

"Prayer Room"

BY NANCY WHITTEMORE

As I sit here and look into God's wonderful snow covered creation, I thank God for having a place for us to come and be alone away from the confusion and worries of the dormitory. Where is this little world? It is right here on our campus. We Montreaters do not realize how lucky we really are. The Prayer Room is the most wonderful and beautiful place in the world. Here we can pour out our hearts without fear of someone hearing and laughing at us. Here we can sing as loud as we want without someone yelling down the hall for us to be quiet. Here we see life as it really is. We see ourselves; we see the world around us. Here by the little stream we see life rushing by, rolling endlessly into a hopeless ocean of fear, doubt and darkness or into a beautiful lake full of joy and happiness. The Prayer Room is a place for sinful, sick, tired minds and souls. It is also a place for happy, lightened, thankful minds and souls. This is the only place on earth where these contrasting combinations can meet and live together in prayer. Students, the Prayer Room has introduced so many to the real true and wonderful meaning of life. So many have met God here for the first time. So many come to talk to God in their spare time. This is what the Prayer Room means to so many people and yet there are some students who try to take away our comforting reunion place of God's

We look around and see that someone that we live with, some one that we study, eat and communicate with every day on this small campus, uses our own and God's own house for a storage room for beer cans, cigarettes, and for love making. If these someones deceive us so and prey on us, how can a student body stand?

Respect for others and others' property and lives is the key step to maturity. When we do not have this, we are mere teenagers, known to society as irresponsible, irrational, know-nothings, thus having no chances or respect in life as far as others are concerned.

Next time you go into the Prayer Room at night, notice that when you go in it is always dark, but when you pray and communicate with God, a light directs your way out.

I can best express my feelings about the Prayer Room in a short poem I wrote one day when I sat here in a mood of depression. By the time I had finished the poem, I was filled up again with God's wonderfulness and ready to start over again on the problems that had sent me there. The Prayer Room is a worshipping place for all. Let's not corrupt another's home.

"Truly American"

Lately the newspapers throughout the world have focused their attention on the greatest space accomplishment the free nations of the world have ever witnessed: the orbiting of the globe by Col. John Glenn. The very fact that this long range program, carried out openly before the world, proved successful is in itself a spectacular event; but, even more significant to the freedom loving people is the distinguished yet humble man who, as he considered it, as a part of a team, miraculously maneuvered the \$80 million space capsule around the world.

Glenn is truly a brilliant man, an American in every sense of the term, and above all a good Christian person. His life can by no means be called soft, for he was reared in a small town in Ohio by average parents of average income and has had to work hard for that which he has.

This man will go down in the pages of history as the first American to orbit the Earth, but, somehow it doesn't seem fitting to end it at that: Col. John Glenn is such a shining example of a "man" that his life should be a pattern for the many youths who truly want to better the standards of the United States of America.
—Pasquino

"Spring"

The warm swaying breezes of spring have followed the cold biting winds of winter. There is always outdoor activity among the students, but now it is rock hopping instead of snow balling. Greenery is blanketing our mountains and the blossoms of a thousand flowers are decorating our valley. Our voices lift with the singing of the birds as together we rejoice that spring is here. Spirits have been lifted. In some cases a renewed effort at work is evident. However, in others we see the very well known "spring fever". Whatever the effects of spring that we have all so eagerly awaited, a spirit of thanksgiving is apparent.

New Sounds Of Montreat Library

It has been apparent to the Library Staff, that, while reading is a favorite pastime of many students some do not read. The conclusion has been reached that some of our number have found the work of smoothing the admittedly weighty pages too much exertion, and prefer to get to their exercise another way, for instance, by lifting with brute strength heavy dimes into the coke machine.

The library, however, remains eager to serve, and has therefore received and made available sixty recordings to the student body. While admittedly, these records may weigh only slightly less than a good book such as *The Bobbsey Twins in Eskimo Land*, the turntable motors relieve the student of the tiring task of turning pages, and allow him to conserve his strength for other work.

For those who are tiring of their geography courses, some of their content may be found in such records as *SONGS OF ISRAEL*, *EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK*, *THE FOUNTAINS OF ROME*, *HUNGARIAN DANCES*, and others. Relief from history may be sought in *THE BIG NEWS OF '59*. For a more humorous touch than that found in the lilting strains of *Deutschland Uber Alles*, the Librarians of Gaither Hall offer *ANNE RUSSELL IN DARK-EST AFRICA*, a comical presentation of *HAMLET* and other works, which is guaranteed to send Mr. Shakespeare revolving in his sarcophagus. For a lighter musical approach than that of "Hey Baby," the student might sample *Bach's CONCERTO NO.1 IN D MINOR FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA*.

To check out a record, which may be kept three days, simply come to the desk at any time Miss Price, Miss Buchanan, or Mrs. Maddox is on duty, and after being photographed, fingerprinted, security checked investigated, and psycho-analyzed the record that you desire may be yours for seventy-two whole hours. The Library Staff, however, will still serve those wishing to read the more old-fashioned books; they realize that some people never will accept modern labor saving methods, and will continue to labor at rolling their eyes and at turning pages.

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Campus Opinions

By Tom Stewart

By Jim Stewart

With three circles of the globe by Glenn in a spacecraft faster than any American has ever traveled before, the United States' pride and prestige was boosted. All Americans share a feeling of pride. What do people of other countries think of this accomplishment? Due to all the snow I wasn't able to visit abroad and find out but I was able to get some opinions from foreign representatives right here on campus.

"It is a tremendous step in modern science that assures us of our faith in the progress of mankind for a better world." Raquel Torres-Cuba

"I think he is very brave and admirable, and the United States should be thankful for a man like Glenn." Anna Chow-Japan

"I think it must have been fun to be up there in the space and be able to see the whole world." Ana Paz Diaz-Mexico

"I think it must have been a beautiful sight and I only regret that he didn't drop a bomb on Castro's palace." Nick Rosello-Cuba

"It is a most remarkable achievement of astronautic science which was made by the hands of the American scholars after a long careful study and research; everybody must be more conscious of this progress in this field of science and co-operate to develop it to a more perfect level." Hiko Fukuaka-Japan

Montreat Drama Project Headed By Mr. McDonald

An experimental drama project will be conducted June 15-August 25 at Montreat, the conference grounds for the Presbyterian Church, U.S. The project is under the direction of Mr. Arthur McDonald, professor in the De-

partment of Speech and Drama, Converse College.

Those who are interested in drama and have had some previous experience in this field and who would like to explore the possibilities for the communication of the Gospel through the medium of drama will form the drama group. Mr. McDonald remarked, "This is a religious drama project but will not be limited to Biblical material. There will be included productions that deal with ultimate concerns".

Members of the group will have part-time jobs through the Mountain Retreat Association for which they will receive housing and a small remuneration. They will work four days a day. The type of work given them will depend upon their abilities and the positions which are open.

Productions

Prior to July 1, the group will be in rehearsal for productions the remainder of the season. Around July 1, the company will present productions for the Montreat community, for various summer conferences, and for churches in a nearby radius. About four or five plays, based on biblical themes will be prepared for presentation, in addition to those especially commissioned or requested by conference groups. Mr. McDonald is interested in receiving original plays for production.

For those who are interested, write directly to the Department of Campus Christian Life, Attention Elizabeth McWhorter, Box 1176, Richmond 9, Virginia, for additional information and application forms. Applications should be received by April 1 to be considered.

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