

## Challenge Is To Meditate

I challenge this student body to stop and evaluate their pre-chapel actions. The majority of the students are adding to the distraction of the period by their laughing and gossiping while entering the chapel and during the minutes before the speaker. Many of the faculty and students are disturbed by these indifferent attitudes.

For many years before us Montreat-Anderson College has had the tradition of prayer and meditation at the beginning of each chapel period. This tradition should and must be continued. The mood to receive what the speaker is saying for you is set only through prayer.

May each of us be convicted to meet this challenge. May we cease to socialize during this period. Let us give to God those few moments of meditation.

## Freedom Is Simple

You cannot say what freedom is in a single sentence. It is not necessary to define it. It is enough to point to it.

Freedom is a man lifting a gate latch at dusk, and sitting for a while on the porch before he goes to bed.

It is the violence of an argument outside an election poll; it is the righteous anger of the pulpits.

It is the warm laughter of a girl on a park bench.

It is the rush of a train over the continent and the unafraid faces of people looking out the windows.

It is all the howdys in the world, and all the hellos.

It is you, trying to remember the words of "The Star-Spangled Banner".

It is the sea breaking on wide sands somewhere, and the shoulders of a mountain supporting the sky.

It is the air you fill your lungs with, and the dirt that is your garden.

It is the absence of apprehension at the sound of approaching footsteps outside your closed door.

Freedom? It is you!

—Quoted from Hazel Parker

## From The Desk Of The Editor

To Freshmen this is a welcome to Montreat-Anderson College; to Sophomores and Faculty, this is a warm welcome back!

Montreat-Anderson College has the largest enrollment ever since it became a Junior College; therefore, students do not realize all the achievements other students have accomplished or what events are coming. Informing you of events taking place is the purpose of "The Dialecte."

This year "The Dialecte" is accepting letters to the Editor. Inquiries or complaints will gladly be accepted and/or answered. If the matters involve investigation, the staff is willing to do it.

Putting forth our best efforts, "The Dialecte" staff is going to try to bring you the best paper ever; however, without your support and interest, our efforts will be useless.

—the Editor.

### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION—

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finding roommates, "big" and "little" sisters and the chow hall. Many sighs of relief and also sobs were heard throughout the hall of Howerton, Fellowship, and College Dormitories. Confusion, homesickness, and butterflies were present everywhere, but still the strong

survived and stuck it out through the mixed-up times.

Tuesday evening, the Student Government Cabinet put on a short skit for the newcomers. Very early Wednesday morning, the exhausted freshmen arose from the comfort of their beds and headed toward Gaither to their first Orientation Session. After their brief introduction to Montreat, the fun began. Heading the list were the terrors of the English placement test, the College Ability Tests, Language Tests, Kuder Tests, Handbook Orientation, Library Orientation, and the Bible placement tests and others. All this brain-washing covered a period of forty-eight hours.

Everyone had a chance to relax to the music of the movie, Glenn Miller on Thursday night. The break was short lived for the tiresome task of registration still was ahead. Friday, everyone stood in line for approximately three hours. On Friday night we enjoyed a Square Dance in front of McAlister Hall.

Classes began on Saturday, September 9. To end our first day of actual classroom activity, we attended a Blue-Gold Dance in Howerton Recreation Hall.

Our Day of Rest ended a truly perfect week. Many had the opportunity to sit down for some brief periods of meditation to thank Our Maker for the work that He has given us to do, and for the strength that will come to do that work.

—N. W.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I'm a freshman and a few of your activities and ideas are new and puzzling.

I noticed one especially while reading your handbook, "When a student is campused or restricted, the President of S.G.A. will post on the bulletin board the name of the student and the reason and duration of the penalty."

This seems to me not only humiliating but nauseating. If you are on your honor, it seems to me your past crimes are between you, God and the Cabinet, and not to be broadcast to the whole student body. It would tend to make a person reluctant to report his past deeds if he knows what embarrassing moments are to follow. This action being far worse than being campused for two weeks—it is like a wanted poster for a hardened criminal.

I find it so hard to believe that a Christian College would take such actions against the student body which would place them in a thoroughly difficult period of time.

C. L. D.

Dear Editor:

A small boy was riding through these Western Carolina mountains with his father, and exclaimed:

"God sure did bless all these people up here!"

The father looked down at the boy and inquired just what he meant.

"Well," exclaimed the boy, "God gave them so much dirt that they had to put it up in stacks!"

Yes, God has truly blessed us by giving us the opportunity to attend a college surrounded by towering mountains, peaceful valleys, and flowing streams. The Women's Recreation Association sponsors hikes each week for those who enjoy mountain climbing, and on these hikes we have the opportunity to gaze out over this mass creation. However, the very minute we step out of our school buildings and dormitories, we see nature in all its beauty.

