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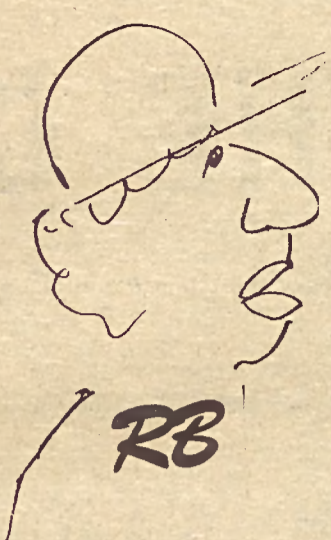
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Student academic effort is disgraceful



Star Light, Star Bright,
I Wish I Could Study Tonight.

Sometime two weeks ago, the A.P. list was released. It showed that there were 106 people on Academic Probation-one fourth of the student body. What happened? Maybe too much noise in the dorm, maybe too much social life, maybe the library in not open long enough. But 106 people on A.P. is ridiculous, if you ask me. I hear a lot of people say that they were put on A.P. The only defense I have for A.P. is that you don't get put on A.P., you put yourself on it.

Montreat isn't the only

school that has most of its students doing below average work. I visited a school that had 75 to 80 percent of its freshmen guys making below 2.0. What is the problem?

My solutions are: Many people have their eyes too much on the opposite sex and not enough on their own educational achievement. They lose their interest in classwork and then social life, foosball, pinball, Doc's, dates etc. take up the studying time. This is not only a problem that exists here. It is at other schools as well. Studying is essential. I believe when people first come to Montreat,

they take it for granted. When people go to college and they don't apply themselves, they have made a mistake in going to college.

A.P. is a warning. Some colleges don't have AP. If you get below a certain average they'll kick you out. An interesting thought just occurred to me-how about starting a fraternity for A.P. students?

As harsh as it sounds, A.P. is for real. My hope is that people will realize the importance of learning and that at a college that only should take top priority.

Now You Know, Now You See,
Let's Get Off A.P.

Keeping Montreat's reputation sound

by ROBERT HEETH

Congratulations to the Interim Week Committee, which deserves a hand for doing such a fine job. Dean Akers chaired the committee, which was made up of C.C. Kinnison, Anne Davidson, June Hodge, Don Munson, Penny Nickel, Virginia Buchanan, Hellon Andrews, David Parks, and Bonnie Lundblad representing the faculty. Student members were Ellen Evans representing PTK and Rick Greene of the Student Activities Committee.

I had a wonderful interview with Howard Kester last week. I had planned to put it in this issue, but the subject so caught my interest that the article grew and grew until I realized that I would put myself in limbo as far as grades are concerned if I kept going. So I'm taking a breather; the story, which I hope will receive the attention its length requires, will appear in two parts, beginning next issue.

Any way, back to the subject: I was eating supper with Mr. Kester at the Monte Vista Hotel in Black Mountain when I asked him to compare the Montreat student body now to when he was Dean of Students several years ago.

"Well, I don't want to be critical," he hesitated.

I encouraged him to be critical.

"I went to Dr. David Smiley's lecture during Interim Week and it was a darn good lecture, too; that man knew his stuff; I would have told him so if he hadn't. Well, there were some students who paid no attention. They were leafing through books and talking so loud it was hard to hear. The librarian had to go over and tell them to be quiet."

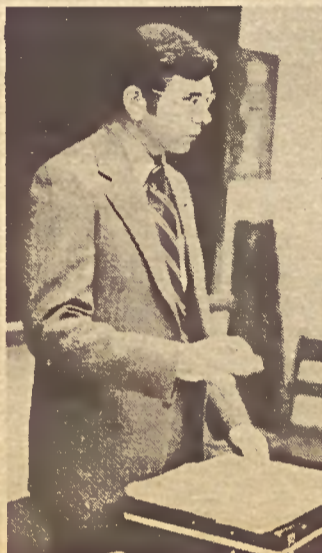
The 71-year old man's eyes fired. "That would never have happened while I was there. I would have gone over and yanked them right out!"

I know that when a lecture is required attendance there will be many people there who will be wishing with all their soul that they were any place but. And perhaps the administrator shouldn't be so quick to stuff religion and culture down the throats of those who want no part of it.

But we should remember one thing. Our student body has a reputation of Christian living and spiritual dedication now when just a few years ago Montreat was known as a 'party school'. Is it logical that as our Christian witness grows our reputation for discourtesy should grow with it?

Howard Kester is a man who has spent much of his life working to help all men claim their rights, and he has an unshakable belief in the necessity of human freedom. Yet he would not hesitate to remove a student who by his own noise was preventing others from hearing what was being said. I suggest that our own Dean and faculty do the same.

Faculty Interview—



DONALD MUNSON

by JUDITH MILLNER

This is the first in a series of interviews with faculty members, designed to help us to know our teachers better.—Editor's note

Mr. Donald Munson, professor of history at Montreat, has an intriguing background. He was raised in Chattanooga, Tenn. during the depression. He attended private schools, finishing at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va. in 1950.

That summer, as a graduation present, he went with his father on a business trip to Europe. On the ship going over he met his future wife, who was from the Northwest. Their paths crossed several times in Europe and they were married that November.

Donald joined his father in manufacturing cotton pulp for Rayon and paper.

In 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Munson attended a Billy Graham Crusade in Chat-

tanooga through the interest of church friends. They began going to a Bible study, yet did not commit themselves to Christ until later.

In the meantime, Donald joined the Navy and spent two years in Japan. He then returned to his business in Chattanooga. Through the Bible studies the Munsons still attended, Donald felt a personal relationship with the Lord develop.

