

# FEATURES

## Student Parents

By Anita Allen

If you see a classmate who can not seem to stay awake; do not postulate he or she who was up half of the night playing pool with a pal, or pondering physics problems. It just may be that they were pacifying Pete, potty training Patsy or Pampering P.J. (Playing a Pediatrician.)

While the majority of students here at MAC go back to their dorms and call their parents; some students are parents. These students have decided it is necessary for them to get their degree. At the same time their first priority is their families; school is possibly a second or third. Each day they struggle with the question: Have I given my children the attention they need, or have I concentrated on my studies too much?

Rosemary Stearns, mother of two, knows how difficult it is to divide her college work and family responsibilities.

"I agree," says Susan Roundtree. It is a major step for a parent to come back and finish school. Joseph Pritchard has a full class load, three children and a full time job. He and other student parents know that it is a struggle. One thing which would benefit them is for the administration to work with these students' time schedules.

These student parents could have a support group but they don't have the time to attend. Prayer and faith in God is where they get their strength.

These students give a special note of thanks to the professors who understand, work with, and support students with children.

## New Faces Here At MAC

By Naj Alicea

As the year begins here at Montreat-Anderson College with the arrival of new students and President Hurt, we are also proud to acknowledge some other new faces in our faculty. The new additions are: Jake Wetzel, Carmen Copenhaver, Wilma Gray, Joelle Carpentier, and Debbie Pope.

Jake Wetzel is filling in for Ben Fortson this semester as head of the recreation department. He spent nine years teaching recreation here at M-AC in the mid-70's to early 80's. As a matter of fact, Mr. Wetzel helped Ben Fortson lead the very first Discovery trip back in 1976. Wetzel spent from 1984 to June of 1991 in Bolivia directing a youth camp through SIM/ Andes Evangelical Mission. He says that there are a lot of Christian camps in South America, and wants recreation majors to know that there is something beyond the U.S. Wetzel is glad to be back in the classroom getting to know the students. His major goal is to instill in his students an appreciation for God's creation.

Carmen Copenhaver is our new school counselor. She was previously working as a marriage and family counselor at Menirth-Meier clinic in Longview, Texas. She also taught music for a while in Le Tourneau University in

Longview, but she left there to pursue a degree in counseling. Mrs. Copenhaver was not looking for a job, so she believes that the Lord was the one who brought her to M-AC. She is really excited about working with college students again, and wants them to know that the counseling center is available to them for anything they might need.

Wilma Gray is a social worker teaching a class on Social welfare and social services. She thinks that this class, in addition to social work, will give the student an opportunity to learn more about the subject by doing field work and interviewing agencies. Mrs. Gray is interested in family therapy, and has just finished an internship in Medical Social Work. Some of her goals for the Social Welfare class are to teach Social Work from a Christian perspective, and clear up some of the misconceptions people have about those who receive welfare.

Joelle Carpentier is the new French teacher on campus. She is a native Parisian and lived in a suburb of Paris. Ms. Carpentier first came to the U.S. on a student exchange program between the Universities. She was an assistant teacher in Mars Hill College from 1972-73 and also in Newfound School in 1973. Before she came to MAC, Ms. Carpentier worked for an American Company called Euro-

Disney, which is the counterpart of Disney in Europe and other parts of the world. She loves Montreat and its beautiful surroundings, and as a Parisian she really appreciated the hospitality. Ms. Carpentier's goal for her classes is to have students acquire a good basis in French, and keep their interest aroused by catering to their personalities.

Debbie Pope is new in our English department this year. She spent the past year teaching junior high, high school, and junior college level English in an all girls school in Kochi, Japan. She says the experience was an interesting one. Ms. Pope thinks the area around Montreat is simply gorgeous, and feels right at home here because it reminds her of where she attended undergrad school. As long as she can remember, Ms. Pope has always wanted to teach. Her goal for this year is not to be a boring teacher; she feels that all teachers should be trained in theatre before actually teaching, so that the students will not fall asleep.

Well, there you have it, all the new faculty members to look for this year. To every single one of you we welcome you to our MAC family. We are glad you are here.

**Hawaiian Cookout  
&  
Street Dance  
September 20, 1991  
Cookout at 5:00p.m.  
Street Dance at 7:00p.m.**

