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Visitation Weekend... Recruiting the Class of '98

By Jennifer Gunsch

On Thursday, November 12, Montreat - Anderson College will see approximately 30 - 40 new faces on campus. These new faces are prospective students, who will be jumping in and joining campus life for the weekend. The admissions office is again hosting a fall Visitation Weekend.

Visitation Weekend will begin on Thursday, November 12 and will conclude on Saturday, November 14. Many activities are taking place this weekend. Friday, Prospective students will have the privilege of attending classes with their student roommates. Next, these prospects will be thrown back in time when they attend the Fifties

dinner, which will begin at 4:45 p.m.

After dinner that evening, the prospective students will have the opportunity to see our women's basketball team make their debut against Toccoa Falls at 6:00 p.m.

Following the game that evening, the hopeful recruits will have a chance to see how much fun M-AC can be with a Fifties-style sock hop, which will be held in Howerton Cafeteria. The sock hop will feature a dance contest, music from the '50s, soda floats, and a costume competition.

Visitation Weekend is a great chance for curious high school seniors to see what life here at M-AC

is really like. Many current students feel that Visitation Weekend helped them make the final decision of where to go to school.

Greg Steinbarger states, "I felt more comfortable with the people here than at other colleges. [M-AC] also felt more like a family. I believe Visitation Weekend helped me to decide to come to school here."

Janie King also felt Visitation Weekend helped her to make up her mind. She realized that people at M-AC really do have fun and that it is not just a "stick-in-the-mud" place.

Visitation Weekend also served to help some of our current students reinforce decisions they had already made. Mark Wright com-

mented, "It helped me to become more comfortable with my decision."

For the most part, past Visitation Weekends showed current students how much fun life is here.

But prospects see the serious side of the college as well. Jennifer Hardman said, "After Visitation Weekend, I realized there were limited distractions here, therefore I could study hard and get good grades."

Because Visitation Weekend is an important part of college recruitment, the Office of Admissions encourages students to help these special visitors feel welcome here at M-AC.

Academic Competition Team

Optimistic After good start

By Matt Haney

The Montreat-Anderson College Academic Competition Team ventured to Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee to compete at the Second Annual Christian College Challenge. Nine teams from eight colleges competed for five hours in a test of academic prowess.

Jeff Reardon (Team Captain), Naj Alicea, Kim Trapnell, and Mark Wright improved on the eighth place finish from last year by winning three matches out of eight, and placing sixth overall. When asked about his opinion on the team's standing, Mark Wright, the only Freshman on the team, responded: "Considering our size is minuscule we did extremely well, because the other schools were twice our size and had twice as

many people to choose from." In reality some of the colleges, like Lee College, are six times the size of Montreat-Anderson College.

Jeff Reardon, displaying the spirit that is always required of a good captain, had this opinion of the competition: "I think we played really well. In my opinion, the other teams knew that they were up against something much greater than themselves. When all was said and done, I actually saw a grown man cry."

Under Dr. Charles Risher's continuing instruction, Jeff Reardon's steady confidence, and the team's dedication Montreat-Anderson can expect future greatness from its scholarly competitors, no matter how arrogant the team captain may sound!

Curriculum Changes Provide More Class Options

By Eric Bush

As M-AC students begin pre-registration for the spring semester, they will discover some new surprises in the curriculum. According to Dr. Rich Gray, several changes have already been made, while others are still under consideration. In addition to a few new courses, a new major has been added, and the English Literature and English Communications majors now have increased core requirements, Gray said.

One brand new course is Nineteenth Century English Literature, a junior level course which will cover major Romantic and Victorian writers. Another is Applied Stage Directing, also a junior level course, in

which students will supervise the production of at least one one-act play. Unlike the current Theatre Workshop class, this will be a three credit-hour course. Also, Gray said that two courses, Advanced Writing and Nineteenth Century American Literature, were found to be too wide-ranging in content and have each been split into two more concentrated courses.

Other changes include a stiffening of core requirements for English Literature and English Communications majors. Students from either major must now have 41 core hours instead of 35, including a minimum of 15 elective hours of junior or above courses. Overall, the changes are being made to bolster what Gray considers to be solid but improvable programs.

Lastly, a mathematics major has been added to the new curriculum. The core requirement is 36 hours, 24 of which must be junior level or higher. Students may also choose a minor in mathematics by meeting the requirement of 18 hours, 6 of which must be junior level or higher.

As M-AC continues to explore possibilities of expansion in its curriculum, three other changes have been proposed which are still under consideration. These are a minor in art, a math education major, and a major in environmental studies. These have been recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee but have yet to be approved or rejected by the faculty.

Constitutional Reforms...

Building a Strong Foundation for Growth

By Phil Parker

Many sessions of this year's Student Government Association have been devoted to reforming the SGA Constitution. There are three major reasons why the SGA is making reforms. First, the SGA wants to build a strong, solid foundation for the growth and development of this college.

Another reason is that the SGA needs better representation of the students. Justin Ramb, SGA President, says that there is a need to expand legislature which will include class vice-presidents. Proposed changes will also allow for

classes to send "at large" members to the SGA. These members are meant to better represent the students in each class.

The third major reason for reform is to leave behind the two-year mentality of the current Constitution in favor of the college's recently-adopted four-year status.

Until now, for example, the freshmen have been represented by a sophomore. This is because during the spring semester of each academic year, the freshmen elect a class president to represent them. However, that person remains president of the freshmen class the fol-

lowing fall, after actually becoming a sophomore.

If the new changes are approved, the freshman class will elect their own president during the third week of the academic year.

What will these changes mean for students? Ramb says that, "Constitution reforms... would mean that the Student Government would operate more efficiently and, thus, better serve the students."

On November 17, students will be able to vote for the new Constitution. Copies of the proposed changes are posted all over campus, so students can make informed decisions.