

ATHLETE OF ISSUE

by Karen Oglesby

The Cavalier basketball team has many aspiring players on this year's team, and one of the finest is Athlete of the Issue, Reggie "BJ" Clark. This 6 foot 2 inch freshman wears the number 20 out on the court, where he proves himself to be master of the hoop.

Reggie or "BJ" as he is more commonly known, hails from the big town of Charlotte. He attended North Mecklenburg High School, where he led his basketball team to the finals of the Charlotte City Championship. Here at Montreat-Anderson, BJ mans the forward position which is new to him as he played point guard in high school. Coach Sziksai feels he has made this transition very well.

Reggie's contributions to the team are

numerous. With an average of 21.5 points a game, he leads the team in scoring and he is also the leading rebounder, which is accounted for by his great leaping ability. He is extremely quick at driving to the basket, but he is also an excellent team player. All of these assets combined, make Clark one of the better guards in the region.

Head basketball coach Jim Sziksai, comments on BJ and his future with the Cavs, "I feel that if BJ works hard the remainder of this year and next, he will be able to play at a major university, I expect great things from BJ and so far he hasn't disappointed me."

We want to wish Reggie Clark much luck in the rest of this season with the Cavaliers and continued success in the future.



BASICALLY, SHE'S JUST A FUN PERSON!

by Ann Murphy

It just takes one visit with McGregor's Head Resident and Montreat's Women's Basketball Coach, Jan Gillean, to come to the conclusion that she's a fun person.

The first time I visited Jan at her apartment in McGregor, she was enthusiastically involved in creating miniature tennis rackets, "Tarheel" feet, tennis shoes, and hockey sticks out of scraps of plywood and paint, which would soon become keychains or key holders for friends or relatives. She's very good at this type of handcraft, but that's not the only hobby she has.

Jan is also a great cook (she makes a fantastic quiche!), loves to snow-ski, camp, and hike. She likes to refinish furniture and enjoys listening to bluegrass music.

Born in Salisbury, North Carolina, Jan, age 24, lived there with her family until graduating from UNC-Greensboro. Upon getting her degree in physical education from UNC-G, Jan worked at a school for children with learning disabilities in Atlanta, Georgia, for two years. Also, she has worked at Camp Rockbrook in Brevard, N.C., for the past four summers.

Jan has ten years of experience playing guard for her school basketball teams, including four years of playing at UNC-G. Among many awards and trophies, Jan was also chosen for the All-State team in high school. Although Jan admits that observing a game of basketball from a coach's bench is much different from observing as a player from the floor, she is really enjoying coaching the girls' team here at Montreat. Says Jan of coaching, "You learn by doing it," and that can sometimes be difficult, especially when she feels herself really wanting to be out on the court playing with the girls!

Jan loves working with college age students more than any other age, and she is very impressed with the girls on her team. "They're a bunch of neat people," she says of the players.

What does Jan think of Montreat? She has a very positive attitude about the community and the school and enjoys living in the mountains of North Carolina. She is appreciative of the support of Coach Sziksai and the other faculty and staff members, and is excited about the remainder of the year.

Jan's immediate future plans? To learn to juggle and ride a unicycle at the same time! After all, she's basically a fun person!

Coach Who?

by Karen Oglesby

Montreat-Anderson College is privileged to have as a member of its faculty Mr. James Sziksai. It is Mr. Sziksai's first year as a Montreater, and it is quite evident that he is behind the school 100 percent, as he commands the positions of Athletic Director, Head Basketball Coach, and Chairman of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Coach Sziksai comes to us from Judson College in Elgin, Illinois, where he was head basketball coach. At Judson his efforts included rebuilding their basketball program to lead the team to the NCAA District Four finals last year. Previous to this appointment, he was head coach at Barrington College in Rhode Island. During the 1974-75 season, Coach Sziksai was awarded the distinction of Coach of the Year by the National Christian College Athletic Association, while at Barrington College.

Sziksai earned his Bachelor of Arts at Barrington College and went on to obtain his Master of Science in Education from Northern Illinois University. He brings to Montreat a highly qualified background and enough spirit and enthusiasm for his job to accomplish the tremendous tasks set before him.

When asked to comment on Montreat's athletics and where he feels they are going, Sziksai points to a sign in his office which he feels expresses his sentiments. It says, "Half of being successful is thinking that you are going to be." He then adds, "I believe we are going to be successful. With a new soccer and baseball field and an excellent staff, Montreat-Anderson can expect to be highly competitive and eventually represent Montreat on the regional and national levels."

