

Mouths Drop Open as Viewers Confront Winter *Lion*

By Kathryn Letterman

An audience of approximately 100 strongly reacted to Saturday night's performance of *The Lion in Winter*.

Shocked audience members gasped and clasped hands over mouths when male characters Richard and King Philip revealed their past homosexual encounters.

Although some viewers were surprised at the scene, off-campus student Heather Bischoff offered, "Homosexuality is an issue that needs to be talked about. Christians tend to not be open about issues that are controversial. They want to keep everything hush-hush."

The production's mature subject

matter, incest, homosexuality, and dysfunctional families to name a few, revealed the growth that the Players have made since last year.

Producing Director Brian Fuller explained that in past, the productions have been main stage melodramas where the main story telling device has been the plot. In *The Lion in Winter*, the main story telling device was all character driven. This put pressure on the actors to really know their characters, pushing them toward a higher level of performing.

Fuller's assessment was fully noted by sophomore Stephanie Harrison who enthused, "The quality of acting was on

a higher level than what it has been in the past."

Although the play was described as a comedy, the intense music gave the production a serious tone and definitely played on the emotions of the crowd.

The set design revealed the hours of hard work that was put into creating the scenes. The real to life props and costumes added another genuineness that has lacked in past productions.

Howerton resident Chris Cauley remarked, "I liked the versatility of the set. There was a great flow in changes of scenery."

Fuller also added that although he designed the set, Technical Director Janie

King did an excellent job building the set and that he was very pleased with the end result.

Saturday's show had the most audience members, but still many chairs were left empty. Fuller attributed the "puny, thin" turn-out to the expensive Spring Formal that was scheduled for Friday night, also he added that the disclaimer on the posters may have turned away families not wanting to expose their children to mature themes.

Next year, the drama troupe plans to try their hand at a Greek tragedy, *Medea*. Fuller commented that he expects to expose students to a wider variety of shows.

Leis Sponsors Record Breaking Phone-A-Thon

College Unites Together to Raise \$35,000 for Annual Fund

By Chad Smith

The Alumni Department United with Volunteer students, professors, and staff in late March and early April, raising a total of \$35,000 in a record-breaking Phon-a-Thon.

Peggy Leis, head of Alumni and Parent Relations, founded this Phon-a-Thon in an attempt to increase the current percentage of 7% of the Alumni who give to the college to 30%. Leis shared that 51% of Alumni give at Emory & Henry College, and that 76% of Alumni at Centre College give regularly to their annual funds. Leis remarked, "I am confident we can raise ours, too."

The purpose of the phon-a-thon was to raise money for the annual fund. The importance of the annual fund is that it is the source of Scholarships, the fund that runs the college, as well as a determinant to the cost of tuition.

These volunteers contacted Alumni of M-AC all over the country, asking for donations in order to keep

M-AC strong and make it possible for students to receive an education.

The goal for the Phon-a-Thon was \$40,000. Because they were only \$5,000 short of their goal, Leis is scheduling one more night of phone calls for Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 6pm to make their projected goal

Leis proudly conveyed that even though they were short of their goal, the Phon-a-Thon was a tremendous success because the event raised two to three times more than any type of phone solicitation done at M-AC.

Leis credited the callers, "They did a wonderful job and I give them one hundred percent credit for the success of the project."

For all the hard work the callers and volunteers did, Leis gave each person a free t-shirt and pizza dinner. The t-shirt was white with the M-AC emblem on the front and the phrase: "I put myself on the line for M-AC"

Karis Boyer, Leis' work-study student and volunteer commented, "I found

the Alumni very supportive of our calls."

Jennifer Kramer, freshman and caller also added a positive note, "The

Phon-a-Thon was a good chance for present students to get into contact with Alumni."

Day at Lake Tomahawk Encourages Fun

By Sean Anderson

The Day at Lake Tomahawk, a local sun-bathing and frisbee throwing get away, has been set for tomorrow to start off at 11am, weather permitting.

Some of the activities that will be presented include: canoeing, badminton, frisbee throwing, and volleyball.

Director of Student Activities Cary Willcox explained, "This will be a day of fun and relaxation for everybody."

Willcox further suggested that students bring blankets and whatever else that they want to bring.

Howerton resident Wes Mills proclaimed, "It'll be fun. There's not much to do in Montreat and it's great that the school is providing this."

Sophomore Bryan Wilson concurred with Mills, "I think it will be a good time. I enjoy playing volleyball."

M-A Hall resident Queen Musengwa supplied, "I can't wait to go there. I like having fun with other students; it makes me feel like I belong."

