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Flu epidemic immobilizes campus

By JOE COMPTON

Everyone had a good Spring Break - lots lots of rest, relaxation, and maybe something they hadn't counted on - the flu. A large portion of the student body became sick just a week after classes had resumed. On Saturday, March 20, temperatures began to rise and

spread like wildfire. At one point, all of 3rd floor Davis was down-and-out with the flu. This sudden burst of sickness was characteristic of the flu which is spreading quickly in many parts of the United States.

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Massey, the infirmary nurses, treated the infected patients

from Saturday through the following week, traveling endlessly from dorm to dorm. Mrs. Massey speculated that the flu could have been spread by the Sadie Hawkins dance, with all the infected students being so close together in one place.

By Tuesday, the entire school was being affected by

the sickness directly or indirectly. Most of the students who were well at the time were terribly scared of catching it. Nevertheless, they all banded together to combat the flu and its effects. Many stood by patients' beds to keep their fevers down with cold baths on their foreheads. Others brought food from the cafeteria to the individual dorms. At one point, 200 students were in bed, sick, according to Mrs. Massey.

The entire week of illness, which lasted from March 20-

30, did not pass without its humorous moments. High temperatures were so common that jokes were being passed around that "so-and-so had just broken the record for the highest fever." Many of the students who were at the "walking-sick" stage tried to chase the faculty around and be overly affectionate with them so that they would begin "telling" "poorly." With some it worked. We wonder who kissed Dr. Newton?

The faculty, cafeteria staff,

infirmary, and the students should commend each other on a job well done in slowing and finally stopping the epidemic - the faculty for canceling all the tests and papers until the next week; Mrs. Bustle and the cafeteria staff for serving soups and allowing students to take food to the dorms; our two nurses, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Massey, for working hard at treating the people infected; and the student body for helping and looking after each other during the 10 days of sickness.



THE APPALACHIAN CLOGGERS step out to the rhythm of the Stoney Creek Boys.

Sadie Hawkins Dance attracts capacity crowd

By LINDA FIELD

When it comes to girls chasing guys, Montreat seems to have no problem according to the turnout for the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Mrs. Andrews, director of Montreat's activities committee, does not have partial feelings about the success of any of the school dances. But she says that "The Barn" was filled to capacity on the nite of March 20. "There were as many as we could have had, and the girls looked real good," she adds.

Music for the dance was provided by the Stony Creek Boys, and special dancing performances were given by the Southern Appalachian Cloggers.

A fun highlight of the dance was Marryin' Sam, who "hitched" couples till "dance do you part." Barry Sullivan and Bill Iwinski prepared and performed the ceremony. The ceremony vows went something like this: "Brethren we are gathered

here today to witness the join' together of _____ and _____ Mix _____, do you promise to faithfully love and honor your husband and change the sheets _____

Before the dance, several girls took their fellows out for a special dinner. Other guys were treated at the Howerton Hilton.

Many of the guys gave a favorable response to the Sadie Hawkins Dance. Most would agree with what one male student says, "The girls can see what the guys go through every time there is a dance." Another comments, "And the guys see what the girls go through." Other fellows say they feel freer at square dances, than at the more formal dances. One poor lad added that he went home for the weekend, because no girl asked him to the dance.

Due to a full social calendar, no more square dances are planned for this school year.

"We may be able to sneak in one more square dance for fun," Mrs. Andrews says, "but it is not scheduled." She adds [that this] was the first Sadie Hawkins Dance that Montreat has had for several years. "We're hoping to revive it."

Ford, Carter lead in student poll

By JOE COMPTON

Most of the student body of Montreat are sympathetic towards President Ford as best man to occupy the White House for the next four years. This was found by taking a poll of candidate choices for the North Carolina primary and the November elections. Although Ford is shown to be popular on campus, he is not as popular in North Carolina on a whole. This poll was taken before the N.C. primary, showing Ford as a

popular candidate; yet, Ronald Reagan, his Republican opposition, defeated Ford by 6 per cent of the vote in the recent primary. Reagan wound up with 52 per cent of the ballot, while Ford cleared with 46 per cent. According to our poll, this did appear strange. Out of 161 answers, Ford was marked as a candidate by 50.3 percent of the poll, while Reagan came in third with only 12 percent. Between these two, the Democratic candidate, Jimmy Carter, received 29

percent.

The majority of the Democratic voters on campus rallied for Jimmy Carter as their top choice. This time, this side of the poll agreed with the primary results - Carter won a 3 to 2 victory over George C. Wallace in the N.C. primary. On our poll, Wallace came second on the Democratic side with 5 percent of the vote. Henry Jackson and Morris Udall received relatively few responses, with only 1.2 percent and .6 percent,

respectively.

Many students are choosing not to vote this election-year. When asked why, these were the reactions:

"I can't get an absentee ballot."

"It's none of your business."

"I think it's rigged."

"I'm not old enough."

Incidentally, for those of you who put "Communist" as a party you intend to support, the candidate this year on the American Communist Party ticket is Gus Hall, not "Lenin" or "Brezhnev."

Constitution to be changed

By JOE COMPTON

A new constitution will be drawn up in a couple of weeks by a special committee in the SGA. Montreat-Anderson has for many years set its governmental procedures by the present constitution which is now being reviewed by the SGA. According to Matt Wade, head of the reviewing committee the old constitution had "some rather blatant mistakes in it." There has been a great need for a new constitution for the student body. The present constitution is 19 pages long, is very vague, and needs to have many unnecessary clauses deleted from it.

The most prominent change will be that of election of student officers. Although it is not official, the committee has voted not to let sophomores vote in the Spring elections. The argument stands that the graduating sophomores should not vote because they will not be here next year - they will not have anything to do with the college except as alumni and will not take part

in student affairs.

Matt stated that many of the mandates put forth by the old constitution were superfluous and confusing. One such example involved the election of freshman representatives to the SGA. It stated in one section that freshman representatives were to be nominated. This was a requirement - yet, in another section under the election of officers, the offices of freshman representatives were not listed as mandatory positions. It was a mistake that definitely had to be corrected since the constitution is supposed to be followed as closely as possible. More examples of bad legislature were the formation of committees that never met, and were never needed, for that matter.

Basically, the new constitution will be clearer and will endeavor to remove needless clauses and laws which never had any bearing on the student body. It is interesting to note some of the shortcomings which, as a

result of the old constitutional unclarity and vagueness, leaked into the SGA. Whenever there is a judicial case which involves two dormitory councils, that case is to be heard before these dorm councils, according to the constitution. But, it seems that all of these type cases which have come up this past year were sent to the Honor Council instead. Jim Evans said that they will not accept any more such cases since the old constitution states otherwise.

Those who helped review the old constitution and draw up a revised form are to be commended for their patience and hard work. Matt Wade summed up the work with the following: "The new constitution will be much clearer and concise than the old one. But this is just one step in the process. We are trying this year to make the structure as simple as possible, yet have as much influence as possible."

Any questions on the new constitution can be answered by Matt Wade or Alan Capps.