



GIRLS TENNIS TEAM discusses strategy with Coach Penny Nickel. Left to right, they are: Ruth Dinkins, Pat Daugherty, Penny Nickel, Debbie Justus, Carol Maxie, Keren Mumford, and Smith Worth.

## Cavaliers sweep first games

By DAVID FIELD

Montreat's baseball club began the '76 season on a strong note with an 8-0 romp over Bristol Community College of Bristol, Va., and have gone on to push their record to 7-0-1. In the first game, the team collected twelve hits, with two-hit performances by Wade King, Bernie Young, Steve Kiser, and Alan Capps, who scored solo in the second inning on his tape measure blast. David Wright held the opposition to one hit in six and one-third

innings of pitching, and the rest of the defense produced two double plays and no errors.

This year, the club will be faced with a 35 game schedule plus conference games. Montreat is one of five schools in the Western Carolina Junior College Conference, whose defending champs, Spartanburg and Wingate, may prove to be the toughest competition.

Last year, Montreat finished third in the conference with a 15-13 record,

but taking note of the present winning streak, whose only bad mark is a tied ball game which was called off after eleven innings, one realizes this season will be a different ball game. The team has a strong bullpen, strong fielding, strong hitting, and in short, no apparent weaknesses.

As of this writing, the club is in Boca Raton, Fla., taking part in an eight team Christian college tournament, in which we are the only junior college.

## Students tell "fish tales"

By LINDA FIELD

Mark Robinson, Harry Mott, and Jim Bridgeman are no disappointment when it comes to giving adventuresome spirit, or wild spring vacation stories. There were few things they didn't enjoy in the Florida Keys' gamut of attractions during their 9-day break.

The three developed a special liking for dee-sea diving and all-night fishing. Mark caught a 10-inch baby shark to put in the sea-water aquarium at his home. He reports that while the group was snorkeling, the "fearless Harry Mott was scared out of the water" by a harmless barracuda.

Out of water, some of the places the fellows visited were

Monkey Jungle; an artificial tropical forest for hundreds of monkeys, an entertaining outdoor nightclub, and the Rickenbacker Causeway -- where parts of Jackie Gleason's new show were filmed. They placed a \$2.00 bet on a jai-alai game, the fastest game in the world, and won \$5.25.

The fellows had a few misadventures, some unprintable, and listed a few complaints about their trip. Harry says that on a visit to Julie Kernekin's home, her father forced the guys to eat 5 lbs. of German hamburger. (Julie adds that they also ate 2 strawberry pies and a potato casserole that served 16 people.) Mark comments that their girl-watching "didn't do

any good." Jim adds, with some consternation, that Harry missed the chance to show off his wrestling ability by not grappling with an allygator in one of the Florida canals.

Harry and Jim were "kinda disappointed" at having to return from their Florida vacation, and say they'd go back "right now" if they had the chance. Mark was the one that was anxious to return -- and that was probably due to a cute South African blonde. One who might not be too anxious to return to Florida soon is Leigh Bixler. She rode to Florida and back with the fellows, and says she ought to be commended for not losing her sanity.

## Tennis rosters set

By DAVID FIELD

At the end of the first seeding tournament, Montreat's eight man varsity tennis team was ranked in this order: Steve Morgan, Atlanta, Ga.; Hal Johnson, Southern Pines, N.C.; William Burch, Statesville, S.C.; Bill Iwinski, Caracas, Venezuela; Sonny Coble, Greensboro, N.C.; Randy Metcalf, Asheville, N.C.; Sandy Litaker, Columbia, S.C.; John Orr, Asheville, N.C.

After a first match loss to North Greenville College, the

men's team is hoping to put in a good bit of practice time to make up for the late start. The North Greenville team was well organized and already into their schedule, as opposed to our team, which has only begun tennis work over this semester.

In women's varsity tennis, after two matches the team is holding a 1-1 record. Consistent performances are being turned in by Cathryn Curtis, Clearwater, Fla.; Ruth Akerman, Chapel Hill, N.C.; Smith Worth, Raleigh, N.C.;

Debbie Justus, Hendersonville, N.C.; Hilary Renne', Black Mountain, N.C. Coach Penny Nickel is also working with Alexis Jackson, Honduras; Pat Daugherty, Atlanta, Ga.; Karen Mumford, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Linda Field, Chinatown, Ca.; Carole Maxey, Coral Gables, Fla.; Ruth Dinkins, Belem, Brazil. Penny is not sure where the team will stand this season, but they will be matched against several four year colleges which have done active recruiting.

## Golf team begins first season

By DAVID FIELD

The Montreat - Anderson golf team, and the only golf team Montreat has had for several years, is setting out this year to establish itself by proving it can stand good against the competition.

The six man team consists of Wayne Sisk of Asheville, Dale Merrill of Asheville, James Sisk of Asheville, Mike

Beasley of Waynesville, Mike Perkinson of Wilmington, and Kim Bell of Asheville.

After three regular matches and one conference match, the team record is 2-2. In the first three matches the players all turned in good scores, beating Lees-McRae and Iso-Thermal but were edged by Brevard College. Their latest match was played at Cedar Rock Country Club against An-

derson, Lees-McRae, North Greenville, Spartanburg, and Wingate. The course was hard and kept all but two players from breaking 90.

With two conference matches and two regular matches left, the golf team hopes to pull through when it needs to. They will be in another conference match on April 1st and 2nd, so we wish them a steady hand when they putt.

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