

New Dorm On Horizon For Montreat?

By Shellie Bowser

The soon-to-be-built Center for Christian Studies might not be the only new building on campus. A proposal for a new dormitory was presented to the Board of Trustees last week.

Since Montreat's dorms are used year-round by students, conference visitors, and workers, it's hard to renovate the existing dorms. The college can't afford to close down one dorm for any certain amount of time. So a proposal has been made to construct a new dorm on Lookout Road, up near Lookout Trail, on college property.

At first, the new dorm would serve as living quarters for resident students while existing dorms are being renovated. For example, one year, all the residents of Anderson would move up to the new dorm while Anderson gets renovated and updated. The next year, Davis' residents would do the same, fol-

lowed by McGregor and Howerton.

Second floor Anderson resident Buffie Baker stated, "As long as they have money in the budget, then it's great, because this college needs to expand."

Charlie Lance, Dean of Students, explained, "The decision was to continue to consider the proposal positively but it is being delayed in order to gather more details related to financing and the long term impact of operational costs on the college."

Sophomore soccer player Ami Wappes expressed, "A coed dorm or a dorm for married couples might be something great to invest in and it would be a great idea." The new complex would sleep seventy-two residents and be a town house two-level apartment-like building. After the renovations have been completed, the dorm will most likely serve as a dorm for married stu-

dents and upperclassmen. Freshman Elena Zamora emphasized, "It's a good idea because Anderson sucks and it's old. It'd be a good experience for every student to be in a new dorm." The dorm will help sustain enrollment after the renovations are complete.

Junior volleyball player Kim Borum exclaimed, "If it makes tuition go up, then I don't think it's a good idea, but if the student population is growing and it's necessary, then I think it's a good idea."

Lance added, "The president's strategic plan which is authorized by trustees approves dorm renovations as one of the highest priorities."

Davis Hall president Ed Carty observed, "It'd be nice to have a new dorm, but I feel there are other things we should devote our time and money to before that, namely that new gym we were supposed to get a long time ago."

Editor's thoughts

Well, this is the last paper that I will be editing for the *Aletheia*. This past year has been a really wonderful experience for me. I would really like to thank Dave Sperry for all of his help and patience. I have come to realize just how hard the college staff works. We are lucky to have such a great group of people working here.

Over the last two semesters, my eyes have been opened to many things. Throughout the course of the year, many students have come to me expressing opinions and concerns about the school. I hadn't realized how strongly students feel about school issues until I became editor.

In the beginning of the year, I expressed my desire to put an end to rumors by printing the truth in the paper. Well, I have come to understand that we don't all have the same truth. Many stories that were printed were considered

true by some while they were attacked by others. I can only hope that each of us recognizes the truth that we are called to live out in Christ's name.

I have heard many students express that they recognize Montreat as a Christ-centered education but, they do not feel that it is a Christ-centered institution. That is a problem. When students begin to feel like just another number (see Shayla's editorial), something is not right.

However, I would encourage students to remember that we all sin and make mistakes. Students, professors, and yes, even administration. I have been a witness to some of the hard work and dedication that this school is run on. We are all God's children and we need to encourage one another and pray for each other.

At the same time, I would encourage the administration to be mindful that students are more aware of what goes on then they might recognize. We, the students, do hear rumors that have trick-

led down from higher up. We are aware that there are those who resign and then, there are those who are "asked" to resign. My point is that questions and gossip can only go ignored for so long before people begin to draw their own conclusions. I think that there needs to be more and better communication between students and administration. The *Aletheia* means "truth". Many students have expressed their opinions in this year's paper. I hope that in the future, the paper will be used by both students and administration to communicate truth.

I have tried very hard to do my part in communicating the truth through the paper. I have never printed a story in which half of the story was told. It has been very important to me that all parties involved in a story are interviewed and quoted. As mentioned, I have learned a lot. It has been a really wonderful experience to be a part of.

In Christ,
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