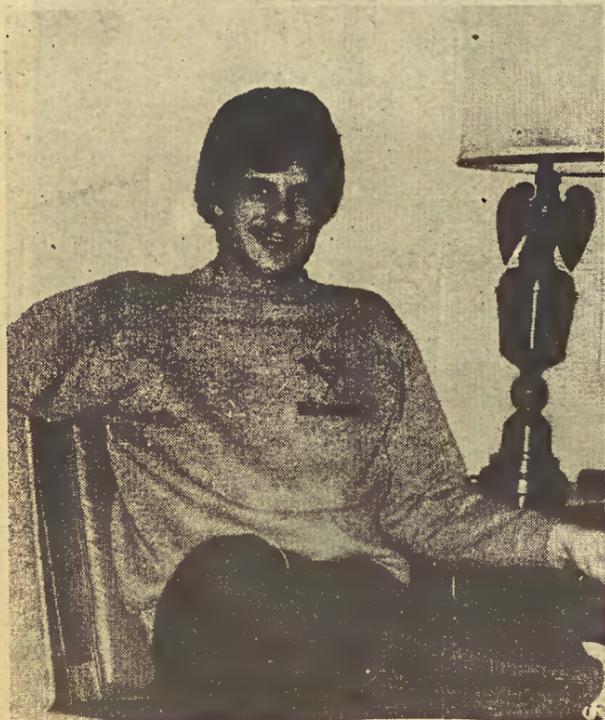


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"MAC Baseball Player Goes Pro"



David Wilson (photo by Janice White)
by Janice White

Not many people can say their lifetime dream came true at the age of nineteen. This happened for one Montreat-Anderson student on Jan. 8, 1979, when David Wilson found out he had been drafted to the Minnesota Twins.

David, a 6'3", 192 lb. pitcher from Swannanoa, N.C. has always wanted to play pro baseball. He has been playing since the age of eight and has a very good record of being undefeated in four state tournaments.

The aspiring pro pitchers first reaction was "shocked, I just couldn't believe it!" Wilson feels that playing ball at Montreat has been beneficial to him. "All the coaches have helped me a lot," he says, "They have taken a real interest in me and my teammates have been great."

The scout said Wilson was one of the most highly drafted pitchers in the nation. Wilson will be leaving at the end of this season for Elizabethton, TN where he will begin training. He has high hopes of playing for Minnesota with two years. He plans to finish school in the off seasons.

David Wilson is the sixth young man to go pro from MAC.

"Small College Problems"

Karl E. Peters

Although the violence of the Viet Nam protests is no longer a problem on the college campuses of today, a new threat has risen up to take its place. This new threat is the cost of education. The automatic response is, "College costs are going out of sight." Though this may be true, we must also look at the cost of providing the education we demand. Hardest hit by this problem are the private colleges who are not as heavily aided by government funds. They must try to provide a competitive quality education while at the same time offering competitive prices. In 1978 alone, ten colleges shut their doors with a total 129 for the decade. This is more than double the number of new colleges that have opened in the same time. A recent Carnegie study predicted that as many as 300 colleges would close during the eighties. Peter Armacost, president of Eckerd College, sums up the basic problem by saying, "It's very hard to sell at a fair price what's being sold down the street for 25 percent of cost."

Another factor is the amount of students around to attend them. The post-war baby boom will soon lose its effect and there will be even fewer students to go around. Needless to say, there are many types of fund raising projects being put into action. These range from leaving buildings unheated when not actually in use to leasing out their facilities to the public. Today's private colleges are financially, "between a rock and a hard place" and the situation doesn't show much hope for change in the near future. One way or another, the money must come from the public to keep these schools open, either tuition or donation, the next move is up to us.

Montreat-Anderson College.

"Head Resident Likes Christian Environment"

by Debbie West

In past issues, we highlighted each dorm's head resident. In this issue we would like to introduce you to Elizabeth McNair who has taken over the job as head resident in Groseclose dorm.

Elizabeth is from Winston-Salem, N.C. She attended Peace College and UNC-Greensboro where she received a B.S. degree in Recreation. Her past experience involves mainly working on her graduate degree and also working with many camp situations.

