

Feature Spotlight...

# Daniel Applauded for Excellent Teaching

By Jeff Lang

Biology Professor Brad Daniel has taught at M-AC for a decade, and has received nothing but accolades from students.

Since the early eighties, Daniel has taught M-AC students, blending Christian faith and natural science. His personal concern for students has won him the *Teacher of the Year Award* on numerous occasions.

Daniel teaches two Biology classes, a Geology class, and lab, in addition to his course entitled - "Christian and Secular World Views."

Last year Daniel attended Northern Illinois University, earning a second Masters Degree in Environmental Education. He also added hours towards his doctorate.

Though Daniel is primarily a

Biology professor, it is his "Christian and Secular World Views" class that seems to catch students attention. When asked about the success of his class (it closes out year after year with students dying to be admitted) Daniel responded, "Everyone has a deep seeded need to know why they believe what they believe... that need is something we desire and are afraid of at the same time."

Most students enrolled in that particular course had very strong positive feelings about it, explaining that it had helped them grow in their faith.

Junior Heather Bischoff expressed, "It is a very thought provoking class."

Students assented that Daniel is an amiable and communicative

teacher. Senior Environmental Science major Jennifer Wilson exclaimed, "He's a great teacher and I look forward to going to his class."

Daniel adds a certain spice to life at M-AC. He is rumored to ski to class in bad weather, he was involved in a sensory deprivation "think tank," and advises the Adventure Club.

Voicing the sentiments of the students and faculty who know him, Junior Carol McMahan stated, "I respect him a lot."

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

**Friday, Feb. 25**

8 pm George Winston Concert Civic Center  
8:30 pm Movie--*Rookie of the Year* Cav. Grill

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

2 pm Cav's Baseball Gardner Webb

**Sunday, Feb. 27**

12-10 pm Open Dorm McGregor Hall  
7:30 pm Vespers M-A Hall

**Monday, Feb. 28**

11 - 3 pm Blood Drive Fellowship Hall  
8 - 11 pm Open Dorm M-A Hall

**Tuesday, Mar. 1**

Alcohol Awareness Week Begins  
TBA Intramural Volleyball tourn. McAlister Gym  
Movie Rerun Cavalier Grill  
7 - 11 pm Open Dorm Davis Hall

**Wednesday, Mar. 2**

Alcohol Awareness Week Continues  
3 pm Cavs. Baseball vs. Lenoir Rhyne Newell Field  
6 - 10 pm Open Dorm McGregor Hall

**Thursday, Mar. 3**

Alcohol Awareness Week Continues  
Roller Skating Tarwheels  
7 - 11 pm Open Dorm Davis Hall  
8 - 11 pm Open Dorm Howerton Hall

# Batter Up: Cavs Begin Season

By Daniell Hartness

Head Coach Darin Chaplain, Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator Billy Conley, and Assistant Coach Paul O'Neil have been working hard with the Cavalier baseball team to create a successful season.

Last season, the Cavs were a young team with a new coach. The coaches, the team, and the fans were surprised when the baseball team defeated every conference team at least once. They also only missed the play-offs by one game in the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference (TVAC).

Chaplain stated that the team's performance last year pleased him. He further commented that the team finished fifth in the TVAC Conference.

The Cavaliers will start this season off with a positive attitude and expect a better performance, although they have a tougher schedule.

The Cavs will have eleven returning players, and eighteen new play-

ers, of which fifteen are freshmen.

Among the returning players four received honors last season: Senior Lance McCall was an All-Conference second baseman, Jay Johnson was an All-Conference honor, senior Mark Smith was an outstanding pitcher and the Most Valuable Player of the year, and junior Shawn Wills received the Coach's Award for handling the pitching staff.

The team's season begins tomorrow, at 2pm at Gardner Webb University. Chaplain explained that Gardner Webb has an improved program and will be a challenge to the Cavs. Gardner Webb also will have already played five more games than M-AC by Saturday.

