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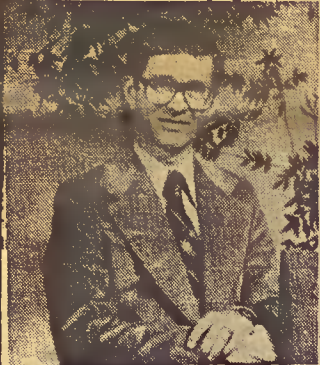
Faculty Accomplishments

Gray Earns Ph. D.

Recently, Richardson Gray, an English professor at Montreat-Anderson, earned his Doctorate degree in American Literature from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He worked on his degree for five years. The requirements for his degree included course work, comprehensive exams, and a dissertation. He spent two years writing his dissertation, which he sent in parts to Ohio University. The dissertation was entitled, "A Christian Existentialist: A Vision of Walker Percy."

On October 13 and 14, he took his comprehensive exams, which entailed an eight hour essay test, and the next day, he gave a twenty minute lecture on his dissertation. During the remainder of the three hours, he was questioned by three teachers.

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Stierwalt To Play In. N.Y.

Montreat-Anderson College Music Instructor Tom Stierwalt has received an invitation to perform in a piano concert at New York City's Carnegie Hall on May 2, 1979. The prestigious invitation was issued by the reknown concert pianist Eugene List, who was Stierwalt's instructor at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

He will be one of ten pianists performing on Concert Grand Pianos under the direction of Eugene List, who directed a similar nationally-televised concert at Carnegie Hall last year.

"I was overwhelmed by the invitation," Stierwalt admits.

"Many great pianists never have this opportunity in a lifetime. I'm looking forward to it, but not without some apprehension, of course. New York critics can be brutal."

Stierwalt, who is Chairman of Montreat-Anderson's Department of Music, has taught Piano, Organ, and Music at the college since 1969. A native of Fremont, Oregon, he was graduated with a Master's Degree in Music from Eastman, where he also completed his undergraduate studies in Music.

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Extended Dry Spell Plagues WNC With Forest, Brush Fires

by Stuart Jones

An extended spell of dry weather has plagued the mountains of Western North Carolina this fall, resulting in numerous brush and forest fires. A number of these fires are caused by careless campers and hikers. Because of this, the Forestry Service has issued restrictions on the activities of campers, including a ban on campfires, in an effort to avoid more fires.

Another cause for some fires is arson. State Fire Marshalls have determined several Western North Carolina fires to have been deliberately set. Also, several fires on Old Fort Mountain, among others, are believed to have been caused by sparks from trains passing through the area.

With the present conditions, a fire can start easily and spread rapidly. Earle Watson, who has manned the fire tower on Rich Mountain (west of Boone) for 19 years, says, "It's almost like a powder keg now. It would take at least two

or three days of good steady rain right now to eliminate the danger of forest fires." He said that there now exists the greatest danger of fire in nearly twenty years.

Locally, the Black Mountain Fire Department extinguished brush fires on October 23 and 24 and again on November 5, responding with as many as two engines and eighteen men.

The Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department responded to four calls between the 25th and 29th of October, including two on New Salem Road less than four hours apart. Both were believed to have been set by children.

On the M-AC campus, the Wilderness and Conservation Club has organized three firefighting crews to assist federal and state crews when necessary. These crews are made up of both men and women, the only requirements being interested and a timed run up and down Lookout Mountain, by way of Suicide. Crew chiefs include Eric Bryant, Bill Beatley, Arlene

Burns, and Matt Knapp.

It has been a number of years since the Montreat area has been threatened by a major fire. According to Andy Andrews, a Montreat resident since January of 1965, the only major fire in the area occurred on Easter in 1966. Apparently, some students were clearing land on Big Piney Mountain, which is behind Assembly Inn, and let the fire they were using to burn brush get out of control. Mr. Andrews also says that M-AC students have fought fires near Mt. Mitchell, along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and as far away as Georgia.

