

Bears chase Brannock, Haugaard Homecoming promises big prizes

By Daryl Bryant

Since the beginning of school, many residents have seen bears on campus. The bears frequent Assembly Inn, across from Lake Susan where the trashbins are filled daily by excess food by the cafeteria workers.

The dumpsters offer an inviting treat for the bears. They dig through the trash in search for scraps of food.

Sophomore Howerton resident, Tim Ferguson, explains, "I heard that over the summer the conferees would leave food out or make food trails so that they could watch the bears at a close distance. I've even heard that freshmen have been leaving food out. Do they know they can get killed by doing that?"

Sophomore Nathan Haugaard, said, "In the last three weeks I've seen 4 bears. I've been chased by one around Belk Campus Center and almost hit one with my car. Also, just this past weekend on a camping trip for my Backpacking class my sleeping bag sack was torn up and some of our food was stolen by one. I guess I'm just a bear magnet."

Senior Shane Brannock, said, "I often watch the larger bear eat out of the dumpsters at Assembly Inn, but I have also been chased across campus by the same one."

By Tara Massey
Tonight, the homecoming weekend will start with a BBQ dinner and Square Dance at 5:30 in the Barn for alumni and students. Music will be provided by the Stoney Creek Boys and former Dean of Students Larry Wilson.

This year's homecoming was kicked off with spirit week on Monday and will continue through the weekend.

Various activities have also been planned for the incoming alumni, such as reunion dinners and the alumni double header baseball game.

The Montreat College Parade will begin at 6:30 pm on Saturday. Students have been invited to decorate their cars and trucks as floats for the parade.

The Homecoming game will be played tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. as the men face North Greenville at the new Montreat College/

Presbyterian Home Soccer Complex.

Stephanie Shaw, a junior soccer player believes, "It really sucks that women's soccer is not playing a homecoming game this year. It must be a male chauvin-

will win tickets to the Biltmore House.

Such prizes will be given throughout the weekend as incentives to increase participation.

"I just don't think that the school has any spirit," Glennis Woolven commented. "No one really cares. They have to bribe people to go and participate in the homecoming activities."

Not everyone is down on Homecoming, though. Freshmen Karen Easter said she would definitely

be around for it. "It's a part of being here. This is a new experience for me. I've been away from it for a while -like 34 years!"

Karen stated that while she hasn't heard that many people talking about it she feels, "They shouldn't have to bribe people. This is supposed to be the fun part of college."

THE 1997-98 HOMECOMING COURT

KING

Heath Bishop
Shane Brannock
David Hickman
Tim Hulse
Jamie James

QUEEN

Sheri Asfour
Susan Dooley
Lisa Minus
Suzi Mixon
Janelle Shafer

ist thing or something."

This year's Homecoming Dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Camp Merri-Mac. During the dance the Homecoming Court will be introduced and the King and Queen presented.

The dance will be multi-themed from the 1950's to the 1980's. Students will dress in retro styles and the best dressed

Library adds art gallery and computer lab

By Marcella Arnold

During the summer, personal donations and a healthy grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce provided the funds to add an art gallery and a new computer lab in the Nelson Bell Library.

Students and college employees have speculated that the additions could jeopardize Montreat's accreditation by taking up too much space that should be used for study tables.

According to the American Library Association's (ALA) stipulations, Montreat is lacking college specifications. The South-

ern Association of Colleges and School (SACS), who is the accrediting body, look at the ALA's criteria, but also take into account many other aspects of the college.

"I can guarantee 100% that the school will not lose their accreditation over this," stated professor Dr. Chesky.

Montreat's librarian, Ms. Pearson, reassured that SACS also uses their "professional judgment" when qualifying factors to consider.

In the new lab, 11 Pentium 166 computers are available for use anytime the library is open. The

computers are equipped with Microsoft office, E-mail, and T1 access for the Internet.

Unfortunately there are no printing capabilities yet, but our software specialist Tim Hatton says that should change soon.

The lab's renovations and new equipment were made possible through a TIIAP government grant of \$64,000. Montreat is one of eight colleges to receive this money through the Appalachian College Association. Also, funds were given through the Janirve Foundation.

Morgan Science Bldg renovations complete October 1

By Shayla Ghiotto

Joint efforts by Dr. Mark Lassiter, Department Coordinator of Environmental Studies, and President Hurt resulted in a \$250,000 grant that is funding renovations to classrooms and ventilation systems in the Morgan Science Building.

Chairman of the Natural Science Division Lloyd Davis said, "The science building, which was built in the 1960s, is best suited for the needs of a junior college. Once the current updating is complete the building will be more

functional for students who are earning four year science degrees."

When the Environmental Studies major began about five years ago, the Science Department realized the need for modernized facilities. Since then, Lassiter and the science department have aimed to better the science building.

Lassiter said, "We're hoping the improvements will attract more students to the school and its science programs."

According to faculty members,

Morgan Science Building was brimming with major safety hazards. Without adequate ventilation, vapors from stored chemicals were spreading throughout the entire building. The new renovations will meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

The second and third floors are receiving the majority of the remodeling. Construction workers are creating necessary storage areas and partitioning the old classrooms to have more useful space.

Originally the renovations were

to be completed by August, but now construction will be completed by October 1.

Meanwhile, biology classes are being held in the junior high classrooms of Montreat Church's Henry Building. Students must sit at knee-high tables and occasionally at piano benches.

However, Environmental Studies major Katie Kirk says, "Although it has been difficult not being able to have the labs I need, Dr. Lassiter has done well at improving and I know he has our best interest at heart."