

From The Dean's Desk

The Cavalier has the potential for performing a vital service for our college community. It is a popular medium of communication, an outlet for student opinion, a broadsheet for a diversity of viewpoints and an essential factor in that totality of activities which belongs to a center of higher education.

The record of publication this year has not been good and we as a community are the poorer as a consequence. Many things happen weekly on our campus which merit publicity. These events may be an occasion for pride, or protest, or critical comment. But, first of all, they need to be noted. If we are to be informed citizens we have to have information. Experience has shown that while there are many avenues of communication nothing can really take the unique place of a responsible campus newspaper.

The earth Day activities at Montreat probably surpassed in variety and significance anything done on other campuses in this area. But no one could tell that because no Cavalier report emerged to give us the comprehensive picture. The contest for the May Queen and her court was a refreshing demonstration of the beauty and talent which abounds among the women students on our campus. But who will know about it other than those who had been privileged to attend the display?

A superlative artistic performance was recently provided this community in the piano recital of Mr. Tom Stierwalt. But this occasion was not appraised as it should have been because no Cavalier appeared to tell the student body about it. The same lack of publicity has attended a series of outstanding chapel speakers as well as the college choir which had a most successful tour.

The recent SFA Forum raised a series of substantive issues which ought to be discussed at greater length by more members of the college than were able to attend the meeting. The health of our community depends on the kind of interchange which was begun in the Forum and which needs to be continued.

My plea, then, is that the student body realize what it is missing in not having regular issues of a campus paper. More than that, the student body should insist that a paper be issued and it should follow up that insistence by being prepared to do the work and accept the responsibility which such a publication requires.

ELECTION RETURNS

Student Body Officers

The recent student body elections returns indicate the following were elected to places of responsibility for the academic year 1970-71. In the Student Government Association David Young of Maxwell A. F. B., Alabama was elected President; Allswell Muzan of Lagos, Nigeria, Vice-President; Kathy Hines of Washington, N. C., Secretary; and Neal Bardin, Jr. of West Palm Beach, Fla., Treasurer.

The Student Christian Association Officers are: Sam McGinn of Charlotte, N. C., President; Robert Puerifoy of Concord, N. C., Vice-President; Jane Wooding of Sutherland, Va., Secretary; and Treasurer.

The Honor Court will be headed by Peter Stack of Spartanburg, S. C., President; Toni Spann of Greenville, S. C., Vice-President; Nan Cureton of Greenville, S. C., Secretary.

The College Union Activities Board will be headed by Donald Grooms, of Charleston, S. C. President; and the President of the Sophomore Class is Charlie O'Neal of Blenheim, S. C.

EDITORIAL

Over the past several months, groups of talented Montreat-Anderson College students, most of them active in SCA, have gone out on weekends to area churches as far away as Hickory, N. C. presenting religious programs to youth groups and church congregations. Comments from pastors and parishoners alike have been very favorable concerning the performance, demeanor, and helpfulness of these groups.

Not only are such experiences rewarding for our students who participate, but inspiring and impressive for the youth (mostly sub-college age) who hear them, not to mention the positive effect such visits have upon the image of the college.

Why could there not be a concentrated effort next year to enlist, organize, and train such a group or groups for this kind of representation. Are you interested?

R. Paul Kercher

SCA PICNIC

A picnic dinner honoring Mrs. Ruth Graham on Sunday evening, May 17, at 6:30 will be the grand finale of Student Christian Association meetings this year.

The dinner and program will be held at the home of SCA Sponsors, Reverend and Mrs. R. Paul Kercher, 113 Dogwood Drive, Black Mountain.

Program features at the event include: Statements of appreciation from SCA Council members to Mrs. Graham for "The wonderful ways she has assisted our organization and helped us personally this year," according to Ronald Brigham, President; songs by the Dave Schafferman-Mary Archer singing group; and the presentation of new officers.

New officers are: Sam McGinn, President; Robert Peurifoy, Vice President; Jane Wooding, Secretary; Laura Wilson, Treasurer; Publicity Chairman, Ellen Foster; Paula Sharpe, Chairman of the newly-formed Social Action Team, under whose advisement the V. A. Hospital, Dogwood Manor, and Children's Home service will be planned and implemented.

New SCA faculty sponsors succeeding the Nelson Waldens and the Paul Kerchers are Reverend and Mrs. Calvin Thielman and Dr. and Mrs. John Newton.

SFA Forum Report

The largest and most questioned-minded group of Students, Faculty, and Administrative officers of the year met on April 29th in the lecture room of the Science Building for what was expected to be the last meeting of the SFA Forum.

Dr. Davis presided and fielded, as did various members of the audience, numerous difficult questions regarding the future development of the College.

