

Campus thefts minor problem

by LINDA FIELD -
Administration Editor

Kleptomania is not the rage in Montreat. Theft rates are low. According to Dr. Larry Wilson, Dean of Student Affairs, common sense is the best deterrent to theft.

"There have been no cases of breaking and entering," Wilson said. "The best advice is to keep your door locked. Most stealing is from unlocked rooms."

Outsiders have caused a surprising amount of thefts. Weekend guests are often culprits and strangers have been known to wander into dorms and lift items.

Two years ago, a thief from Black Mountain stole \$300 worth of stereo equipment from Montreat-Anderson dorms. By the time he was traced, the equipment had been sold.

"Thefts occur most often during big campus events - especially when the football team is away or a dance is scheduled," Wilson added.

Martha Sue Carroll, dorm resident of McGregor Hall, agrees that locked doors are the best safety. "If a girl reports something has been taken and her door was unlocked, all I can say is 'I'm sorry.'"

"There was a large sum of money taken at the beginning of the year, but it was recovered. Usually it's shampoo or other odds and ends that disappear."

Martha Sue commented that the biggest problem this year

has been food. "I guess that's because some people don't consider taking food to be stealing. The usual attitude is 'they won't mind if I take just a little.' That's why we've had to lock the kitchen door for a short time."

The boys' dorms have a higher incidence of theft. Vestal Caldwell, campus security policeman, says Howerton is "worse than any other dorm."

"It has more entrances than the other buildings. If things get hot for a suspect, he can go out the front or back door of second floor. There's also the fire escape, the roof, and the windows to the ground floor. Also the entrances and exits to the boys' dorms stay unlocked."

Caldwell commented that most stealing is from unlocked rooms. He advised locking dorm doors "even when you go down the hall to the john."

Items most frequently stolen are watches and jewelry. More valuable merchandise includes stereo equipment, tape recorders, cameras, and C.B. radios.

"Dean Wilson usually contacts me after a theft report," Caldwell continued. "The routine procedure is to find out what was stolen, its value, and general information on how and when it was taken."

"If it's a case where a guy lays his watch down and 15 minutes later it's gone, we'll search the whole dorm. But most of the time, something

isn't missed for two to three days."

We asked Caldwell about the percentage of returned stolen goods. "Ninety-nine percent of the big stuff is never found. I would say usually it is an outsider who already has a buyer in another area."

"We need reliable information to trace and identify valuable merchandise. The best source is the serial number," Caldwell continued.

"With the serial number we can contact the National Criminal Index Code (NCIC), where all serial information goes in on a computer. A policeman in Kansas can find stereo equipment in Kansas, can call the NCIC and find it's from Montreat."

"All students ought to keep a list of their valuables and serial numbers. The number is on the back or side of every manufactured product."

Caldwell cautions students to be especially careful before school breaks. "The last two weeks before the semester ends, I can almost bet about something being stolen."

"Cars are also likely places to have something stolen. Anywhere you park on campus, it is a good idea to lock your car. In wintertime, people can easily conceal unattended valuables under their coats."

Caldwell chuckled. "Occasionally we get reports of dorm doors being stolen."



CHUCK CRABTREE AND LANCE WILLIAMS fight it out in "The Odd Couple." (Photo by Allan Jones)

"Odd Couple" - a must

by R. B. WILKINS and
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The Greybeard production of "The Odd Couple" opens Thursday night, Dec. 11, 1975 at the Greybeard Playhouse, and it is a must to see. The play opens with poker players played by Bill Morris, Jay Graham, Rob Carver, and Hal Johnson in outstanding supporting roles. Chuck Crabtree who is a professional plays the part of Oscar.

But a young man who never

gives up and brings a lot of light moments on the play is Lance Williams. Lance's wild antics and great acting definitely steal the show.

The set constructed by the Drama Department was good.

The lighting and technical direction of Miss Cindy McCoy was better than expected.

The Pigeon sisters played by Joanne Colwell and Susan White steal a lot of hearty laughs.

Student's letter takes northern excursion

by LINDA FIELD

Some mail goes a long way, but one letter to Mark Wilmesherr, a freshman student, got some extra mileage.

On Oct. 4, Mark's mom sent him a letter from his hometown of Buford, S.C. She addressed it with only Mark's name, box number, to be sent to Montreat College, Montreat. The letter didn't arrive here at Montreat, but went instead to Montreal, Canada. Mark found out about the mix-up when the letter finally arrive at Montreat on Nov. 21.

The postmaster in Montreal, after finding the receiver of the letter was unknown wrote the Montreat post office to find

if Mark Wilmesherr could be identified here. Mrs. Saunders, our Montreat postmaster, returned a letter saying he could indeed be found in Montreat, N.C., at Montreat-Anderson College.

The letter was sent from Canada, and the Montreal post office also sent the Buford post office a letter claiming the true receiver had been found, and that a more clear address as well as zip code should be used in future letters.

Mark quipped, "I guess the post office can get us the mail in rain, sleet, hail, and snow. But we don't know about sunny weather."

GA, choir lead chapel

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, the chapel service was led by Mr. Charles Massey. It was a complete musical program which everyone enjoyed.

The music was provided by the "If My People" choir, which performed several beautiful selections from that musical. The General Assembly was also in the program. They did such songs as "Child of the Kingdom."

General Assembly shares Christ

by SAM FELDMAN
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Most of the students are aware of the fact that there is a group of students here at Montreat called "The General Assembly." This group, commonly known as the "G. A.," travels around to churches, coffee houses, and schools, being witnesses for Jesus Christ. This group also serves as a strong recruiting agent for M-A C.

