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Montreat to Receive \$27,000 for Road Repairs

by Allen Meadows

The State of North Carolina has ear-marked \$27,235 dollars of its Federal Funding for the town of Montreat to repair damages brought on by the flooding rains back in November according to Mr. Andy Andrews of the Mountain Retreat Association. \$21,842 dollars of the amount will go towards repairing roads while the remainder will be

spent on parks and-or bridges.

Since the flooding rains, the town has spent \$1800 of their own budget on repairs. Seventy-five percent of the funding should arrive in a few days, and \$10,000 of it will be used immediately within the next 60-90 days, to repair roads and culverts with special emphasis on Assembly Drive. Full-scale paving of the

roads is expected to begin as soon as the cold weather breaks.

Montreat had initially asked for 248,000 in funding based on an estimate composed by Dean Larry Wilson and a Federal Disaster

Team. The reason according to the State for the subsequent difference between the estimate and that amount given was based on need. Several other areas in NC needed disaster funds worse than Montreat.

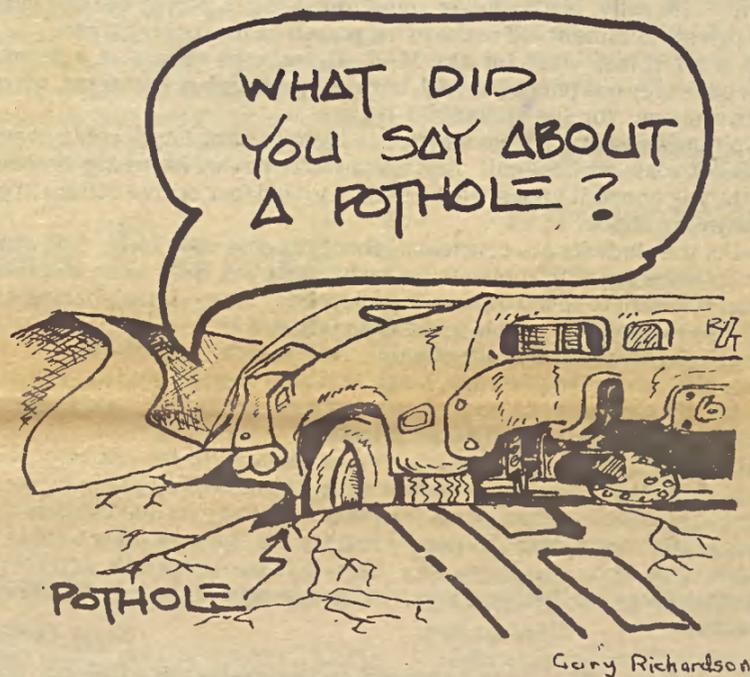
Buildings Renamed

The Montreat-Anderson College Board of Trustees recently voted unanimously to rename two buildings in honor of two of the College's lifetime friends. The newly remodeled Faculty Office Building will now be called the McLeod Building in honor of Mary Stewart McLeod of Bartow, Florida and the student lounge of MaHall Women's dormitory has been renamed in honor of Mary Elizabeth Wilson of Black Mountain.

Mary Stewart McLeod has been a supporter of the college and Christian Education in North Carolina for 30 years. President

Vaughn said "we are truly indebted to this dedicated and selfless lady." Elizabeth Wilson is a strong supporter of the College and was a former Dean of Students and faculty member. She has devoted most of her life in making MAC a school of quality education within a Christian community. "Miss Wilson has supported this school in just about every way imaginable," according to President Vaughn.

The naming of a building in honor of these two wonderful ladies seems like nothing in light of their overflowing dedication to the College.



Nicky Cruz Returns to MAC

by Allen Meadows

For the third time in as many years Nicky Cruz returned to the MAC campus October 6 and 7 for a time of fellowship and teaching. The one time infamous Bronx street-fighter turned Christian evangelist, and author of Run Baby Run, drove in from the West Coast due to a special invitation from Mrs. Billy Graham. Needless to say, the student body was more than appreciated for Mrs. Graham's prompting Cruz' return and displayed their favor with enthusiastic clapping, standing ovations, and Christian love during Nicky's two day visit.

In his talk to the student body in Chapel, the 7th, Nicky spoke on "Loneliness". He said, "I miss my wife, children, and family but that's just human feelings. I am talking about when you get down to the bottom line - loneliness from God, when other things let you down. A real loneliness when there is no fellowship. Don't forget that you're very important to God. Don't worry about others." He went on to warn against trying to escape into the fantasies of the day such as the Star Wars craze. It is "nothing but chasing rainbows!" He also brought

up how pills, cults, and suicides were people's ways for escaping loneliness. Nicky Cruz was a big leader out on the streets, but when he went to his room - LONELINESS!

Nicky interrupted his very hectic schedule to be with us because the last time he was here he saw such tremendous needs in girls and guys on campus. Nicky, referring to his time of fellowship with much of the student body the night of December 6th in MaHall lobby, said "I felt so comfortable seeing so many people responding (to the love of Christ which he was sharing)."

Nicky's schedule for next year includes stops throughout the world, plus several big city ghettos, and prison work. A unique trip to Russia in 1979 is in the planning stages too. He will release another book sometime next year entitled Loneliness, and negotiations are now being made concerning a possible film based on Run Baby Run.

The Nicky Cruz Organization is moving its administrative offices from Raleigh, NC to Colorado Springs, Colo. There, a training center will be set up for "young people feeling a call to this type of work." Other branches of this center will be set up around the nation.



Nicky Cruz speaks to the students of Montreat-Anderson College.

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