

# Outstanding Teaching

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Dr. David Parks, perhaps the finest professor to ever grace our institution, received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree at Georgia Tech in 1950. Four years later he earned a Bachelor of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur.

In 1956 Dr. Parks felt called to be an instrument of God's hope in the mission field. After much prayer, He, his wife Anna, and his children left for Seoul, Korea. They first worked as pioneer evangelist starting churches. But later, because of his background in Electrical Engineering, God used Dr. Parks' skills

to further the reach of a christian radio station in Seoul. In 1967, Dr. Parks felt that he had prepared the young Koreans involved with Christ's radio ministries enough to where he and his family could return to America, to continue God's work in another capacity. Today, as Dr. Parks looks back on his life, he considers this time in Korea to be a pinnacle.

Dr. Parks returned to Weaverville, the town of his youth, to Pastor his home church. He stayed there for seven years, before God called him to teach. In 1973, Dr. Parks came to Montreat-Anderson College as a Bible professor. One of his first classes was filled predomi-

nantly by the baseball team. He was worried about the interest level that the team would have. Dr. Parks found that these young men, like most young adults are hungry for an understanding of the word of God. The success of those young men (during an era when the student body was more overtly secular than now) has encouraged Dr. Parks, even to this day.

Dr. Parks has only abandoned teaching once during his 17 years here, when he served as the Dean of Academics from 1980-1983. His love for students and teaching motivated him to relinquish that post to again become a full time professor. Dr. Parks says that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time

here at Montreat. He admits that he feels younger today than he did 17 years ago, but he still looks through the eyes of years of experience. Today he sees hope for those who put their complete trust in Christ, for Christ is the only way.

Dr. Parks will soon be leaving us, he only plans to teach two classes next semester, and perhaps will stop teaching after that. Those of us who have had him for a class encourage those of you who haven't, to try to get him next year, it might be your last chance to experience the love of this humble man of God's own calling. Dr. Parks *we Love you* and we thank God for allowing you to enrich our lives.

## Spiritual Emphasis Week

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For three days this week, February 12-14, Montreat will hold its annual Spiritual Emphasis Conference. This year the speaker will be a North Carolina native Mr. Albert Long.

Mr. Long is an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was the second to the last athlete in the college's history to letter in four sports: basketball, football, baseball, and track. After his graduation he worked for several years before he became the head of his own ministry, Albert Long Happenings, Inc. He is billed as a motivational speaker whose main emphasis is on young people today. Albert Long shows a deep concern for the problems young people face and one of

the topics he has researched the most is heavy metal music and how it effects those who listen to it.

Mr. Long has a support team that speaks with him and they share how a personal life with Jesus Christ can be the most exciting relationship anyone can be involved in. These people share from their personal lives as athletes, musicians, and everyday people in the business world.

Since Mr. Long has spent many years working with young people he is aware of their problems and is able to share with them on their own level. Whether you are required to come or are there of your own free will you can expect to be touched and challenged by this man of God.

## Cavalier Spotlight

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Dave Bruce  
6'3" 180 lbs. Sophomore  
Birthdate: January 25, 1970  
Sport: Men's Basketball  
Position: Shooting Guard  
Hometown: Newton, NC  
Favorite Basketball Team: Philadelphia

Dave might be perceived as quiet and shy, but he has exploded on the slick court of the Cavalier basketball team. Playing basketball since the fourth grade, Dave has been named player of the year in his high school conference his senior year; Dave was also in the All-State Olympics that year. After graduating from

high school, Dave (a.k.a. Bruce) has shown that he is ready to play ball on the college level. His unbelievable three-point shots add to the excitement of the game, especially since he has a forty-four percent accuracy rate. At the free-throw line he has proved to be just as punishing with a eighty-seven percent made rate. "Dave is an outstanding pure shooter, with being accurate on the three point, he is able to penetrate and work inside," says coach Steve McNamara. Although, wounding his ankle severely a couple of weeks ago, Dave is ready to return to the court to play ball.