



Litter on path to Lookout

Lookout Trash

The mountains surrounding Montreat-Anderson College certainly are a major factor in the college's beauty. One can not imagine Montreat-Anderson College without mountains. These mountains give us more than something desirable to look at from a distance. They also allow us the pleasant past time of hiking among them.

Hiking has been very popular for many around Montreat-Anderson. It can be a time for one to get away from the monotony of studies or it can be a time that one likes to spend with another. All in all, these mountains play an important part in student life here. And we as students should respect our mountains. But this is not the case. Many will notice that in hiking to places such as Lookout that this respect for our mountains is not being practiced. Trash is being thrown thoughtlessly all over the area. One does not get the feeling of "getting away from it all" anymore when they see instead of beautiful scenery a wasteyard full of man-made trash.

These are our mountains and they should be treated as our very own personal possessions. They should be respected as we respect our own property. Mother Nature does not pick up after us. We have to learn to pick up after ourselves and if we use these mountains we should have the common courtesy of taking care of them.

—D. Swinson

POLICY FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1. Maximum of 150 words.
2. No obscene language.
3. Letters must be signed, but signature will be withheld upon request.
4. Letters are subject to grammatical editing.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

I used to be just a regular lamb,
young and dirty in the eyes of God.
But still he loved me.

I would go about my daily life
unaware of his presence,
just living with a great gap
that needed to be filled.
My life was truly a waste,
but still he loved me.

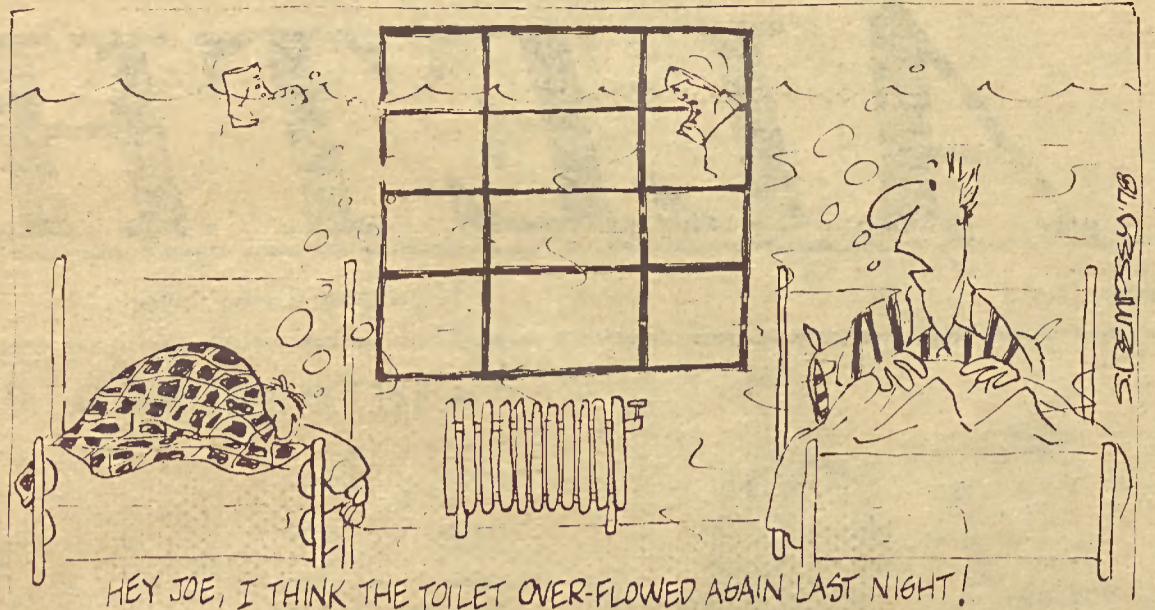
I began searching for an answer,
Truly in the wrong way.
I began to fall into the same trap
with all of my friends.
I was simply running away
from the truth of God.
God still would watch out for me
and love me
no matter how evil I was.

It happened one day when I was lonely with depression
which had become practically an everyday feeling.
God sent his Holy Spirit
to cleanse me.
That day my eyes opened.
Still I ran away from his love,
but God still loved me.

It was a year and a half later
that God sent an angel.
I rebelled, fought, and ran away from his love,
but my eyes were opening each day.
My life was changing;
I could not understand what was happening.
But God gave me the patience
to listen with an open mind.
Then the day came
I began weeping
I asked his Son Jesus Christ to become my personal Savior.
How beautiful life really is
with God and his Son living in my life,
guiding me every day
closer and closer to his love.
I am no longer a lost, lonely, and dirty lamb.
Now I am pure and cleansed.
The Lord is my protector as he watches over me through my

He loves me, and I know he will protect me
and I have faith in Him.

—Wade Beard



Howerton Conditions Need Improvement

by Greg Safely

Howerton Dormitory is in such bad condition that it has become the joke of the campus. Often it is referred to as "Howerton Harlem" and "the slum". If you doubt the condition of Howerton compare it to any other dorm and you will see how bad conditions are.