Talking with some of the players on our men's basketball team, one gathers that Coach Sziksai has made an impressive impact with them. One player remarks that, "He, Sziksai, is a perfectionist. He strives for the ultimate in a player..." Another comments, "He is an outstanding coach and he knows what he's talking about." Perhaps most importantly noted is that Coach Jim Sziksai is, using one player's description, "a man of the Bible."

MEN'S Basketball

by Karen Oglesby

The Cavaliers have had some close games in the last three weeks, but none of them have chalked up wins. On January 26th, Lees-McRae visited Montreat. Our first match with the Bobcats proved to be a win for them by about 30 points. Coach Sziksai had the boys up for this game at home. The Cavs were all over their opponent the whole game until the last 13 seconds. BJ Clark had the ball and lost the shot and failed to score on a controversial call. The final winning score for Lees-McRae was 51-49. This was just a foretaste of heartbreaks to come.

The Cavaliers came up against Surry and again as in the Lees-McRae game, Montreat totally outplayed the visiting Surry Knights for all but the last minute of the game. Montreat had the ball down by 1 point with 8 seconds left and turned the ball over to lose by 4 in a score of 53-49. Blake Staton was high scorer for the game at 18 points while BJ Clark had 16.

In the first game of this month, Montreat faced Brevard at home. The Cavs traded the lead throughout the game. Montreat was determined to get revenge for an humiliating defeat at Brevard earlier in the season. With 27 seconds in the game, Brevard had the ball and a 1 point lead. Montreat never gained possession again and lost the game 44-43. BJ Clark had 20 points and Greg Gaston had a total of 9 points.

Last Saturday, the hot-shooting ball club of USC-Lancaster landed at Montreat and proved to be more than a match for the Cavs. However, Montreat played a very good ball game and was defeated with a score of 81-63.

Coach Sziksai says he is pleased with the performance of the team and he feels that they have been performing to the best of their ability by coming so close to beating their regionally ranked opponents.

Valentine's Day will feature the Cavs at home against Haywood Tech, and February 17th, they will play their last home game of the season against Mitchell College at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night. Their last game will be against Warren Wilson at their court. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Women's

Basketball

by Ann Murphy

The Montreat-Anderson Women's Basketball Team opened their season with a home game against Caldwell Community College on November 25 before the Thanksgiving holidays. Despite a Caldwell victory, both freshman Martha Piercy and sophomore Kim Cayton started the season off good, both scoring in the double figures.

In the second home game of the season against Lees McRae, Kim Cayton was again high scorer with 26 points. Sophomore Jeannie Pittman also played an excellent game with 6 steals and scoring in the double figures.

The Lady Cavaliers played in the Warren Wilson Women's Invitational Tournament December 5 and 6 at Warren Wilson College, playing Wofford College in the first round and Warren Wilson in the consolation game. Susan Grindstaff played expertly throughout the Tournament. She was named All-Tourney for which she received a trophy.

The Lady Cavaliers took their first victory of the season in the last home game with before the Christmas holidays against Isothermal on December 11. Jeannie Pittman shot 53 percent from the floor. Kim Cayton was high scorer for the game with 40 points, hitting 56 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free throw line. Susan Grindstaff was close behind Cayton in scoring with 35 points, shooting 71 percent from the floor and 83 percent of her free throws. Susan also had 7 assists to her credit and a phenomenal 17 steals! The final score for the Cavalier victory was 106-48.

The Lady Cavaliers took another victory after the holidays, winning over King College, 87-56, at another home game.

On January 15, Isothermal again fell to defeat by the Cavaliers, this time at Isothermal. Kim Cayton had 21 points, and sophomore Jackie Rogers was high scorer with 24 points. The final score was 73-54, Montreat.

The Lady Tornados of Brevard College barely edged by the Cavaliers with a 62-60 win at Montreat, January 17.

After a defeat by Lees McRae earlier in the next week, the Montreat women won a sweet victory over Warren Wilson College at home, 63-53.

As of the time of printing, the Lady Cavaliers had a record of 4 wins and 8 losses, their latest game being against Spartenburg Methodist College with a score of 73-53, Spartenburg's favor.

Montreat is proud to have two of their sophomore players ranked in Region 10 of the National Junior College Athletic Association. As of the latest standings, Kim Cayton was high scorer in Region 10 with a 20.8 average. Jackie Rogers was ranked tenth with an average of 14.8 points. Congratulations to these two outstanding Montreat athletes!

