

Ozanne, Lomac, and Others Propose New Options for M-AC Rock Climbers

By Matt Haney

With the condemnation of the old climbing wall by Ben Fortson in 1990, Montreat-Anderson ceased to have an adequate climbing facility for its rock climbing classes and for its avid climbers. The lack of a quality climbing wall has meant that rock climbing classes have had to travel 20 minutes away, to Camp Rockmont, in order to learn and practice some of their skills in a safe environment. Other enthusiastic climbers have taken of the unsafe practice of climbing the rock walls of Gaither, Davis, and other buildings on campus.

As frustration with the present situation has grown, so has student brainstorming. Students like Brent Ozanne and Phil Lomac have proposed the idea of placing a

climbing wall in the second floor lounge of Davis Hall. Ozanne has went so far as to develop a projected budget for three different variations which include ways to secure the wall when proper supervision is not available. Lomac has said that he feels that there is enough student interest that "Students can build it (the Davis climbing wall) to reduce cost."

Although the Davis plan looks good at first glance there are some other factors which must be addressed. The Resident Director of Davis Hall, Tom Hilgers, expresses concerns about the wall affecting the use of the lounge area for the residents while classes and outside entities are utilizing the wall. Hilgers also raises the ques-

tion of whether the wall could be properly supervised. Fortson, head of the Recreation Department considers the idea of a climbing wall to be very important, but also questions the use of Davis. Fortson considers the ceiling, though two stories tall, to be still too low for the Recreation Department's teaching needs. Fortson is also concerned as to whether the wall would adversely affect future renovation plans to the Davis lounge area.

Although Fortson is not in support of a Davis climbing wall, he does think that there are some other viable options which should be considered. Fortson's dream is to replace the wall he condemned in 1990 with a beautiful stained wood structure

about three times the old wall's height. The new structure would be designed to hide the unsightly oil drum that sits beside McAlister Gym and have a roof to allow for climbing in inclement weather. The drawback to Ben's dream is a cost that is in the range of \$10,000. Other options available are the construction of a climbing wall on the back side of our new sports and Arts center when it is constructed.

In the mean time, the students and instructors can only hope that the generosity of Camp Rockmont continues and that none of the free climbers scaling the buildings of the college receive serious injury or are killed from an unsupervised fall from an inadequate wall.

Volleyball Team Continues to Grow Despite Losses

By Eric Bush

It was another tough loss at home for the Lady Cavs, this time against Milligan. After being pummeled 15-3 in the opening set, the Lady Cavs battled back courageously to win the next game 15-8. It would not be enough though, as Milligan struggled through the next two games, winning by scores of 15-9 and 15-8.

Once again, the girls gave a strong effort, as Co-Captain Traci Haynes said, "We played with good intensity, and, as always, we played together."

Although the loss dropped the team's record to 2-9, Haynes felt this may be

deceiving, as she said, "Our record may make our season seem like a disappointment, but we have gained valuable experience which will make us much improved for next year."

Next up for the Lady Cavs are two consecutive away games against Covenant, which Coach Darin Chaplain figures to be very competitive. On the same day of the second game against Covenant, Oct. 31, the girls will play a double-header match against Tusculum, a team ranked in the top 20 that Coach Chaplain figures to be difficult.

M-AC Graduate, Matt Auten, Returns to Play at McGregor Coffee House

By Paul Shockley

Matt Auten, Montreat graduate, and accomplished guitar player, played his soothing ballads Friday night in the McGregor Hall Coffee House. Auten played for chapel earlier in the year, and was enjoyed so much that he was asked to make a return performance.

The casual atmosphere blended harmoniously with the mellow plucking of

guitar strings, and flickering candlelight.

Auten's type of playing is a mountain-folk ballad style of music, indicative of James Taylor and David Wilcox. Auten's music is poetry, put to song, that seems simple on the surface, but then, suddenly, touches the heart of the listener.

Students hope that this is not the last time M-AC will be lulled by the comforting sounds of Matt Auten.

The following letter was recently received by the President:

Mrs. Susanne Cremer
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14 October 1992

Dear Mr. William Hurt,

I am a 77 yr. old woman partially disabled by Lupus. Hurricane Andrew, with its devastation, was almost the last straw for me. I live alone in a large 3 bedroom, pool home which I have been keeping up in order to leave it to my son on my demise.

As you can imagine my first look at the house and grounds after the hurricane almost convinced me to give up. All my 30 yr. old trees were down and I could only mourn their loss since I am not able to garden any more.

Then the most wonderful thing happened! A van drove into my driveway with the angels you sent from your school. The appalling sight of my grounds didn't daunt them one bit. Shovels, rakes, and barrels were employed most expertly and, although it will take much more work, a good start was made. It was enough to give me heart for the hard work ahead to restore my home and grounds.

Please thank your special group for me and tell them if they ever head this way my home can be their head quarters for a vacation spot (with your approval of course).

God bless you all
Love,

/s/ Mrs Susanne Cremer

NC Shakespeare Festival Performs "Two Gentlemen" at M-AC

By Ashley B. Perry

On Friday, October 30, at 8 p.m. the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival will be performing the comedy "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" at Anderson Auditorium.

Free tickets are available to all Montreat-Anderson students through the Student Affairs Office on second floor Belk. Cost of these tickets were purchased with money from the Student Activities budget.

"Two Gentlemen" centers around two friends, Proteus and Valentine, who become caught up in a story of love and betrayal.

According to Professor Don King, "The performance is expected to draw a crowd of about 500 or 600 people." Anderson Auditorium can seat a capacity crowd of 3000. "This is only the second year that the group has performed at Montreat. We expect a bigger crowd as years go by," mentioned King.

Last year, the Shakespeare Festival performed another comedy, "As You Like It."

The reference to "Shakespeare Festival" refers to the name of the group performing, rather than the name of an actual event put on by the college. The Shakespeare Festival is a drama troupe, originally based in High Point, NC, which began performing around five years ago.

King also stated, "The President is committed to developing a better atmosphere for the social and cultural development of you [the students]. You can probably expect more events like this in the future."

Before the performance there will be a banquet in Gaither Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets for the banquet are on sale for \$7.50; tickets will cost \$3.50 for M-AC students. Reservations must be made through the main office in Gaither Chapel by October 26.

When asked if events such as the Shakespeare Festival performance could open the door for a performing arts minor/major in the coming years, King responded, "It will be determined by the desire or needs of the student body. It's possible."

TUESDAY
November 3, 1992

VOTE

Take an active role in determining who will control our nation's government.

Activities Schedule

Wednesday

10 am Missions Conference--
Dr. J. Christy Wilson
10-3pm Make-up Pictures--
Deck of Belk Center
8 pm *The Freezer & Death*
Knocks -- Belk Lounge

Thursday

10 am Missions Conference--
Dr. J. Christy Wilson
8 pm *The Freezer & Death*
Knocks -- Belk Lounge

Friday

11 am Volleyball at Covenant/
Tusculum
2 pm Soccer at Tennessee
Temple University
6pm Shakespeare Festival
Dinner--Gaither Fellowship Hall
8 pm NC Shakespeare Festival
Performance-- "Two Gentleman
of Verona"-- Anderson Auditorium
9 pm Davis Hall Masquerade
Ball

Sunday

9:30 am InterAct
7 pm Vespers

Monday

4 pm SGA Executive Meeting--
Belk Center 219
6 pm SGA Legislative Meeting--
Belk Center 305
9:15 pm FCA--Belk Center
Lounge

Tuesday

ELECTION DAY
6:30 pm Volleyball vs Bluefield--
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