He felt the Lord calling him to enter the ministry, so he entered Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Ga. in 1958. Donald wanted to return to Japan as a missionary, but he stayed to help his professor at Columbia, Dr. Manfred Gutzke, get started as a radio evangelist.

Meanwhile, the Munsons had two children. Michele was born in 1957, and Donald III arrived in 1962.

In 1967 Donald attended Gulph College in Gulph Ontario to do his graduate work in history. He received his Masters in 1971. After this he decided to come to M-A C.

"I came to Montreat because of the Christian emphasis," said Donald. "My main goal as a teacher is to become more effective as a communicator to students and to help them to discover and appreciate their own abilities."

In his free time he does research and writing. Currently he's working on a biographical book on Dr. Park McCallie, founder of a boys Prep School. He's also trying to further integrate teaching in history with the Christian point of view.

The Munsons lead a study and discussion group for students on Sunday nights at 7:30 at their home on Kentucky Road.

SGA discusses telethon, blood drive

by R. B. WILKINS

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Montreat-Anderson College held its first meeting of the semester on Wednesday, Jan 21, 1976 at 6:00 p.m. in RM 110 in the Science Building.

The Social Committee Co-Chairman, Eddie Smith, told the SGA that Marty Monroe presented them with information on the telethon.

Paula Myers, Vice-President of the Freshmen Class, reported for the Food Committee. She stated that the poll which was taken on student suggestions for the cafeteria showed a favorable response to the idea of having

special dinners. Paula said that one night each week month we will have a special dinner. This Wednesday we had a special Chinese dinner, for which the cafeteria staff prepared special food and decorations

R.B. Wilkins reported on the telethon. Dean Wilson asked whether or not the telethon had been approved by the SGA, and was told that it had been.

The telethon committee, represented by R.B. Wilkins, moved that the SGA give them permission to solicit funds from businesses to help support the telethon. Dean Wilson reminded the SGA of

of the risk of soliciting funds in the Black Mountain area. "You would interfere with Development getting money from the businesses later."

The Dean added, "People will get tired of you asking for money for the school." The motion was tabled by SGA President Alan Cappa after a lengthy discussion.

Mr. Morris White from the Asheville Region of the Red Cross presented the SGA with a proposal to hold another blood drive. "The last blood drive held here was a total success," he said. Montreat donated 74 pints of blood out of an expected 75, for which Mr. White commended the school.

He stated that blood was needed very badly and he thanked Montreat-Anderson for their continued support. David Buie, freshmen Class President, put the proposal into a motion, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2, from 1 to 5 on the second floor of the Student Union.

Paula Myers moved that the SGA purchase the quilt that the students made during Interim Week (for \$10) to be given to the teacher of the year. This motion also passed unanimously.

Random Notes

Choir and G. A. plans

Montreat's two singing groups, the choir, and General Assembly will be having two major performances within the next two weeks. On Saturday, Jan. 31, the General Assembly will be singing at the World Missions Conferences in Gatlingburg, Tenn. They will leave Montreat Saturday morning and return sometime later the same night. Several students of the college, as well as members of Montreat Presbyterian Church, will be attending the conference. Dean Akers is a principal speaker.

The choir will sing in Jonesboro and Johnson City, Tenn. on Sunday, Feb. 8. They will leave at 7:00 Sunday morning, and are expected to return sometime after 10:00 p.m. that night. They will be performing the musical "If My People," which was written by Jimmy and Carol Owens. This musical is based on the scripture II Chronicles 7:14, which is as follows:

"If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

Free Andrae Crouch Concert

Andrae Crouch will give a free concert on Friday, Feb. 6 at Freedom Hall in Johnson City, Tenn. Time: 7:30

Greenwood seeks General Assembly Seat

Gordon H. Greenwood, MAC Director of Admissions and a member of the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen, announced last week as a Democratic candidate for the 1977 N.C. General Assembly from the 43rd House District, which includes Buncombe and Transylvania Counties. Greenwood 66, previously served 10 years in the House, capped by his chairmanship of the powerful House Appropriations Committee in 1967. In 1968 he stepped down to wage a successful campaign for chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, a seat he lost in a re-election bid.

Greenwood's announcement, which received front-page coverage in the Asheville newspapers, was prompted by the resignations of two of the district's incumbent representatives.

He feels that his experience will be valuable in finding solutions to problems facing 1977 legislature specifically in the areas of budget and education. The Buncombe County native taught journalism at Boston University and published the Black Mountain News for several years.

"Isn't it romantic?"

Beth Buffkin, a MAC freshman from Southern Pines, N.C. married Sam L. Morton on Jan. 16. The couple will live in Greensboro where Sam attends Gilford College. According to Marty Monroe, Beth and Sam were high school sweethearts who had fallen on some hard times. But when they saw each other over Christmas Break, they realized they were meant for each other. So... without telling their parents, they ran off to South Carolina and eloped. "She said it was what she had always wanted to do," commented Marty. "Isn't it romantic?"

Gary Rand's New Job

Gary Rand, last year's choir director at Montreat-Anderson, is now minister of music at the South Park Church in Park Ridge, Illinois. The church is characterized by a unique youth outreach called "Son City".

Teen-agers of the Chicago area flock to "Son City" each week, which features different musical exhibitions directed by Gary Rand.

Rand claims that the technology up there is expansive so he has many new devices to use in his music groups, which include three rock groups and a few choirs.

He and his wife Lenora plan to stay in the Chicago area working in this church for at least three years.

Photos For Sale

Interested in buying some prints of the pictures that go in your school newspaper? Our photographer, Allan Jones, has the pix and many more besides, shot at dances, special events and many just snapped around campus. Caught in an embarrassing pose? Catch Allan in rm. 215, Howerton, and maybe you can keep it from appearing in the newspaper! (Ha-ha, just kidding.)