

# DUST IN THE CORNER

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## Talkathon succeeds, beats record



Dicky Lee and Alexis Jackson are crowned "Valentine King" and "Queen" at the 1976 Valentine Dance.

Tonight, at 12:00 midnight (or at 12:00 midnight last night, depending on when this article is being read), Montreat-Anderson College will have broken the record for the longest telephone call in the world. There has been much publicity for MAC as a result of the talkathon, and many students are to be thanked for their support and participation. Much thanks is due to R.B. Wilkens and Marty Monroe for their undying patience and hard work. Both Marty and R.B. have worked over 1000 hours in order to make the talkathon a success.

It was the unity and interest in the student body which helped keep the "hot-line" going. "I'm really glad it went over this way," said Marty after it was over. "Montreat has a type of unity that no other college can boast of." Although the student support was excellent, Marty, R.B., and other students who helped with the management of the talkathon expressed concern over the lack of support by many in the student body.

The publicity obtained for the talkathon consisted of T.V. and newspaper coverage from Asheville, and ranged

from North Carolina to South Carolina and to Tennessee. One interesting aspect of the talkathon was the 24 hour stretch on the phones attempted by William Burch and his sister, Becky, which was successful.

The talkathon started on Tuesday, February 3 at 9:00 and will end Saturday morning, March 6, at 9:00 with 756 hours completed. The leading dorms with the most hours on the phone are MA Hall and Davis. Money raised by sponsors will be collected after Spring Break and

presented to the Montreat Presbyterian Church Mission Fund.

Looking back over the 756 hours, MAC has something to remember for many years - the long, tired hours in the middle of the night, friends looking in on you, meeting new people - it'll all be looked back upon with fond memories. R.B. summed up the entire event with these thoughts: "In this world, people think that most young people are bad. This will prove to the world that young people can get together and be something."

## 'Crater Susan' to be lake again

By RUTH AKERMAN

Lake Susan, which has been dry-bottomed since Feb. 12, could fool some eyes and look like the valley's first sanitary landfill, according to some people who observe the interesting terrain uncovered here.

But Montreat officials say that within a few weeks mountain waters will be allowed to fill the cavity again.

The North Carolina Department of Economic Resources (responsible for the inspection and safety of dams) made an inspection of Lake Susan Dam and requested that additional testing be done.

Engineers were engaged for the project, the lake was drained and the dam face cleaned off. They have taken core samples back to a lab to be tested with pressure, chemicals, etc.

"We're not worried about the whole thing washing away," says Larry Widman, Business Manager for the Mountain Retreat Association. "We're just making sure there are no places where water could start working through the concrete. So we're testing for deterioration on the inside and the surface."

Test results are expected within a few days. Widman says that extensive repairs probably won't be necessary. Workmen may water-proof the surface to prevent

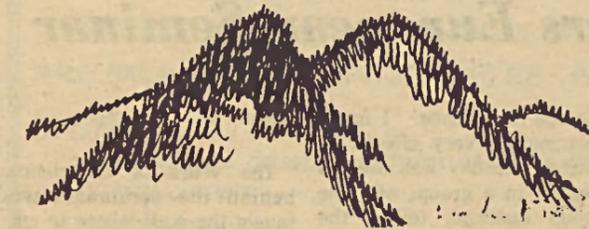
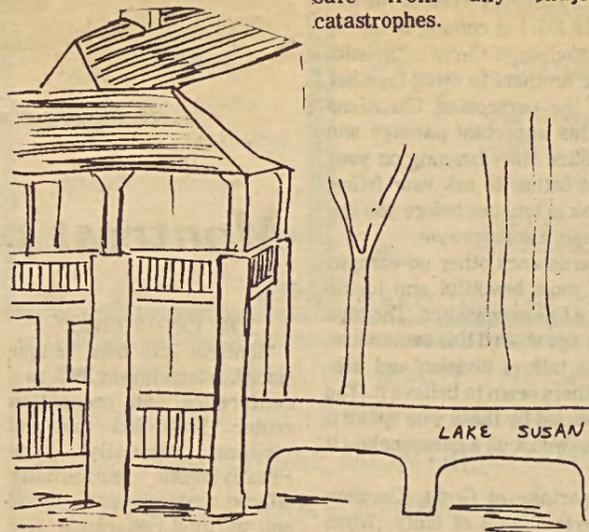
soaking, and new valves are being installed where older New drains, waterproofing, plus the strong reinforcements already in the dam, should keep Montreat safe from any major catastrophes.

ones have cracked from frozen ice.