Cavs Win Four of Last Five Games Played

By Sean Anderson

The Cavs travelled to Bluefield, Virginia, last Friday to compete against Bluefield College. The team crushed Bluefield 13-2 in Friday's game at 5pm. The Cavs split during the double header by winning one game and losing one game. M-AC won the first game 4-1. In the second game of the double header, the boys of Bluefield defeated the Cavaliers 3-2 in extra innings.

The key pitchers of the games this weekend were: Shane Hatcher, Mark Smith, and Jamie Jessee. The big hitters during the Bluefield double header were Joe Snyder, who hit one home run, Greg Freeman played well on Saturday said the baseball coach.

On Tuesday afternoon M-AC travelled to UNC-A, in Asheville. They came out with the win 7-6 in extra innings. Nate Gardner got the win for the Cavaliers.

Wednesday, the team was back at Newell Field, for a home game. They competed against Anderson College, located in Anderson, South Carolina. The Trojans won over the Cavaliers by the score of 3-2. Chris Robinson hit a two run RBI in the 5th inning to score Joe Snyder and Lance McCall. Anderson came back in the 8th, by scoring a run on an RBI (run batted in). Then in the 9th Anderson caused a hit to tie the game at 2. Then they batted in the winning run in the top of the 9th inning.

Tomorrow the Cavs will journey to Wise, Virginia, to compete against Clinch Valley. Clinch Valley is 4th in

the conference right now, with a record of 15-14. M-AC's record is 12-19. There will be two games tomorrow and one on Sunday. Clinch Valley's record for the conference is 8-9. The games this weekend are all conference games. Coach Chaplain encouraged, "We thought the fans yesterday were outstanding, we hope that our fans will be just as supportive."

On Tuesday the 26th, the Cavs will be at home again, vying against Mars Hill College. The game will start at the usual time of 3pm.

On Wednesday, April 27, the two teams will converge at Lenior-Rhyne College, In Hickory, North Carolina. Lenoir-Rhyne is only about an hour away from the Montreat Campus.

An Editorial...

Don't Let M-AC Die

By Jeff Reardon, SGA President

Dear Students,

Montreat is dying and you don't care! I was having trouble discerning what the greatest problem on campus this year was - ignorance or apathy. The answers from students were that they didn't know and didn't care. This college has experienced exponential growth just in the last three years. The beautification of the campus with the addition of the Commons is more than most schools could ask for in one semester. Paradoxically, though, with every new change we grow further apart. Night after night, I have labored over a solution to this most ambiguous problem. Finally, I realized that I was not hunting for an answer, rather I was searching for the question. Then it hit me - we have lost our appetite. We are no longer hungry animals thirsting for the blood of freedom. The collegiate revolution has ended killing, with it, a rebellious energy that greased our wheels and kept us alive. The warriors have all either graduated or will be graduating soon leaving behind their poisonous treasures. In their absence, a new breed of students has spawned.

Voraciously asking for more and more, the current students of this campus want everything given to them on a silver platter, but they are too selfish to carry that platter to the banquet table. Daily, I am sickened by the ungrateful attitude that has infested every chamber of this campus' heart. Yes, as a college student, you have a responsibility to your studies. However, if you intend to call yourself a member of this community, then you have a responsibility to the betterment of the community's life-style. You have no right to share in the fruits of the harvest, if you haven't soiled your fingers planting the seeds.

The part that upsets me the most is that somewhere in the midst of our lack of adversity, we have lost our fraternity. The camaraderie that this campus once experienced was incredible. Now we don't love and we don't hate - we just don't care. These days the Belk Center is vacant regularly and sidewalks cry out to be peopled. The marrow has been sucked out of Montreat leaving behind a bone-chilling void. With a can of lighter fluid in one hand and a bag of marshmallows in the other, I would gladly light this mountain on fire to resolve the dysfunctional relationship that this campus is experiencing.

Of course, I have generalized. For every seven students that don't care, one does. I appreciate you. If it wasn't for you people who are holding up the pillars of this institution, I sincerely believe that it would have toppled long ago.

As your SGA President, I have fought for every single one of you students. You have been my reason for living this year. With every decision, I have kept each of you in mind. If any one of you feels that I have failed you -- forgive me. At least I can sleep peacefully every night knowing that I tried. With our diverse strengths and enormous potential, M-AC can become one of the greatest liberal arts schools in America. But I am not going to make it that way and neither is the guy sitting next to you. We, as a family, have to breathe the life into this campus every single day. This is not pious reproach from a conceited warrior, rather a loving reprieve from one who truly cares -- Please do not let Montreat die.

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