Each year, particularly during the spring and autumn months, forest fires are major hazards in the North Carolina mountains. It's good that M-AC students are making every effort to help contain existing fires and to prevent new ones from starting. These efforts are very beneficial to local residents and to Western North Carolinians in general.

Library Proposals Being Discussed

by Karl E. Peters

Some action may soon be taken on the late evening study problems here at Montreat. In the S.G.A. meeting of November 6, 1978, two proposals were brought up for discussion that would attempt to ease the problem of studying between the hours of ten and eleven p.m. As it now stands, the library closes at ten with quiet hours in the dorms not starting until eleven.

The first proposal, if approved, would lengthen the library hours in the evening to ten-thirty or eleven cutting down or eliminating the gap in prime study time. In the event that this doesn't pass or for some other reason becomes unworkable, a second proposal was also brought up. This proposal would allow for one room in each dorm to be set aside for study to accommodate those who need to study during that hour and

other times.

As of this time, neither proposal has been approved by the administration. Joey Shore, President of the S.G.A. says that "the administration is very concerned about this problem" and that he "expects action on these two S.G.A. proposals in the near future." Further discussion on this subject will be held in the S.G.A. meeting of November 20, 1978.

Crater Susan Returns

by Karl E. Peters

"Crater Susan" has once again entered the limelight. Reactions to the sight of the empty lake differ among the various groups on campus. The new students could be heard commenting on the ugly view it makes while sighs of "Here we go again" circulated among those that remember the long battle to fix the dam over the last few years.

Rumors as to the reason for needing the lake to be drained also vary widely. The problem centers around, not a crack in the dam, but leakage under it. When the dam was last repaired, the area on the upstream side of it was filled in with soil. The soil has allowed water to break through at the base and made it necessary to drain the lake for repairs. The problem is not a major one and can be

corrected by replacing the soil with red clay which will hold better.

The original contractor will be contacted about the repairs first but another will be approached if the original can not or will not complete the work in the very near future. Once the work is begun, it should take only a few days to complete and the process of refilling the lake can begin once again.

CBU Conference Well Attended

by Brenda Irwin

CBU (Christian Brothers United) hosted a conference the weekend November 16, 17, and 18 with a theme of "No Longer Babes" here in Montreat. Different speakers and singers were there to share with those attending.

Jamie Buckingham, author, teacher and pastor in Melbourne, Florida; Harold Hill, best-selling author of "How to Live Like a King's Kid", teacher and scientist; and Devern Fromke, teacher and author all spoke at various times throughout the conference.

A time for singing and praise was provided by Ray Baker, an Elder in the

Tabernacle, three times a day Friday and Saturday. Also sharing through music was Jeannie C. Riley, Country and Western singer who made popular the song "Harper Valley PTA". She shared now the Lord changed her life and gave her a great joy in her life; and Janet Clark, pianist who has played at previous CBU Conferences.

A Love Feast (Communion Service) was led by Jamie Buckingham Saturday night for all those who attend the conference.

Name Tags were required for all those who attend the events. They were given out Thursday afternoon at Registration.

Aletheia's First Contest

Rules

Poetry

Poems — must be typed (double-spaced) and must be original. Length does not matter, and the topic of the poem does not matter. There will be a first, second, & third prize given.

Short Story

Short Stories — must be typed (double-spaced) and must be original. Subject matter is not important. Short Stories should not exceed 5 type-written pages.

Drawing

Drawing — must be done on white paper and outlined in black ink, so that they will reproduce well in the newspaper. Entries may be in the form of cartoons or sketches. Subject matter is not important, but entries should be original.

All entries will be judged by the editors of Aletheia and should be submitted directly to the editors or placed in the newspaper box in the Faculty Office in Gaither. In order to be judged by our Dec. 9 issue, entries should be submitted no later than Monday, Dec. 4.

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Artistic
Abilities!