Andy Andrews, Montreat Conference Director sees this precaution as necessary for the valley's safety.

"Last Sunday a dam broke in Newfound, N.C. and 30,000,000 gallons of water spilled 2,000 feet into a valley," he recalls. "The state environment people didn't even know the dam existed."

Andrews claims that a past flood when the dam was wooden, swept cars from where the S.U. is now all the way to the post office.



## Fine Arts Week

During convocation on the 23rd of February, students of Montreat were informed of Fine Arts Week. Events of the week are to begin on March 29th with the King College Concert Choir from Bristol, Tennessee, at 10:00 A.M. This is to be followed by Tuesday's 7:00 art exhibition and 9:00 poetry reading. Wednesday, Dr. Nicholas Barker of Covenant College is to speak on the subject, "The Christian and the fine arts." Thursday is left to Asheville's Civic Ballet Company at 8:00 p.m. Friday.

Many talented students will participate in music, drama, dance, and speech. The last feature of Fine Arts Week will be Mr. Stierwalt's music concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday in Gaither Chapel.

All interested students are encouraged to go by the bookstore and pick up an entry blank, after which they should consult the printed pamphlet, "Fine Arts Week," in order to locate the chairmen of whatever field one wishes to participate in.

## Food Committee makes progress

By PAUL WILLIAMS

Everyone's "pet peeve" seems to be the food served in Howerton Cafeteria these days. Kind references like "terrible", "bad" or even "cosmic slopp" have been passed around rather frequently.

For those who are rich and eat out every night, there is no problem. In the midst of all the chaos and complaints, the Food Committee (who's existence many don't know of) has been quite active.

So far, a Chinese dinner and an Italian dinner have been sponsored by this committee. A salad bar has been the most recent request of the committee, but cafeteria officials have replied that a salad bar must be on ice under a sneeze guard. They estimate one would cost \$3,500.

When the possibility of the use of the other serving line was discussed, the answer was that since the staff is undermanned, it would be impossible.

The question of a carbonated drink machine has been raised. The cafeteria staff has said that there would

be some engineering problems involved in placing a beverage machine on the already crowded serving line.

However, they are willing to try and work something out. A representative from the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. is being contacted for this purpose.

Overall, most of the problems faced in the cafeteria stem from the need for money, lack of sufficient staff, and compliance with Health Department regulations.

## A night with Jerry Clower

By JOE COMPTON

One week ago, on February 25, Montreat - Anderson College had one of the finest, and funniest, speakers ever to address the students and faculty. Jerry Clower is known all over the United States and is considered the greatest story-teller of all times. A large audience gathered to hear Jerry in Gaither chapel, as he told

outrageous stories of his childhood and present life. Several students tried to get him to tell certain stories but he was too smart for them: "It sounds so much better on my record - ya'll go out and buy one."

Jerry allowed the students to ask him many questions about his personal life, and he answered them very frankly and honestly. Often this would

lead him into another story. Jerry is from Yazoo City, Mississippi, and belongs to the Baptist faith.

Jerry Clower is a Christian who's witness has touched and enlightened many lives. He emphasized the importance of Christianity in the home, and he likes to witness for Christ every chance he is allowed. At least 100 churches per month ask him to speak.

It was a privilege to have Mr. Clower speak to us. One last humorous note:

R.B.: "Do you ever eat any chitlins'?"

Jerry: "My dear black friend - I have had them fresh, creek-slung, and stump-whipped. I could eat a chitlin' from here to Ridgecrest with a potatoe in every wrinkle."