She accepted her job as head resident for various reasons, but states mostly because, "I like working with people, and I like working in a Christian environment." She also states that she is "really enjoying the uniqueness of the Montreat community—its closeness, traditions, and it's atmosphere of trust and love are so important to developing a total person."

Elizabeth has grown very close to the girls in Groseclose and is gratified to see them grow in their love for each other and their love for the Lord. She states that the girls "have challenged me in so many ways and through this have contributed tremendously to my personal and spiritual growth."

As you may have heard, "Alethia" is no longer a "total news" newspaper. Now, as a decision of the "Alethia" staff, along with our usual staff editorials, features, and news, we are offering you a chance to write for us. More than the standard mode of "reader writing," the "Letters to the Editor," we will accept your short stories, poetry, pictures, or drawing. We feel that this will allow our paper to be a more genuine voice of the students and will provide an excellent chance for the student body to speak their mind.

We are anxious to see all of your work and, again, "the skies' the limit," we will consider anything submitted to us for printing in "Alethia". Just type the writing (double spaced) and make all photographs and drawings in black and white and drop it off in the "Alethia" box in the front office in Gaither.

—Thank you,

The Alethia Staff



Elizabeth McNair (photo by D. Swenson)

"Impressive Talent at MAC"

by Stuart Jones

They were all there—crazy men, dis-spirited war heroes, students of the martial arts, an ex-US president... They, and many others, had gathered together for the occasion of a MAC talent show. The performance, which took place on January 26, awarded several prizes to the best acts.

The Top Group Act award—\$10—went to a pseudo-Richard Nixon speech, presented by George White (Nixon), Gerald Eller, Mark Snoddy, Jim Hedden, David Swinson, and Morton White. The Top Single Act award—\$5—was won by Jeff Weaver for his fast-paced Nunchak routine. Certificates were awarded to a Musical Indian Sign Language act (Debbie West, accompanied by Edie Best and Mary Horner); "Pumping Irons," a macho ballet by Mark Richie and Richard Roccati; and the Crazy Man's Skit (Mike Shotwell, Cee Challis, David Wilson, Tripp Thornton, Allan Morgan).

The show, which, although a bit lengthy, appeared to go over quite well under the chairmanship of Melanie Kernekin. She, Charles Wigington, and John Ferrone were the show's chief organizers. Melanie was "...very impressed with the talent and cooperation of the students. It got kind of hectic backstage when the act due on stage in ten seconds wasn't there. But what I remember most is the creativity of the MCs (Richard Davis and Jim Montgomery). They were just fantastic."

Jim also remembers. "It was really great fun! Even though Richard and I planned a lot into it, I still can't hide the fact that God had a lot to do with it. A good part of it was made up 15 seconds before we went onstage. It wasn't like God was telling us exactly what to say, but He was helping us to be creative. God has a great sense of humor."

Men's Basketball

Margaret Moody

CAVALIERS ON THE BALL!

The Boys Basketball team closed out the season record with 13-8.

The major problem of the basketball team this season is their lack of height-but game after game, MAC's Cavaliers are compensating this flaw with their quickness and fine defensive work. This was evident in the last home game against A.B. Tech, although the Cavaliers suffered a defeat of 83-96. Ivan Diggs was terrific offensively and defensively, scoring 28 points from the floor and 2 from the free throw line. Outstanding on defense was Kenny Hunter who was accredited with 14 points, and Willie McCray who got in a total score of 17 points. Willie Hayes, Kurt Staschke, Reggie Bass and Calvin Smith were also instrumental in setting up the Cavalier offense with fast accurate passes and scoring 22 points among themselves. If it had not been for the accurate scoring of the opponents and the number of fouls on our players, the Cavaliers could have chalked off another victory. However, Coach Wilhemi says, he is pleased with the performance of the team members. "We have played up to our potential and over. We're averaging 87 points a game and that's above average!" After talking with the other team members there seems to be a general agreement that the inconsistency among team members experienced during the early part of the season have been resolved, and now there is togetherness and unselfishness both in attitudes and team play. Montreat put things together to defeat Warren Wilson College for the second year in a row in the "jug tournament" held at High School on Saturday, Feb. 17. Montreat finished their season with a 13-8 record.