

Good Things at Montreat Anderson

PEGGY LEIS

The other day I was sitting in the cafeteria talking about newspaper articles in the Aletheia. Someone made the comment that they were sick of people complaining all the time about things here at Montreat. They said that there were plenty of good things here at Montreat. That person was right. I figured this might be a good topic for an article: Good Things at Montreat!

First, there are a lot of unsung heroes walking around this campus. Take the maintenance men, those guys are great! Anytime you need something done, Dan and his crew will go out of their way to do it (of course this doesn't include the on-going problem of hot water in McGregor-- but hey guys-- sometimes the higher ups can tend to tie your hands!) As busy as these men are they could just as well throw hammers and wrenches at us when we ask for some shelves to be hung-- but no, these guys aren't like that. They always have a smile. They're just good guys that do a great job, and they don't give anyone a hassle.

Aletheia Editorial-Visible Results

MINDY CLINARD

In the last issue of the Aletheia, we read about our faculty-- the same professors "over and over again", the unavoidable "quiz" that plagues the campus, and the conditions of our Gaither Hall classrooms.

These were editorial topics of interest submitted by students of Montreat-Anderson College. Interesting? Yes. Important? Yes. But what becomes of these written opinions? Well, usually the editorials of our student newspaper serve the sole purpose of expression.

This issue, however, marked a milestone for student expression. With the help of a concerned faculty member, Dr. Frazier Jones, "Our Cruddy College Classrooms" (the title of the article) made a difference.

Then there's Jack Spencer in the cafeteria. There is a grim reality that all freshmen face when they first come to school and experience the gourmet taste of cafeteria food. Sure it's not the best in the world, but I doubt you'll find a man who tries as hard to please the students as Jack Spencer. Here again is a great guy who does a great job. He accepts complaints, suggestions, etc. and works on them. Yet sometimes it's easier for us to complain then to sit down and talk.

Last, is a person named Nan Weitzel-- she's the Student Activities Chairman and does stay busy. If you're ever around Nan, you'll realize that she tries hard. Maybe we should respond better to her dilemma of not having too much to work with. I'm sure if you thought, you too could come up with some positive things here at Montreat. I mean, if everything was so bad why would we stay?

As an upperclassman, who has sat in these rooms for the past four years, I have a deep felt appreciation. Thank you Dr. Jones for your concerned contributions to our school! Oh, by the way Dr. Jones, do you have any sons in the plumbing business?

Businessman Frazier Jones has his eyes open and his ears attentive when it comes to helping the students. After reading the article, which very descriptively presents the conditions of the Gaither classrooms, Dr. Jones called up his son, who just happens to work for the Bigelow Carpet Company.

I guess the comment "I heard one Professor remark that the carpet in room 27 has been there the 13 years he has been here," sparked an interest.

During our Christmas break, away from studies, away from test, and away from our classrooms; Gaither got a small but much needed facelift on the inside. The Bigelow Carpet Company donated the end of a roll of carpet to our college. In fact, according to Dr. Jones, it is the same roll of carpet that was used in the Statue of Liberty.

Dr. Jones and his son installed the carpet in room 27 for all students and professors who use this room to enjoy.

How to Take a Shower in McG.

GREG HOWARD

I don't know what all the fuss is about in McGregor. Residents are furious over the hot water situation and they get blood red eyes when they think about the Administration and its ultimate responsibility in the matter but I don't understand this! I think the "McCrusters" ought to be a little more patient (maybe for another semester or so) and try to be a little creative.

As for me, I don't have a problem. Let me just explain how easy, simple, and convenient it is to take a hot shower in McGregor.

Now, it is true that 95% of the time there isn't any hot water when you need it. (Make that 97%.) Well, in my particular bathroom, I have had the pleasure all year of not having any cold water in my sink. So, I have a shower with cold water and no hot water and a sink with hot water and no cold water. This can only be possible by the modern technology at M-AC. (I think, however, that this extra feature is added on to my bill in the business office-- automatically, of course. If you want this accessory, be prepared to have a total tuition of around \$6500. I know it's steep but my granddaddy always said; "It only costs 50% more to live first class.")

Anyway, I get up in the morning, check the thermostat to see why there are icicles hanging from my nose, go into the bathroom and turn on the hot water knob in the shower. Of course,

it's cold as usual. Then I turn on the hot water knob in the sink. I don't even bother turning on the cold because nothing comes out.

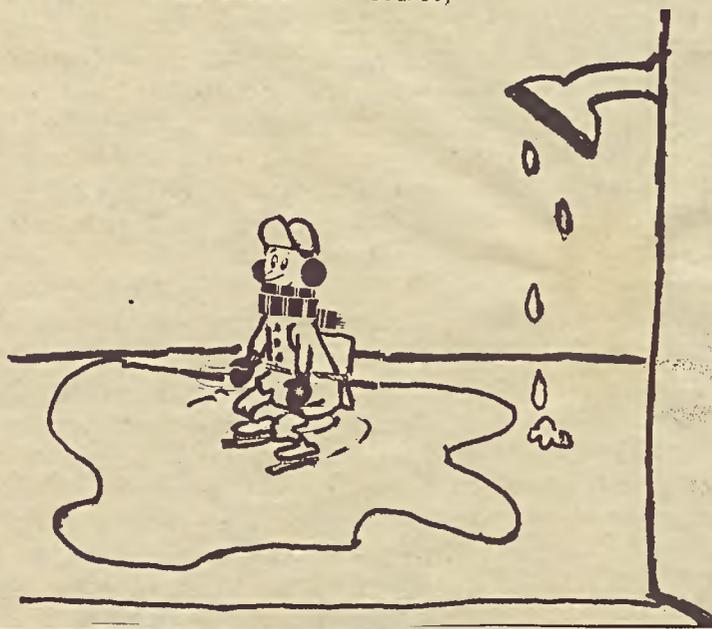
Now it gets a little tricky. In order to get the full body effect of perfect temperature water, I stick one leg in the shower, close the curtain around it as best I can, then carefully straddle the floor and place the other leg in the sink. So there I am suspended in the air in full sprawl and lathering up splendidly.

My next feat is the washing of my hair. Luckily, the position that I'm in makes it easy just to stick my head right down into the toilet for the wash and rinse. (It usually takes two McGregor flushes to fully complete the rinse.)

The only thing that could make this bathing experience even more delightful would be padded door knobs. (My suite-mate tends to burst through the door without any warning.)

So ease up "McCrusters", be creative, be patient and see where it gets you. But most of all-- don't blame the maintenance men. Seriously! They are doing everything in and beyond their power to help. It's the "higher powers" who need to be shaken up. I'll bet if they had a cold shower every day they wouldn't "live with it!"

I know McGregor is co-ed now-- but we don't need that many cold showers.



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