Among the items discussed were the following: 1. Construction of the new library will begin this summer. 2. A pledge of \$100,000 toward the athletic field has been made, but not yet received.

3. Funds for athletic scholarships have been set aside to assist competent athletes. 4. It is hoped that construction of the swimming pool may begin this fall.

Considerable concern was expressed especially by the students regarding student activities and the participation of students in selecting convocation and chapel speakers.

While some students felt that educational opportunities were lacking at points, one student thanked the College for giving him a second chance. The meeting was adjourned to meet again before the end of school.

Dean Kester



Tassels Play For May Dance

The Annual May Dance or "Spring Fling" as it is sometimes called, will climax the Spring Festival week on Saturday night from 8 'til 12 in Anderson Auditorium. Music will be provided by "Tassels". There is no admission charge but students and their dates from off campus must provide identification before being admitted.

EARTHY LETTERS

Television, radio and the newspapers carried the stories of MAC students, faculty and townspeople in action on Earth Day. Seventy five students were involved in appointed, definite activities resulting in one of the best attended and most exciting events of the school year.

From the fishing, kissing and dart throwing booths to the cuddly bear cub, everyone was having fun. Miss Tyler was photographed in one of the beautiful trash barrels which now adorn the campus (and ARE being used!) and industrial leaders have spoken of their enjoyment and appreciation of student concern for the pollution problems of industry. The color slide program Earth Day was tremendous. It may be shown again.

Indeed the campus does look much better after the faculty rake-in, or rake-out, or rake-up! Conservation Club and other trucks - clean-up crews have done great work cleaning the campus of unsightly brush and trash.

The efforts of the day are still being felt and every person who had a part is to be publicly thanked - and over. What a spirit-builder the day was. There is an increasing interest now to keep the program alive and going. I'd be for that! Thanks again, everyone.

E. A. Andrews, Jr.

P. S. If you will, please, share my black and white pictures or color shots you may have taken Earth Day. We need copies of good pictures for the huge Scrapbook of the beautification efforts. Please bring these pictures to Mr. Andrews' office in Fellowship Hall. We'll pay for them!

TIME FOR BUDGETS

"It's time again for the Budget Committee of the SGA to study the requests of the various campus organizations for next year," Kay Smith, Chairman of the Committee announced today. A meeting of the new Treasurers of all organizations are to meet on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 in room 17 Gaither for an explanatory meeting. All Treasurers should present their budget requests no later than May 18. Miss Smith urges all concerned to be prompt or run the risk of not having a budget allocation next year.

Dress is formal for the ladies and semi-formal for the men.

The four house mothers will preside at the refreshment table. They are Mrs. Arfet Hodge, MA Hall; Mrs. Emily Hayes, New Hall; Mrs. Florence Reed, College Hall and Mrs. Pearl Perkins, Howerton.

All students of MAC, the Faculty and Staff are invited to attend.

MAXWELL TO SPEAK

Did you know that more different kinds of wild flowers bloom in Montreat than any other part of the United States? Members of the Science Department have identified over 50 species on our campus this past week.

If you would like to learn more about flowers, come to an illustrated lecture in the Science Hall at 4:30, Thursday, May 7. Miss Maxwell will show some of her slides of flowers in this area.

AWARDS BANQUET

The annual Sports Banquet will be held in Assembly Inn, May 14, at 6:30 P. M. The soccer, basketball, tennis and golf teams plus the cheerleaders will be honored. Students with meal ticket numbers may purchase tickets for \$2.00 from Coach Wilson Room 105 Fellowship Hall until noon, May 11.

(Reg. Price: \$2.50 per person).

TENNIS TEAM

The Tennis Season was one of repeated losses but bold and courageous competition. This was the first year for the team in the Western Carolina Junior College Conference. The competition was keen and high caliber.

The team record was 0-8. Outstanding performances were rendered by Randy Anderson as number six man with several victories. Tommy Deschamps showed much improvement toward the end of the season.

Edwin Udogu gained throughout the year with many exciting matches.

Other members of the team were Bill Amos, Don Grooms, Larry McSween, and Allswell Muzan.

All members of team along with other varsity teams will be honored at the annual athletic banquet on May 14th at 6:30 p. m. in Assembly Inn.

A FIRST FOR M. A. C.

Neal Lance, a 6-foot-6, 220 pounder from Dentsville High, S. C. became the first grant-in-aid athlete in the history of Montreat-Anderson college Saturday, April 25, 1970, when he signed to play basketball for the Cavaliers. Montreat-Anderson Basketball coach, Pat Sams, stated "He'll play forward for us and I believe he will make us a fine player."

Coach Sams also hopes to sign about four or five more players in the next month.