Soon, we will see the trees take on a new look of radiant color; even now we are feeling this change. As the leaves take on their new dress, will we? Will we have the same ideas about college, or will we have learned the true meaning of it, if we had it not when we arrived?

The seasons will continue to change, and we, the students of Montreat-Anderson College will change also. Will the icy trees of winter find us still struggling to find out just what college is, or will we have given in our ideas, our beliefs and our responsibilities?

We think spring is a long way off, but it is not. We are working on our spring rewards right now. What will your reward be? Will you be able to say at the end of the year that you have done your very best and fulfilled your purpose in coming to college? If you can, you will have grown with the seasons of time, and you too will be bringing forth to the surface new leaves of wisdom, truth and beauty.

L. G.

Dear Editor:

In the next weeks, the leaves of Montreat will be changing as the world of nature prepares itself for the coming winter. All winter there will be the appearance of death as everything lies dormant under the coating of snow. Will we as students join with these forces of nature to lie dormant, or will we continue yielding to the "temptations upward" as we have begun? Let us all strive for the

excellent, and gain the satisfaction of a job well done and well learned.

—R. M.

Dear Editor:

It has occurred to me that as a new year is begun at Montreat-Anderson that it might be well for us to once again recall to our minds and hearts the real meaning of Montreat. Yes, many times we have heard of the differences here in Montreat, but what are they and why are they?

A very good definition has been brought to my attention and I feel that it should be shared.

"Montreat is more than a place . . . It is an inspiration . . . a spirit . . . a way of life . . . Montreat is YOU . . . and those who have come and will come after you . . ."

The above is the way one person felt, and now I wonder about our thoughts. Would it not be wise for each of us, students, faculty, staff, and administration, parents and friends, to stop and evaluate just what Montreat is to us? It is my feeling that each should have a personal definition, but this definition should not be kept to self, instead it should be shared with others; there can be no one single definition. What is yours?

—A. P.

Dear Editor:

I am sure I can speak for all the other freshmen in saying "Thanks" for the welcome you have given us at Montreat-Anderson College. Students, faculty, and administration have all helped to make us feel at home. Certainly, we will all soon learn to love Montreat as well as you "old timers" do. Our beanies are off to you all!

—P. S.

Dear Editor:

I have felt the warm friendship of Montreat-Anderson since the day I arrived here. I feel it is a place where everyone can live lovingly and happily with one another sharing the fellowship of our Heavenly Father. I sincerely hope that the new students do not spoil this warm atmosphere by their uncooperation with its standards of conduct!

—J. J.

## World Scope

By Ann Poe

This feature will be in each issue of the *Dialecte*, but may we hasten to add that the articles to follow will be somewhat different from this one. We shall attempt to feature the important news stories of each period, and it is hoped that through this we might become better informed students.

How many of us, the college students of today, know facts about the problems which stress the world today? Dare we even enter a conversation on world affairs? We should think it alarming that we know so little. For example, what happened on September 18, 1961 that might change our whole world? What was the reaction in the United Nations on September 19, 1961? Are these not things we need to know about? In two, and let's hope not more than three, years most of us will be voting citizens. How can we be the citizens we should when we are so limited in our knowledge of world affairs.

This feature will attempt to spotlight some important events, but we also strongly urge each of the students of Montreat-Anderson College to become familiar with the excellent selection of news-

## A Student Speaks

By J. R. Payne

President of the Student Christian Association

Since, I have written to many of you twice already, I find it difficult to say anything of interest, or concern. You have heard: "honor system, orientation, demerits, rules and regulations" until, now whatever is said, written, or done will have little, if any effect on you. Your mind and soul have already decided how you will react to these Christian Principals at Montreat-Anderson.

I would not have you bored of these things, but I cannot feel true to my office, my school, nor my Lord without reviving them. (Even as I write this; I pray that you, personally will be revived.)

Those of you, who have already decided to govern your life by these Christian Principles, can decide, also, to help others in this way. You, who have ignored all previous articles, talks, or sermons, can, now, decide to change your ideas. Or you can continue ignoring and risk being "dismissed" from school (with your entire future altered.)

It is, yet, your decision with your life, and your future at stake. "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve God or Mammon."

## DIALETTE STAFF WELCOMES ADVISER

The DIALETTE staff welcomes Miss Carol Williams who will serve as the adviser for this year. Miss Williams is from Gastonia, North Carolina. She is presently serving in the Bible Department.

papers and news periodicals received in the library each day. We have a gold mine in our library, shall we all stake claim? See you in one of the new comfortable chairs in the library . . . reading the news of course!

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