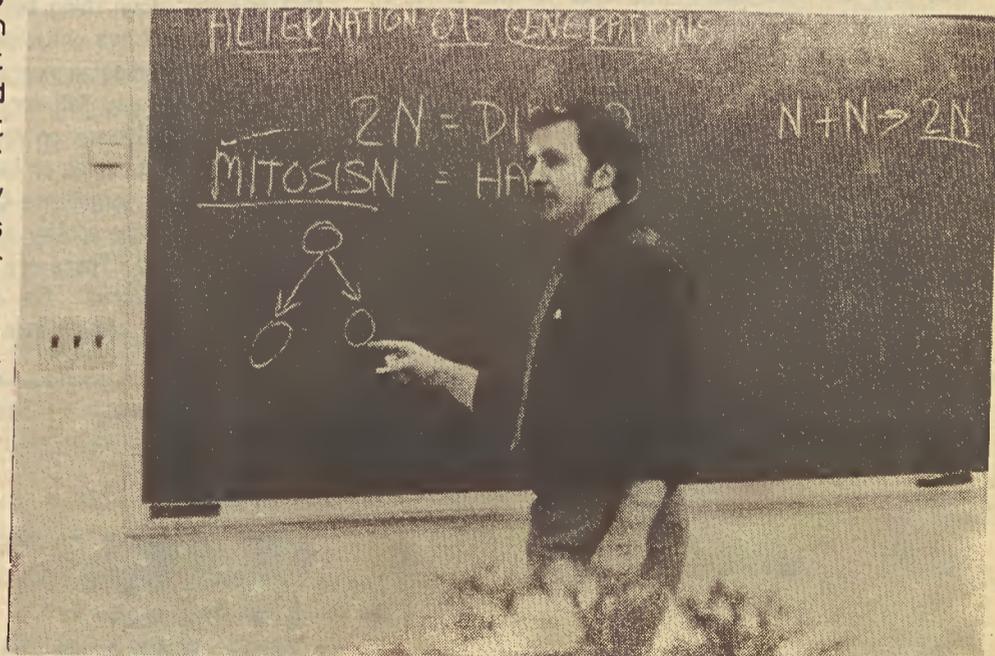
I asked Dr. Risher what brought him here to Montreat. I found the story he told me to be quite interesting. Twenty years ago his wife brought him here to see her old alma mater. Ever since that first sight of Montreat, he has longed to be here. It was not until after he gave up the dream of wanting to be at Montreat that the Lord allowed him to come here. Soon a friend told him of an opening and Dean Wilson contacted him. Dr. Risher's prayer was answered. God finally brought him here and we're very glad he did.



"YOU LIVE IN THERE?"



"I SAID GIVE ME A KISS!"



"AND CLASS, THESE ARE THREE CIRCLES."