From the Editor's Desk

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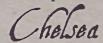
Since the beginning of the semester, I've been trudging around campus wearing shoes two sizes too big. Perhaps some of you have noticed—my tired yet eager expression, my thoughtful silences, my awkward gait. Admittedly, these too-large shoes are metaphorical and if anyone actually comments on my posture, I'll probably slug them. I am, of course, speaking of those shoes left by Caitlin Foreman, the last editor in chief of *The Whetstone*, once my formidable foreman, now my irreplaceable friend. As I enter my first semester as the head of Montreat's student newspaper, with a few doubts and fears entwined within my excitement, I can only look to her example for inspiration.

Caitlin has taught me more about passion than any person I've ever met. Perhaps it sounds trite, or needless because I am an enthusiastic person naturally—but in her leadership, journalistic stance, and friendship, she has taught me to hone my enthusiasm into effective passion. Direction without zeal is useless, just as zeal without direction is mere impertinence. As Cait-

lin showed me through her bold opinions, sharp wit and ceaseless hard work, passion is what makes *The Whetstone* and Montreat College great. Marguerite Duras once called journalists "the manual workers, the laborers of the word. Journalism can only be literature when it is passionate." Caitlin was one such laborer of the world, and i cannot praise her enough.

My goal for my time as editor in chief is simply to build on Caitlin's example—to strive with passion, create literature through journalism, and to glorify God with all that He has given us.

With impressive formality,





The Whetstone staff is missing someone—could it be you?

Two staff positions are available:

Business Manager effective immediately, and Managing Editor for Fall 2009

Business Manager

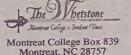
The Business Manager is responsible for all areas surrounding past, present, and future business relations. His or her tasks include selling ads, managing accounts payable and accounts receivable, filing, customer relations, and budget. The ideal person for this job would be comfortable talking to potential advertisers, diligent with handling money, and able to keep accurate records.

Managing Editor

As Managing Editor, you would be in charge of coordinating with volunteers, recruiting articles, managing the office, and other roles within the staff. Typically, the Managing Editor is the first person to receive and edit articles and assists with proofreading/editing on print night. The ideal person for this job is someone who is detail-oriented, organized, punctual and good with people. You don't have to be an English major to succeed in this position—our current Business Manager is a Vocal Performance major.

If you think you are called to serve your college in either of these positions, please contact us at mcwhetstone@gmail.com or respond to the emails we will be sending over the next few weeks.

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Letter to the Editor

The news of Professor Mike Sonnenberg's resignation signals the end of an era at Montreat College.

Though I know only wonderful adventures await him, it is important to take a moment and recognize what a caring, influential, and amazing man we are losing. Mike was one of the best professors I had during my time at Montreat. He brought humor, wisdom, creativity, and innovation to the classroom; he fought tirelessly for Montreat students.

Mike is an example in humility and strength.

Thank you, Mike, for all you brought to the Montreat College community. You will be greatly missed.

-Anonymous

Mike Sonnenberg fan; former Montreat student