

Editorial

It's a beautiful Fall, and with all of this great weather it's difficult at times to study. But the students are trudging on, and working at the task set before them. Most of them, that is.

Several weeks ago, a few students were suspended from school on suspicion of not living up to the moral codes set by Montreat-Anderson College. According to the accused students, little evidence was brought up to support the college's position and action to suspend them. Perhaps all evidence was not brought up to avoid a long drawn out case, but the fact remains that the two students were out of school before they could blink their eyes.

The quick judgement made on these students is what puzzles me. As a Christian college with the Bible as its foundation, there are several verses one

needs to consider on man judging man. When a woman was about to be stoned for committing adultery, Jesus asked the person who had never sinned to throw the first stone. (John 8:3-7). In Matthew 7:1-5, Jesus calls men who try to get the speck out of their brother's eyes when they have a log in their own hypocrites. Are we to stand equal with God in judging the morals of another man? I don't believe that that's quite what God had in mind, but then humans sometimes have a way of using religion to fit into their own purposes.

Many times, quick decisions have disastrous effects, but when situations like the one mentioned, are considered slowly and carefully, a different conclusion is usually reached. In previous cases at Montreat, students have received the same hasty type hearings. A slower "trial" for accused students on serious matters would bring out more facts and less hearsay.

Perhaps the world will hold a higher view of Christians when some of them quit looking down their noses at people that see things in a different (but not necessarily wrong) light. But then, why worry - because the Fall winds will blow this all away and everyone will forget, and the lesson will remain unlearned.

c.c.

This editorial is another opinion on the same subject, but based more heavily on recorded fact. Fact no. 1 - The students suspended from school were not under suspicion. It was a known fact that they had broken one of the moral codes of the college. C.C. contradicts herself in saying that the case was unavoidably long and the students were kicked out before they could blink their eyes. Actually it was neither short or long, just legal.

Humans do have a way of using religion to fit into their own purposes just as the above article illustrates. The verses cited all contend that man should not

judge man. True but impossible! C.C. is judging the administrators and their decision. If one wants to bring a Biblical standpoint in it would be the idea of repentance - the basic theme throughout the Bible and the American courts today! (see article p. 6 The fact is that the defendants considered their breaking the codes of the college and God's law not to be wrong. The administration was more than willing to help these students, however, their help was rejected. So the Fall winds will blow this all away and the suspended students will forget, and the valuable lesson they could have acknowledged will remain unlearned? I pray not.

A.M.

Letters to the Editor

My biggest disappointment upon arriving at Montreat-Anderson College was the noticeable lack of physical fitness equipment and apparatus. I came to Montreat with these 3 goals in mind: to grow mentally, physically, and spiritually, not necessarily in that order. I believe that being fit creates a healthy attitude toward everything in one's life. I believe being healthy in the body will lead to a healthy mind and spirit also. I look at many of today's high schools and see in their gymnasiums as a part of their physical fitness programs, an exercise room with a 'universal Gym', sit-up boards, pull-up bars, dumb bells, bar bells, etc., and then I look all over and I can't find one single, basic piece of fitness equipment such as a standard pull-up bar. It's really sad. I just think it is a shame to see such a lack of emphasis on the promotion of fitness when it is such an important part of everyday life. Myself and others, I'm sure, will be praying that the Lord sees fit to remedy this situation so that each student here at Montreat will have the opportunity to grow healthy in body, mind, and spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Richie

RESPONSE--Physical education director, Dr. Linn Stranak is pleased to inform us that new equipment is on its way. It includes two exercise bicycles, barbells, dumb bells, and skip ropes and is being financed by both the Student Government Association and the Physical Education Department. As for a Universal, Coach Stranak considers

it quite improbable due to lack of space and interest on the part of the student body. The equipment ordered should arrive any day now.

I noticed that the money from the 'Big Man on Campus' campaign went to the band for the homecoming dance. I had understood that the money we paid at the beginning of the year for student activities as part of our tuition covered such functions. Is there any logical explanation for this, or is this another fumble up on the part of the school?

Name withheld.

RESPONSE--The money collected for Big Man on Campus did not go to the purchasing of the homecoming band. They were paid off with the Student Activities budget. The money collected for BMOC's has not been used as of yet. When used, it will be for something the students really need or would like to have such as something really special to eat!

What does teacher of the week mean? How is it chosen and who does the choosing?

RESPONSE: Teacher of the Week is the person chosen by the Editorial Staff of the Aletheia before each issue who in their opinion deserves recognition for outstanding qualities in the area of student-teacher relationships.

Is Bruce Powell, President of SCA,

really married?
You've got to be kidding?

I have read the column Earl Zelswick in the paper for the last two weeks and it still doesn't make a bit of sense to me. Could you please explain it to me.

Name withheld

RESPONSE--I understand why you didn't sign your name to this letter to the Editor. You were ashamed,

right? Oh well, Earl Zelswick was created to give the readers of ALETHEIA an insight into themselves. In short, there is a little bit of Earl Zelswick in all of us.

I really appreciated your article last issue concerning Robby Yates M.P.D. He is a really cool guy and policeman.

Neal Patterson



TEACHER OF THE WEEK DR. C.C. KINNISON (DOC)