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American's are, on the whole, joyous in the return of their loved ones from the clutches of war. Of the 16,099 body bags ordered and shipped to the Persian Gulf by the Pentagon, some 15,773 will be returned unused. Casualties for America were quite low. However, the return home can be a traumatizing and almost scary situation. "Many troops will

experience postwar blues. They will feel a need to repeatedly tell their war stories, describing the hardships they endured." Many who for the first time had to face killing another human being will have to emotionally come to grips with this fact. Still others will find the return to their normal lives boring and unsatisfying in comparison to live combat. Things have probably changed. Children have grown, seasons have changed; time has not stood still. It can be a shocking

reality. Luckily, most families adjust. Military support services, moved into high gear to alert families to the dangers lurking ahead. Meg Falk, deputy of the Navy's Family-Support Program says: "We want them to understand that all of this is normal." Though emotional upheavals could be ahead, Jen continues to smile in the fact that her brother is back home. For Jeff, Mark, as well as all returning soldiers each day will have to be taken in its stride.

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the play.

The whole play went off quite smoothly, and even though there was a minor problem with one prop, the cast recovered well and carried on with the play, which is of course the important point. The great difficulty presented by the British accent was handled well, and some accents were very authentic. The play was convincing and quite entertaining, and the audience response was very good. The parts that were supposed to be funny were funny, and I did not sense any dull spots in the humor. The actors were intense and well-motivated, and the appalling amount of lines some of the characters memorized seemed to come off smoothly and, with a few exceptions, exactly.

Sin Destroys All It Touches

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; We will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand under it." (I Corinthians 10:13)

"Generally, what is forbidden is forbidden because it is wrong; not wrong because it is forbidden" (anonymous). When we sin, we deliberately choose to do something contrary to God's law. Because we're human, we are often tempted to do things which we know are wrong but seem to be all right or good for us at the moment. But the problem is not with the temptation; the problem is what we do about the temptation.

The problem with sin is that not only is it an act that is bad in itself, it is also harmful to ourselves, others, and to society in general. Sin has a harmful effect on our relationship with God because through sin we gradually drift away from Him and lose touch with Him.

Sin can be compared to

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an injury. Just as a knee injury could be severe enough to jeopardize a person's career in sports, a serious sin could jeopardize our relation-

ship with God. When we sin, our actions affect our relationships with God, others, and our society to a great degree.

Hundreds of opportunities come each day to make good moral choices that are difficult, or at least not as attractive as their opposites. What will your choice be?

R.D. Takes to the Outdoors

Kathy Balinski is a Recreation professor, and the guiding force behind McGregor Dorm. Born in Bensenville, Ill., which is outside of the Chicago area which Kathy now calls home. She attended the University of Illinois for her undergrad studies in Recreation. Seven years later, she went to Wheaton College and got her Masters in Education Ministry.

Kathy's been interested in recreation since she was a child. She remembers playing in the corn fields around her house. This inspired her to join the Girl Scouts, where she really enjoyed camping. Since then, she's been work-

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ing in camps for 14 summers.

It was while working at a camp that Kathy learned about Montreat. She was working temporarily at Honey Rock when a group of M-AC students came for Snow Camp. She took the job as a transition from camp to college work, because she wanted to teach. Kathy finally got that opportunity last spring when she was hired as a professor here at Montreat. It was only a temporary job, but she came back this Fall as

part RD in McGregor and part staff in the Recreation Department.

Kathy has many future goals. This summer she'll co-lead Discovery, a twenty-day camping trip in the mountains of North Carolina. After Discovery, she's attending a nine week Christian counselor training course with "His Mansions Ministries" in New Hampshire. This fall, Kathy's finally going to have her dream, full time teaching. She'll be teaching some Recreation courses with Jake Wetzels. She's really excited about this opportunity to focus on teaching.