

## Making Music Out Of Business

By Eric R. Satter

The hills will definitely come alive with the sounds of music next year. But the sounds you might experience next year at Montreat College won't come from just a string orchestra or chamber choir—but from MIDI digital keyboards, one of the many new advantages that students will be able to experience while enrolled in Montreat's new music business major in the Fall of 1997.

"We have been working for several years to strengthen Montreat's music department," expressed Dr. Mark Johnson, music department coordinator and chair of the newly created Fine Arts and Languages Division. "With new students

majoring in music and enrolling in other music classes, we have seen a substantial increase in the number of students who have an interest in music."

By taking advantage of this new, growing interest, students in the new music business major will gain hands-on experience in music composition, editing, and recording from the college's new Fine Arts Computer Lab as well as set, lighting and costume design using CAD technology, digital art design and layout.

Geography is also another plus for Montreat's music business major. Being close to Nashville, TN, students can intern in a variety of music businesses within Nashville's music industry and gain

unique experience that can't be found anywhere else.

"Students who enroll in the music business major will train for emerging careers in the music industry, which last year was estimated annually at 12 billion," said Dr. Johnson.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, three of the top 20 emerging careers are in digital multi-media music, art, video and film. Mainstream music covers a share close to 71.6% of the music market with rock at 35.5%, country at 16.7%, urban contemporary at 11.3% and pop at 10.1%. In all, the new music business major looks very promising which, Montreat hopes, will be music to students' ears.

## Nelson Bell Needs Improvement

By Shazette Davis

The Nelson Bell Library receives book donations from various groups and persons each month. Although the library is growing in materials and books, students feel that much improvement is still needed.

Junior Sheri Asfour expressed, "I would have to say that the library here sucks. There just isn't an adequate supply of materials here for us as students to be able to do work that the professors expect, and the books are out of date."

Nakia Kilgore, Anderson resident, agreed, "I feel that the library is in desperate need of some new books. I am so tired of having to use old books, and having my professors say I need to use more current books. We should seriously

consider coming up with the funds to get new books."

Due to the lack of selection and more current books, students have struggled in getting the information they need for classes. Dissatisfied students are often forced to go elsewhere for adequate material.

Junior Daniel Riker responded, "It does not have the books students need. Many students have to go to UNC-A or Warren Wilson to get books they need. I have to go to my home town library to get books. The books that the library does have are outdated."

Junior Terrence Johnson, who worked in the library, commented, "Honestly, I don't think our library is accurate. A good majority of the material is outdated."

Depending on the professor, anything past ten years will not be accepted for sources on research projects. The new programs for getting books from other colleges take entirely too long. If you don't have access to a car, this makes it very frustrating."

The librarians realize that there is a need for better resources and are working to make that happen. Librarian Elizabeth Pearson concluded, "We need to make our collection larger to support the majors we have. She added, "College campuses are responsible for providing adequate libraries to support degree programs."

Librarians will be working with faculty to develop a comprehensive collection development program so that the librarians can guide the growth that the library needs.

## A New Addition: Science Department Excited About New Faculty

By Shellie Bowser

The science department has hired a new member to their staff. Next semester, Jim Shores will be taking on many of the biology classes and helping with the chemistry classes. Mr. Shores will be a full-time professor for just one semester as of yet.

Brian Joyce was just added to the staff last year and this makes for a full science department staff. Jim Shores formerly taught coastal ecology and environmental communications.

Also concerning the science department, Brad Daniel is cutting back on his hours of teaching to work on his Ph.D. in environmental studies. Besides furthering his studies, Mr. Daniel has many trips for this summer planned and a few ideas for trips next summer.

Of course, there will be the Discovery trip in May. This trip is an Environ-

mental Studies or Outdoor Education major program. Also, the EV305, American Eco-Systems, class is prepared for a trip out west. There must be at least twenty students signed up to go. The trip will include visits to the Grand Canyon, Mt. St. Helens, and many others. Also, the trip is not limited to E.S. or O.E. majors.

As for next summer, Mr. Daniel is hopeful on getting together an Outdoor Education trip that will consist of a biking trek across the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Overall, the Montreat science department is growing and expanding, not only with the new staff members, but also with current members expanding their knowledge. The department also has many extracurricular activities planned for those in the O.E. and E.S. majors and for those who are not.

### Upcoming Weekend Activities

**Friday**- 8 p.m. movie in the Grill- "Patriot Games"

**Saturday**- 10 a.m. Practice GRE  
8:30 -11:00 p.m. Coffee House Concert with special guest Jon Carmen of Cambridge, MA

**Sunday**- 1-4 p.m. Paint Ball - New Soccer Field

### During The Week...

**Monday**- 9 p.m. FCA Fellowship

**Tuesday**- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Virginia Intermont - Home

**Wednesday**- 7-8 p.m. Resume Preparation Seminar- Belk Conference Room

**Thursday-Saturday**- 8 p.m. Fall Drama Production- Upper Anderson Auditorium