The G. A. represents Montreat as a whole, and attempts to share the love of Jesus with each individual they meet. Each member of the General Assembly has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and has promised to make the General Assembly his (her) number one priority, with the exception of academic studies.

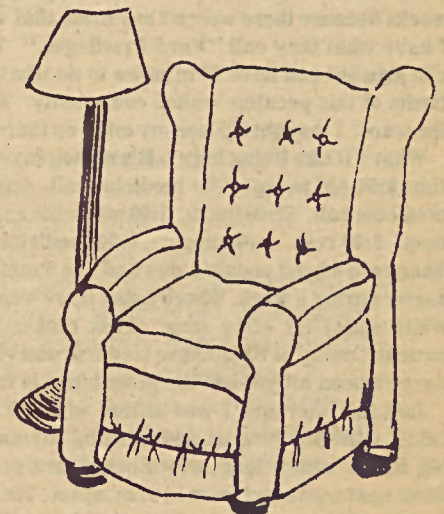
The G. A. also has an administrative advisor, Carolyn Bartlett. She is the booking agent for the group, the advisor, and a dear friend to each and every member.

The group is composed of nine singers and five back-up musicians. Several of the musicians sing from time to time, and the singers vice-versa. The group is as follows: Keith Norwood-Director-Tenor, Dan McLean-Tenor, Gay Cooper - Soprano, Debbie May-Soprano, Martha Fancher - Soprano, Rob Norwood - Bass, Sam Feldman - Bass, Sandy Marks - Alto, Jill Barnes - Alto, Hal Rhea - Tenor - Piano, Bill (Flash) Terrell - lead guitar, Ed Smith - Guitar - Banjo, Jerry Smith - Flute, and David Buie - Bass guitar and "whistles."

The group has done about six concerts this year, more are planned for this semester and the next. There is a weekend trip planned in December for Charlotte, N. C., and one in February for Raleigh, N. C. There will be announcements in the paper from time to time when there will be a concert that the students may wish to attend.

Music was also provided by Paul Williams and Willis Dowling. The played harmonic parts of "Seek Ye First" on their trumpets were very beautiful and enlightening part of the program.

The choir and the General Assembly will both sing on Monday, December 15, during the Convocation exercises.



Montreaters spend Christmas in Israel

by ROBIN LAUGHON

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to visit a camel market in Beersheba or to climb Masada? Eight Montreaters will have these and other exciting experiences over the Christmas break when they visit Israel.

Martha Sue's van will leave Montreat with New York as a destination. On December 30, Jill Barnes, Martha Sue Carroll, Dan Montgomery, Mary Jane Motley, Rena Robinson, Mary Vilas, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Massey will leave New York for a 10

day tour of Israel.

Nights will be spent in youth hostels and they plan to cook their own meals. Bible study will be incorporated at each place visited in Israel. Leadership of this study will be shared, as well as all other responsibilities.

This will be Mr. Massey's third trip to Israel. He has hosted two previous tours for Decision magazine.

The group will return to New York on January 8 where they will spend a few days seeing the sights before returning to their respective homes.

Interim Week

by LINDA LEACH

Interim Week starts Tuesday, Jan. 13, through Friday, Jan. 16. Its theme will be, "Our Heritage: An Historic and Contemporary View." The interim committee is composed of faculty and students. This is just a general schedule; more details will be given later. There will be a major address in the morning, workshops in the afternoon from 1:00-3:00 which will carry out the theme of the day, and other activities each day.

TENTATIVE INTERIM WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday:
10:00 Overview of the Revolution - David Smiley of Wake Forest University.
3:30
3:30 North Buncombe Concert Band.
7:30 Basketball game here..
9:30 Storytelling in lobbies or dorms before open fires.

Wednesday:
10:00 Colonial Appalachia - Opening address.
History of Montreat and M-A C - Andy Andrews.
Activities for the day may include a field trip to the Vance home place, or craft demonstrations and activities such as quilt making, candy pulls, apple butter, candle making, and carving.
7:00 Colonial church meeting - Dr. John Newton.
9:00 Film: America (D. W. Griffith).

Thursday:
10:00 Keynote lecture: Religion and Social Life - Russell Hitt.
Evening Colonial dinner and ball dinner and ball (colonial menu and dress).

Friday:
10:00 Our Heritage, a Contemporary View - Frontis Johnson of Davidson College.
Evening Drama: "Which Way to Boston?"
Storytelling.

Student Calendar

by ROBIN LAUGHON
Student Activities Editor

- December 11-13**
"The Odd Couple" will be presented at the Greybeard Theatre. Admission is \$5.00.
- December 12**
Larry Norman will give a concert in Anderson Auditorium. The tickets will be \$3.00 at the door.
- December 13**
The SCA coffeehouse is having a birthday party for Jesus. Everyone is invited.
- December 14**
The men's dorms will be open from 2:00 until 5:00. Calvin Thielman, Robert Jones and the G.A. will lead Christmas vespers in Gaither Chapel at 6:00. The women's dorms will be open from 7:00 until 9:00. At 9:00 MA Hall will have the Annual Christmas Party in the lobby. The party will last until 12:00. Everyone is welcome.
- December 15**
Mr. Massey is in charge of the convocation program which will consist of Christmas music.
- December 17**
Home Basketball game. A special Christmas dinner will be served in Howerton. Everyone is asked to dress nice. Steak will be the main course.
- December 16**
No chapel due to exams.
- December 16-19**
The SCA coffeehouse, second floor of the S.U., will be open from 9:30-11:30. If you need a break in exam studying go on down and take your mug; there will be free hot chocolate.