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Crossroads Ignites Hope for Harmony

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The Crossroads Kickoff began February 18-20. The Crossroads challenge is to give students the means by which to find roads to the cross. Lori Salierno, from Atlanta, Georgia, was the featured speaker.

Salierno spoke of inspirational, heart wrenching stories combined with laughter and seriousness. The stories challenged students and gave a real life look into human nature.

Wednesday night was a special night for many students. Salierno gave her message and then offered a time for students to share. This sharing time consisted of students confessing intimate things about their pasts, what they want to do in the future, or just revealing what was on their hearts. Students stayed in the chapel into the early morning.

Alex Holt, a sophomore, reflected,

"It was great how time lost all concept this week. No one complained when we were in the chapel until 2:30am. It's neat how the whole campus is a lot brighter."

All over campus, talk of the week's events were happening. Many classes began with discussion of the messages. "Lori was a very inspirational speaker," stated Robbie Francis, a freshman resident in Davis. Adrienne Redman, a sophomore, added, "It was an eye-opening experience and it made me realize things about myself that I did not want to admit."

The week will also be followed up by many Crossroad events held outside of chapel services. A discussion of Larry Crab's book, *Finding God*, was held by students John Cannon and Matt Draft. Dr. Tisa Lewis will speak on the emotional intelligence of Jesus. Darwin Glassford and Tom Oxenreider held a

dialogue based on Mark's gospel about who Jesus is. An intercessory prayer group was led by Jay Guffy. Jon Abel held a praise and worship fellowship at his house. Service projects for Manna Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity also gave way to opportunities.

Two events recently added to the Crossroads list are a discussion about relationships and a seminar for new and rededicated Christians, both being held by Ed Bonner. These groups will continue to meet for four weeks and chapel credit will be given for attendance.

Janelle Shafer, Anderson resident, concluded, "This was one of the most intense weeks I've ever had at Montreat. For once, I thought Montreat worked together and we weren't separated into cliques. For once, we came together as one."

Computers Ransacked by Virus

By Daryl Bryant

Recently, computer viruses infected the computer lab, as well as, several other computers on campus. The viruses were spread by people using their disks on infected machines. It is then transferred to the disk and possibly on to every other computer used.

Computer Lab supervisor, Monty Fountain, stated, "Two of the computers that were infected by viruses were cleaned and we found four more when we came back later that day before the computer lab opened at night. We had cleaned all but three at the time. So all the computers had a virus except for one.

Freshman Curtis Hughes, replied, "I

use the lab everyday for email or to check for assignments from professors, because of my frequent use the virus had finally gotten on to my email disk and destroyed it. So I had to buy a new disk and I've heard that many students have had the same problem. I also heard that someone lost some pages of their thesis and that some had even lost everything off their disk."

Fountain said, "A majority of the viruses come from students' own computers. If someone uses a computer that's not in the computer lab the chances that they will end up with a virus is very high."

Students need to be careful and check their disks for any viruses.

The computer lab now has a temporary virus scan within the computers and the disk can also be checked from a virus scanner.

According to Computer Viruses Research Lab found on the Internet, there are about 13,000 different viruses known, with about 6,000 active.

The viruses are a type of vandalism that can destroy computer programs or possibly damage the entire computer. Just by opening and closing a document could activate a virus. Another way to activate a virus, found by CVRL, is the use of an infected system or disk on a certain day or time of the month, but this is not the only way to activate one.