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Donald R. Mitchell, who will be MAC's new Academic Dean, beginning September, 1969, has had a long and varied involvement with church related education.

Mr. Mitchell was born and educated in New Zealand. He gained his Bachelor degree and a Diploma in Education from Otago University. After four years of teaching in public schools, he became senior Housemaster and instructor in English and History at John McGlashan College, a Presbyterian School for boys in Dunedin.

The next move was made in 1951, when Mr. Mitchell traveled to Lima to work as a missionary teacher with the Free Church of Scotland mission

in Peru. His duties involved teaching and administration in Saint Andrews College, a well known and respected Presbyterian institution in Latin America.

Eight years later Mr. Mitchell came to the United States in order to study at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. In 1963, he graduated from the seminary and was ordained a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. He continued at Princeton for another three years as a doctoral candidate and Teaching Fellow in Church History. During this period he also assisted in the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church in Cranbury, N.J. and completed a mastersdegree in history at Rutgers University where he was also a teaching assistant in the Department of History.

Mr. Mitchell came to Montreat with his family in September, 1966 in order to utilize the resources of

the Historical Foundation. The following year he joined the MAC faculty as a Woodrow Wilson Teaching Intern, the first such to have been assigned to a Junior College. He is now completing his second year in this capacity, teaching world history to freshman students.

During his time at MAC Mr. Mitchell has been a sponsor of the Student Christian Association, a faculty representative in the Honor Court and the Religious Activities Committee, advisor to the College newspaper, and a member of the faculty committee which is steering the institutional self study required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mr. Mitchell is married to Grace Spradling, a Transylvania graduate who had also worked in Peru as a missionary teacher and who is at present teaching English and Spanish at MAC. Their two children are Marion and Alison.

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A week ago, SGA president Charlie Lance, CUAB chairman Grant Cobia, Honor Court president Al Wilson, and Nancy Carlton, SCA president, met to discuss the value of their respective organizations to Montreat-Anderson.

Charlie Lance stated that SGA serves as a "liason" between the student body and the administration. He relates this to student government's contribution to communication. This year's organization has had "responsibility, confidence, and competence," according to Lance. He believes that there are capable leaders in the rising sophomore class.

Grant Cobia, a freshman who will return next year, stresses the CUAB's importance as an "outlet for the energy and talents" of MAC students. Activities provided by the College Union Activities Board are designed to produce "well-rounded" students, says Cobia. The CUAB offers cultural, social, and recreational programs.

Honor Court deals with the difficult problem of protecting the school's code as well as the student's rights. Wilson maintains that his biggest problem is "communicating effectively to the student body the reasoning behind decisions." He says that much of the judicial body's work remains confidential in order "to protect the rights of the person that comes before the Honor Court."

The Student Christian Association also has a tough task since this group must be "relevant" and at the same time, consider what benefits the student "spiritually." Nancy Carlton feels that the SCA sponsored programs have been most effective in enriching "spiritual life" here. Presently, 70-80 students are included to a greater or lesser degree in SCA service projects.

The Montreat-Anderson College Choir on the Annual Spring Tour will present a concert in Gaither Chapel on April 14, at 8:00. The public is cordially invited to attend this program of choral music.

The Montreat-Anderson College Choir specializes in religious music of all periods and styles of church music and is heard regularly in the college worship services. The group includes students from the states of N.C., S.C., Va., W. Va., Fla., Ga., Wash., N.Y., N.J., and Washington, D.C.

The 1969 Spring Tour presents concerts in Valdese, N.C.; Bluefield, W. Va.; Fairlea, W. Va.; Roanoke, Va.; Pulaski, Va.; and a home concert at Montreat-Anderson College, Montreat, N. C.

The program includes beloved selections of early church music "Hosanna to the Son of David", Praetorius; "Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God) Morley; and "Sanctus", Haydn. Three

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