

Gatlinburg Conference Attracts MAC Students

by Karl E. Peters

If you were anywhere other than Gatlinburg this past weekend, you really missed a special treat. Many MAC students including the General Assembly and several area high schoolers all enjoyed the many interesting facets of the Gatlinburg World Missions Conference.

The theme of this year's conference was "And Remember... He Still Knocks". It emphasized the large need for workers in foreign fields while also expressing the idea that we should be workers wherever we are and whatever we're doing.

The Montreat group got underway shortly after its two o'clock target time in a caravan made up of the MAC bus and a few cars. While driving further into the

mountains the bus was plagued with little pick-up and limited speed. A gas stop was made about 3:30 p.m. where the problem was corrected in moments and the trek continued without any further hinderance. Everyone aboard enjoyed the increase in power, especially the driver.

Upon arrival at approximately 4:30 p.m., we began the long, complicated procedure known as registration. From here on, all moved smoothly as everyone settled into their rooms in the motels surrounding the conference center. Some found it to be a long, cold walk to the meals but all worked out in the longrun.

Speakers included missionaries from several countries and some who have been involved in missions

from this end. Among them was Rev. John N. Somerville who has residence here in Montreat but has been working as a professor in Korea.

Providing the music for the conference was the General Assembly, who did a fine job, not only in singing about the Lord put in public relations for the school also.

Saturday afternoon was left as free time to see the many tourist attractions, not the least of which was Christus Gardens which was just a few blocks away from the conference center. Some, however, just relaxed over a friendly water fight.

Any one interested in helping with world missions whether it be here or abroad should highly consider this conference for next year.



photo by Van Kornegay

Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m.—Gaither
Auditions for "Oliver"; our April theatre production.
Everyone invited. Bring one minute reading and or music
selection. Accompanist will be supplied.

Current Events

by Pat Graham

For all you MAC students who would like something to do besides going to the movies and Pizza Hut on your dates, let us suggest something "different". Here is a calendar of events taking place at the Asheville Civic Center this month from which you can choose anything from plays to circuses to entertain yourselves.

Thursday, February 9
"My Fair Lady" -
Auditorium, 8:15 p.m., \$8.50,
\$7.50, \$6.50. Starring Edward
Mulhare and Anne Rogers
Friday, February 10
Asheville Symphony-j-
Auditorium, 8:15 p.m. concert,
\$4.00 adult, \$1.00 student.

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Sunday, February 12
World Wrestling--Arena,
3:00 p.m., \$5.00, \$4.00, \$2.00.
Tuesday, February 14--
Community Concert--
Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
Moscow Chorale Singers
Thursday, February 16--
Mountain Living Show--
Arena, Exhibition hall, 3:00
p.m. - 10 p.m. \$1.50, 75 cents
child.

Friday, February 17--
Mountain Living Show--
Arena, Exhibition hall, 3 - 10
p.m., \$1.50, 75 cents child.
Saturday, February 18--
Mountain Living Show--
Arena, Exhibition hall. Noon -
10 p.m.
Sunday, February 19--
Mountain Living Show--

Area, Exhibition hall, 1 - 8
p.m., \$1.50, 75 cents child.

The Life Story of Elvis--
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m., "Little
El", \$7.50, \$6.50, \$5.00
Friday, February 24--Ringling
Brothers and Barnum &
Bailey Circus--Arena, 8:00
p.m., \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50.
Saturday, February--Ringling
Brothers and Barnum &
Bailey Circus--Arena, 11:00
a.m. kids under 12 - \$1.00
discount, 3 - 8 p.m., \$4.50,
\$5.50, \$6.50.

Sunday, February 26
Ringling Brothers and
Barnum & Bailey Circus--
Arena, 11:00 a.m. kids under
12 - \$1.00 discount, 3 - 7:30
p.m., \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50.
"Elvis I'll Remember You"--
Auditorium, \$9.50, \$8.50
\$7.50, \$5.50.

Anxious Skiers Hit North Carolina Slopes

by Ann Calhoun

The winter has inspired many people to visit the North Carolinas' ski resorts. This year has brought more skiers to these ski resorts since 1973. The North Carolina Ski Area Association made known that the North Carolina ski areas had 338,000 skiers in 1976-77. There are nine resorts in North Carolina in operation this year. These resorts are Cataloochee at Maggie Valley (close to Asheville), Sapphire Valley at Sapphire and Wolf

Laurel at Mars Hill. The others are Appalachian Ski Mountain and Hound Ears at Blowing Rock; Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain and Mill Ridge, all at Banner Eld, and Seven Devils at Boone.

The most familiar ski resorts to Montreat students are Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain and Cataloochee. These seem to be the most popular for the people in this area.

If you get that sudden fever to get on the slopes, there is

good news. You can receive student rates at Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain and Cataloochee. This rate is only 8 dollars. That is 5 dollars for the lift and 3 dollars for the ski rentals. It only applies to weekdays and weeknights. If you plan to go on the weekends the rates will be doubled.

If you find yourself sitting around the dorm with nothing to do, remember, skiing is a fun and challenging sport. So get some of your friends together and GO SKIING.

The Old Depot Station

by George M. Foster

After several years of inactivity the Black Mountain Depot opened last July as an Arts and Crafts Center serving the Swannanoa valley. The idea of a permanent establishment of this nature arose from the needs of the valley Art League for a place to meet and work. Mrs. Belle Mordell proposed the use of the Depot in October of 1976. This idea was supported at the next town meeting by Mrs. A.F. Tyson, chairman of the town improvement committee. The next step was to lease the Depot from Southern Railways, this was done at a cost of a hundred dollars

annually paid by the town. On October 7, 1976 the Board of the Old Depot Association held its first meeting and prepared a renovation plan. With the exception of a few citizens who found this progress distasteful the program was adopted by the community and renovation began. The initial \$10,000 dollars for renovation of the Old Depot was donated by various local businessmen and citizens of Black Mountain. Upon completion an opening day celebration was planned and on July 4, 1977 the Depot opened providing for the development and introduction of various forms of art and crafts into the Swannanoa Valley.



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