To get an idea of the physical appearance of Howerton here are a few needed repairs: the toilets in many rooms run constantly, the few rooms with carpet need to have the carpet professionally cleaned, each student should have a dresser for two persons to share, many of the doors have been broken and repaired with plywood, the only fire extinguishers are the ones in the hall counselors' rooms, a few rooms on the third floor have brown spots on the ceiling where water has seeped through, most showers need new shower curtains, the stairway to the third floor has no handrail, and two students must share one tiny closet. Until recently, few of the

windows had cranks to open and shut them with and they had to be tied shut during the winter, and the furniture in most of the rooms was weak and battered.

During the summer, Howerton was painted with cheap paint. The paint was so thin that it failed to cover the black marks on the walls. In Room 220, the paint failed to cover a poem and the poem is still legible.

Room 322 has paint hanging in strips from the bathroom wall, the toilet runs constantly, the ceiling in the bathroom sags, the shower has tile missing from it and the shower is only shoulder high. The wall that supports the sink has a crack running from the ceiling to the floor that is over an inch wide and over half an inch deep in places.

Room 214 has a crack in the overhead beam that was only half an inch long at the start of the semester. It has now grown to a length of over two feet. In one night it grew three inches.

The maintenance men have

since plastered over the crack.

One Howerton resident, Rusty Cohen, has turned in a petition to the SGA requesting these improvements in conditions:

- 1) A television set capable of receiving a picture clearly and hopefully, receiving more than one channel.
- 2) Adequate and decent room furnishings for the dorm rooms.
- 3) An intercom system to contact students living in the dorm.
- 4) Improvement of furnishings in the dorm lobby.
- 5) General overall repairs on the overall dorm.

This petition was also given to Dean Larry Wilson. Upon receiving it, he and Business Manager Walter Hall toured Howerton to view the actual condition of the dorm. They suggested that all residents turn in a list of needed repairs

to the hall counselors. A partial list of several pages was turned in.

The maintenance men have made many necessary repairs from the lists that were turned in. Paint was offered to all students to paint their bathrooms. The windows have also had locks put on and much of the broken furniture has been repaired.

Considering the condition it is still in to a large extent, it does not seem fair that the residents should have to pay the same amount of room rent as the rest of the students. Yet, the residents are paying the same amount for poorer quality.

The residents of Howerton realize that the college does not have sufficient funds at the present time to finance a major renovation of the dorm. However, the students living there now should be treated fairly. If conditions can not be improved, then cut the price of living there.

Editors Note

Gragg's Accomplishments Won't Be Forgotten

by David Teague

When a person begins a new job, it usually takes a while to get adjusted. The first few months, and sometimes the



Gragg

first year, are not very productive because it isn't easy to be immediately effective in an unfamiliar situation. This has not been the case, however, with Montreat-Anderson Public Information Director Rod Gragg. Since Rod first came in the summer of 1977 this college has experienced many changes and improvements in its public image. Unfortunately, the cause of these changes will be leaving at the end of October.

Rod is taking a job as Public Information Director at

Coastal Carolina in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Rod's career before he came to Montreat-Anderson had included quite a variety of exposure in both electronic and newspaper medias. This experience sufficiently prepared him for his work at Montreat-Anderson. When he came, he found a program that relied mainly on ministers and friends of the college to spread the word that the college existed. According to Admissions Director Mark Emblidge, Rod quickly changed this.

"Before Rod came, we had never done any radio and TV interviews before," says Emblidge. "In the last year, I've done about 20 - 25 TV interviews ranging from Washington, DC, to Nashville, Tenn., to Miami, Fla. One of the interviews was aired in a about 6 or 7 foreign countries. I have also done maybe 60 to 70 radio interviews since he came."

Rod also is responsible for the documentary on Discovery that was done by an educational TV station in South Carolina.

Before Rod came to Montreat-Anderson, he had had very little experience with printed publications. Yet, the quality of the publications that have been released since his coming has met with encouraging comments from the administration and the students.

Rod's influence was also felt in another very important way. Every Sunday morning he and his wife, Cindy, would be here to lead the college Sunday School class. "I think they brought a new interest into the Sunday School class," says former Sunday School president Reggie Bass, "and most of all they represented what true faith is. They didn't have a guide to go by for their lessons. Every week they just did what God laid on their hearts. I think their lives can best be summed up in the name of their daughter, Faith."

Rod's influence and the influence of his family will be greatly missed on this campus. His competence on the

job will be hard to replace. In the time I have been working for him, he has made a sincere effort to help me get a firmer grasp on what I eventually hope to make a career. Many an afternoon we wasted an hour or two sitting in his office and talking about the various aspects and prospects in journalism. I have taken most of his advice to heart.

Rod, to coin a phrase that we wore out entirely in the office - you've done a good job! And with the professionalism that you exhibit and the Christian commitment that you profess, you will most certainly do a good job wherever you go.

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