When asked which teams might be the toughest, Chaplain stated, "The whole conference will be balanced." All of the coaches have high hopes for the team's performance this year.

# Lady Cavs Head for Playoffs

By Sean Anderson

The Lady Cavaliers have been striving to obtain enough victories to make it to the conference playoffs. In this pursuit to compete in the playoffs, the women's basketball team travelled two hours and 42 minutes away to Toccoa Falls College located in Toccoa Falls, Georgia.

At half-time Toccoa Falls led by five points, leaving the score 39-34. However, the Lady Cavs were able to pull out a victory. The final score was 76-74, as a result of Kristy Woody's game clinching lay-up in the last three seconds of the game.

The Lady Cavs had three players who scored in double digits: sophomore guard Amy Baker with 22 points, freshman center Kristy Woody with 15, and freshman guard Shelly Thompson with 11.

With this victory, the Lady Cavaliers were able to make it to the conference playoffs.

# Men's Basketball Marks Improvement

By Chad Smith

The men's basketball team just finished their season with a record of eleven wins and nine losses. The Cavs improved greatly from last season.

Head Basketball Coach Steve McNamara reflected on how he thought this season went, "Our guys played remarkably better than last year. We had a difficult schedule for our games and we played against some the toughest teams in the tournament. But through all this, our guys were taught confidence and had experience at playing at a higher level."

McNamara further explained that playing at a higher level is what he wanted and the team needed. Since M-AC has become a four year college, McNamara shared that the basketball team has built up and is now headed toward where it should be.

Jeff Sheets, freshmen and first year player for the Cavaliers, remarked, "We had a lot of talent, but at times we didn't execute which cost us several close games. Personally, the tough games that we played this season helped make me mentally tough."

McNamara further added that last year and in prior years, the Cavs would lose by several points. But this season, however, when they played, they only lost by a few points. "This may not seem to be of much importance," McNamara explained, "but it is evi-

dence of the improvement we have made this season."

When asked what game was most memorable, McNamara replied, "The Clinch Valley game that was played here stands out. We were ahead by twenty at half time. That was the first time we have done so since I have been here."

McNamara also noted that basketball has become an increasingly popular sport here at Montreat-Anderson. He stated that there has been a large turn out of students and of the community during the past two seasons.

An editorial...

# This is Bull

By Jennifer "Bull" Stinnett

I am writing this editorial in response to the article in last Friday's paper, "Offensive Acts Invoke Angry Reaction".

King of Hearts has always held a little weight at this campus, because it's funny and it gives students a time to laugh and be crazy.

I have hosted the pageant for two years, this year being my second, and find that it has gotten better each year.

First of all, acts are viewed and checked out thoroughly before performance time. I was in the Chapel on February 11 from 10am until 8:45pm viewing acts, teaching the contestants the ropes, and decorating.

If everyone is so interested in what is said during the contest, then you should come and view it for yourselves.

For the anonymous freshman and junior spectators, if you feel so strongly about what was said during the King of Hearts, then why didn't you approach me and tell me about it, instead of writing it in the newspaper and trying to hide your identity?

The question/answer part of the show is not rehearsed, so therefore, the contestants answer the questions spontaneously. It can be pretty nerve-wracking to stand in front of your peers and answer a serious question. Some don't freeze up and don't have a problem with it, yet others may and we have to understand their pressure.

All you introverts who made these anonymous comments, why don't you get out there on stage and you answer a serious question about love, that you're being judged on by response, and see if you can answer without making a mistake.

Until then, have a little bit of sympathy and don't sit there in judgement. I am not excusing the offending remark that was said, I am simply stating that we are human, and though the remark was made in "the house of God", you know that God forgave him, have you?

If you can't appreciate the hard work and time invested in the King of Hearts Pageant, then I suggest you don't come anymore.

By the way, Rena Sawyer and I were the Directors, not Co-Directors.

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