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G.A. Members from left to right; Mary Horner, Cindy Moore, Debbie Wright, Missy Porter, Julie Krause, Barb Bruttel, Kate Rourke, (back row) Duane Denninger, Brian Wills, Todd Mahaffey, Wayne Hayes, Jon Hill, Jay Adkinson, and Dean Shore.

G.A. Eager for God's Plan

by Jacqueline C. Diaz

The General Assembly of Montreat has started its new 1979-80 year with great optimism and hope. Under the able leadership of Miss Mary Horner, the G.A. has new surprises and a great many plans for their ministry. To start the year well prepared, old members of G.A. and company, have prayerfully selected a new team of members to join last year's remaining group. Among the new additions to General Assembly are: Joy Adkinson, Barb Bruttel, Duane Deninger, John Hill, Todd Mahaffey, Cindy Moore, Dean Shore, Brian Wills, and Debbie Wright.

excited and willing to work are looking forward to G.A.'s plans throughout the year. This season, G.A. wants to reach more people in a greater evangelistic way with their music ministry. Places among others the group wants to take their ministerial tour are King College, Bristol, Tenn; churches around Asheville area, Homecoming, Sunday School and Church-Chapel at Montreat; Wilmington, N.C. and a very large possibility of Washington and Virginia in the Spring. And this year for the first time the entire ensemble is preparing for a very special sharing retreat at Pine Lodge Cabins.

The new and old members

Sure of positive progress

this year, the G.A. is anxiously awaiting God's use for them. Among the members themselves there is that unmistakable overall loving attitude that brings them together to work for the Lord in a deep, unified and committed way.

Blissfully so, General Assembly is not only a ministry to others, but also to themselves. To one another, they are a support, a commitment, and a family that together work for the compassionate caring of people and their needs.

The faculty, staff and students want to prayerfully and sincerely wish good luck and progress through the year to General Assembly and their great commissioned work.

New Teachers Offer Greater Perspective

This year Montreat Anderson is offering several new classes that haven't been offered in the past years.

In General Education, Academic-Personal Growth Seminar has been added. The course is designed to increase students' awareness of strategies and skills useful in career planning, decision making, self-concept assessment, values clarification and academic improvement. This class meets one hour per week. David Manye, a student of the class, says "He thinks the class will help him out in his study habits."

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Basic English 100 is also a new course offered. Mr. Gray says the course is "to give the student more practice in English skills."

Last winter Montreat An-

derison bought a computer. This year there is a computer course offered to get the student familiar with the Basic Language of a computer. Tom Roberts, a student of this class, says "he feels it will help him out in Business Administration."

In the Art department, Studio Art is now offered for 1 to 3 semester hours. Last year it was only offered for 1 semester hour.

Music Theory is a new course offered in the music department. Mr. Stierwalt, the instructor, says "Montreat Anderson is becoming more serious in music and this course will help build up the music department."

Howerton Hall Nears Completion

by Stuart Jones

It has happened at last. The years of darkness have ended. Morning has broken, and a new age has come upon us, for now, at long last, the New Howerton Hall is nearing completion.

After years of debating, which gave way to more years of planning, negotiating, and fund-raising, it was announced last spring that Howerton was to be fully renovated during the summer.

The job, contracted by Snoddy Construction, Inc., involved extensive redoing of the dorm's insides, including a complete rewiring of the old electrical system. Nearly two-thirds of the plumbing system has been replaced, including many new faucets, sinks, toilets, and bathtubs.

A new ventilation system for the bathrooms has also been installed. The windows, all new, are double-paned and vacuum sealed (for added

insulation). The hallways have been carpeted, the bathroom floors tiled, and all rooms and halls painted.

Each room has new furniture including bunk beds and new mattresses. All ceilings have been lowered 6-18 inches and a new lighting system has been installed. The stairways are carpeted and equipped with handrails.

Several changes have been made in order to update the dorm to current fire code regulations. These include a door and stairway from 3rd floor on the Gaither side of the building and a 2nd exit door from 1st floor on the same side, fire doors on all rooms, fire doors offsetting the stairs, and hallways, a smoke detector-alarm system.

The lobby has new phone booths, and an intercom system; and a portion of it has been sectioned off and incorporated into the apartment of Head Residents Jeff and

Kay Griffin.

Jeff says that he likes the way the dorm looks, and he hopes the resident men will take enough pride in it to keep it in good shape.

M-AC Business Manager, Walter Hall, a major cog in the wheels of the renovation, estimates that students will be able to move onto the just completed 1st floor. In rooms that remain unoccupied, workmen will be covering the cement floors with tile. The other rooms should be tiled next summer.

Mr. Hall appreciates the patience the residents have shown regarding the ongoing work, which is about 3 weeks behind schedule. During the first month, they had no vending machines, no TV., no water fountain, and no telephones. Now, however, things are coming together. The Howerton Harlem is no more, and "The Castle" will now be regarded with the respect it is due.

Francie Griffin New Assistant Dean

by Jacqueline C. Diaz

Since July of this year, Francie Griffin has been an addition to the Montreat faculty as Assistant Dean and Housing Director. For those that haven't had the privilege of meeting with her, she may easily be taken for another young woman student who casually and optimistically goes everyday to class. Francie Griffin can be seen any day about campus busily and energetically doing her job. But though always so efficient and "on the go," she still finds time to care for others' needs with her warm, smiling, good humored and loving personality.

Though her new position in faculty is what most people will know, Miss Griffin for at Montreat College, that is not all there is to her rather amazing personality. Francie Griffin's interests and deep commitment to Jesus Christ have led her to a large background with the unknown in travel and missionary work. Her most astounding adventures on the mission field began while she was at Wheaton Graduate School majoring in Cross-Cultural

Communications.

During her graduate studies, Miss Griffin was made aware of the international missionary group, "Operation Mobilization" and feeling led by God became a missionary for two years. And it was those two years of missionary work that led Francie Griffin to almost every corner of earth to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ. India (1½ years), Malasia, Japan, China, Southeast Asia, Korea, and Indonesia are among some of the places and the things that she has seen that most people can never

dream of seeing. The experiences held by Ms. Griffin are powerful and strong enough to fill books and tomes.

Yet, more important than all the spectacular things done in Francie Griffin's life, is her quality of spirit. She's an individual of great depth and understanding for people. She stops at nothing to give it all.

Montreat College can feel very honored and blessed by having attained someone as Francie Griffin on faculty. She is a person we will all cherish and never hope to be rid of for any reason.



Francie Griffin, new Assistant Dean (photo by M Sween)

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We can't
afford to
waste it.**