

Dust in the Corner

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Interview

Dean Wilson on MAC

Purpose of Montreat-Anderson College

"It's been better expressed by other people, but I think we aren't here just to do the liberal arts thing alone, I think our purpose is to be unique, a small, friendly, Christ-centered campus where people strive to broaden their intellectual pursuits. Through this people can go out and be prepared to be better at whatever they attempt."

Christian context of the Campus

"The christian commitment of a college can only be measured by the people in that college. There are several ways we can evaluate that here. I think most of the students have active prayer in decision making. All faculty, administration or student meetings I have attended have been marked by a submission to God's authority. That's one indicator.

"I think another indicator is that people turn to the scriptures as a guide for every day living. This is done at the dorm level, at prayer meetings, chapel, and convocation. The Holy Bible is a very prominent resource book on campus."

Where does student government end and administration begin?

"It depends on what the issue is. If the issue is among students, then students are given the power to manage it. If the issue is detrimental to the institution, then the college will handle it. Some things that are very controversial go to the president."

What is behavior becoming of Montreat students?

"That's a million dollar question. Who defines what is becoming of a student? My opinion is that you cannot define the ideal with the average. You can't take 400 students and divide by 400 and come up with what the average is. To me it is the person who, under the Christian search for wisdom and enlightenment, subjects himself to that process of searching for God's will. It's a hard thing to judge. A lot of people are close and a lot are far away from that."

How do you deal with students who haven't been exhibiting this behavior?

"It's complicated. It has a lot to do with a lot of things.

Everybody wants to be treated the same, except when they're in trouble, then they want to be treated different. When they come through my door I'm concerned with consistency with what's been done in the past and what's gonna be done in the future. I'm concerned about what's good for that person and then I'm concerned about what's good for this institution."

How does prayer effect your dealings with people?

"If a person is prayerful and humbles himself to God's authority, asks God for wisdom to judge a situation, He will give it to you. That's the way I work. If I make a mistake I don't willfully make a mistake. If I blow it, God's still God."

Do you deal more harshly with non-Christians?

"I've faced this question every year. The greatest discrimination is among the students. I think the Christians are harder on the non-Christians sometimes more than any of the faculty or administration ever dreamed about. That is immaturity in their faith. We cannot supervise all those relationships among students. A mature Christian would never discriminate against a non-Christian. To me the central theme of Christianity is compassion and love, the brotherhood of man. I resent so called 'totally committed' Christians coming down on the non-committed or non-Christians."

Student Opinion

"Buddha" on the telethon

by STEVE BRANHAM
"I haven't got the time, I'm not going to waste my time on the phone; you've got to be kidding."

These are just a few of the remarks you hear when you ask someone to talk for the telethon. When people ask me why I stayed up all night to talk on the phone, I simply answer, "Because no one else will do it."

And that's about the way it is, about one-fourth of the



"Case of the Missing Lake." More on the draining of Lake Susan in the next issue.

Faculty Interview

Rich Gray: new but not unknown

by DAVID FIELD

Rich Gray is a new English Professor here at Montreat Anderson. He was born and raised in Pittsburgh and educated at Malone College, Canton, Ohio, where he received a B.A. for his work. He majored in History and minored in Philosophy and English and studied English again his senior year as an elective.

After graduation, he was employed by the Post Office as a carrier.

"I didn't have a uniform but the dogs constantly chased me anyway," Rich regrets.

From there, he went to work driving a school bus. He tells the story of how he solved the problem of rowdy students.

"One day a fight broke out between two seventh graders in the back of the bus. I stopped in the middle of the road, went to the back, opened the emergency door, pushed the two out, and drove off without them. After that, I had no problems with any of the kids."

Rich, as he prefers to be called, headed back to school at Ohio University in Athens, majored in English, and got his M. A.

Rich had no knowledge of this job opening until July, and

came down for an interview after a summer vacation in the Smokies.

He and his wife, now have been married almost a year and a half, knew each other at Malone and met at a Christmas Party three years later. They began dating and were married nine months later. They believe the Lord sent them here and are happy with the way things are.

Rich sees Montreat - Anderson as a unique college. "It combines christian commitment with the redemptive policy toward those students that are academically or emotionally immature."

He believes the administration is the easiest to work with of those he has known, and all are dedicated to teaching. He is much impressed that the college is concerned with a wide variety of students.

"One group is serious about their life and another group, which includes Christians, aren't interested in their studies."

Rich hopes to accomplish a major goal for the time he spends here.

"Since all students here are now adults, I want to help them realize their responsibilities as such."

Editorials

Organizational changes

by ROBERT HEETH

As of this issue the newspaper staff has undergone some fairly extensive organizational changes. Everything began tumbling down a couple of weeks ago after the last issue when I realized that the paper wasn't worth the amount of time and emotional energy I was spending on it. I decided to stick to production and layout work and let others worry about the content.

So, after a week's delay to allow us to change our setup, I can announce the following additions to our editorial staff: Joe Compton, a freshman who was features editor of the Agape, is taking over as editor. He will be able to get a big head start on taking over the newspaper next year, as well as becoming familiar with our publishing arrangement at the Canton Enterprise, where he will work this summer as a Co-op student.

Helping Joe are Judy Milliner, features editor, and Ruth Akerman, copy editor. As always, we encourage contribution from the student body as well as the staff; if you have something you want printed or publicized; talk to one of these three. As managing editor I will still be responsible for production, which I can do better than anyone else primarily because I have a car and unlimited cuts. I'm also in charge of monematters and will work with Linda in selling and laying out advertising.

"Thank you" to those who have said some very nice things to me about the way I ran the newspaper. It makes the whole experience seem worthwhile. But it is not good for a college publication to be run as a one-man-show, either for the publication or for that one man. The setup we have now is much more normal for school newspapers, and the enthusiasm I have lately seen has given me high hopes that the Dust in the Corner will continue for years to come.

Voice your opinions

by JOE COMPTON

Perhaps, as one reads the various informative and, hopefully, interesting articles in Dust in the Corner, the shrewd reader may come to realize the power of written thought.

Throughout the history of newspapers, or any printed publication for that matter, men and women (college students included) have put forth their opinions and ideas on paper in order to persuade others. Some have been tarred-and-feathered for it - yet, the majority have been highly successful.

The student newspaper, and I emphasize "student," desires to print the opinions and thoughts of the students at MAC. This is but one of the purposes of the newspaper. Too many times, people have come up to me or one of the staff and said, "Why don't you write about the way such-and-such is running such-and-such?" Well, we are here to print news and entertainment that it is unbiased and informative.

The newspaper is not supposed to be prejudiced. Yet, we will print anyone's article on any pertinent topic which does not falsely debase or accuse anyone else. Realize also that this column will not be a "cut" column or a gossip section. If we receive enough letters, the newspaper will have a permanent student opinions column. If you want something to be known, why not put it in a publication which everybody will read?

One last note of interest. The name of our beloved newspaper has been challenged by many (including our staff) who don't like the idea of "dust" in a corner. One person said that it reminded him of a rat. So submit any ideas you have to me or one of the staff and we'll get a better name.

The staff hopes that you will enjoy this publication of Dust In The Corner. Remember that your voice can be heard effectively if you'll take to time to contact us.

Holy Land cont.

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Martha Sue, Barbara, and Jill took an early morning camel ride on the Mt. of Olives. Another interesting stop in Jerusalem, according to Mary Jane Motley, was the courtyard of Pontius Pilate. "It is believed to be the place where Jesus was tried," she said. "You can see the chess-like game which the soldiers carved on the sidewalk when they grew bored."

The Dead Sea Scrolls are stored in a museum in Jerusalem, and across the street from it is the Kenessaret, where the Israeli Parliament convenes.

The group visited

Bethlehem, which is still a small town and has many temples, shops and monasteries. A visit to an olivewood shop proved interesting, and after a tour by the Christian owner, several of the members bought carved wood items. While staying in a French Catholic convent, the group sang three songs to the nuns, who returned with a Latin hymn.

During their tour, the group bought and cooked their own food. Two different team members were responsible for each meal. Jill says it is exciting to "shop in the little exotic places and open-air markets." She and Dan are

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