

... most of all, he's a friend

By Marcia West

God has blessed Montreat with some real special people on the faculty, and now I want to introduce you to a man who I consider my "Daddy" away from home. Dean Larry Wilson is a special man who has seen, met and counseled with many students who have come through Montreat-Anderson College. Before coming Dean of Student Affairs, he was a coach here for nine years. Yes-he's a super athlete and a Dean, but most of all-he's a friend. Dean Wilson is married to a beautiful woman named Judy, and they have four kids in college.

Dean Wilson strongly believes that college is the time for real maturing by students, for they have to take on their own goals and values. "Being a Christian in college is such a comfort, because you have the assurance that you're not alone," says Dean Wilson. He realizes that your college years are the most stressful because there are more demands, more expectations, more search for identity, and an introduction to all different life styles. Dean holds firm to the belief that without Christ, it is nearly impossible to live in the world today.

Yes, Dean Wilson is older than most of the students here, but in his opinion, age is not a consideration. "We're all brothers in Christ." Of course, he says, the older you get the more you are held accountable for your behavior. Students must learn to be responsible, but they also must not be afraid to make mistakes. Dean Wilson believes that the making of mistakes is not the bad thing-it's the repeating of mistakes that is wrong. Decision making is guided by correcting errors.

It is obvious when talking to Dean Wilson that he really enjoys his work. He loves working with college students and helping them learn to be mature adults. He is a firm believer in two-year liberal arts colleges. "At a two-year school, your options are still open. you are not locked into a major and therefore have the time to explore and examine other careers. It is especially good to be at a two-year college like our school where Christianity is real-where you can see and experience God's love in your professors and friends. It is a wrong conception to think that a two-year college is easy. College is not easy no matter where

you go, because college years are the years of hard academics as well as spiritual growth." Dean Wilson stresses to all students that they need to realize that it is a privilege to go to college, so they need to be thankful and appreciative.

Dean Wilson is excited about this 1981-82 school year. "Everyone I've talked to, whether it be faculty or students, is excited about the quality of the freshman class, and with them working beside the sophomores, I see a strong team." Dean believes in team work. He believes that God is a lot bigger than we tend to give Him credit for. God needed you, so He made you. Everyone can be used in beautiful and creative ways.

When I asked my "Daddy Wilson" if there was anything that he would like to share with the student body to give them inspiration, he looked up on his office wall, and with a gleam in his eye, he shared with me this saying that gives him strength.

"No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a man can bear." George MacDonald



Dean Larry Wilson



Dialogue From The Desk Of Dean Parks

By Bobby Stone

Montreat-Anderson College is very privileged to have Dr. David Parks as the Dean of Academic Affairs. This article is written in order to provide a direct line of communication from the faculty and administration to the students. It is a service the Aletheia staff is more than happy to provide.

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind those preconceived big black doors which separate the administration from the students? If you are like me, your first few weeks at Montreat are being spent trying to access just what goes on behind those massive black doors and how that activity affects you as a student of the college. Well, I can assure you that if you will dare venture a peak beyond the obstacle you will find many warm-hearted, concerned, caring people who hold the students on this campus next to their hearts and value the students as priceless individuals. One of these people is Dean Parks.

Have you ever wondered just what

he is doing as you see him scurrying to and from McLeod Building several times a day? Dean Parks' main concern is with the academics of the college. But he never lets that part of his job overshadow or override the fact that he is dealing with people. Dean Parks had much comment on this year's "great" student body. He believes that our student leaders this year are just "tops".

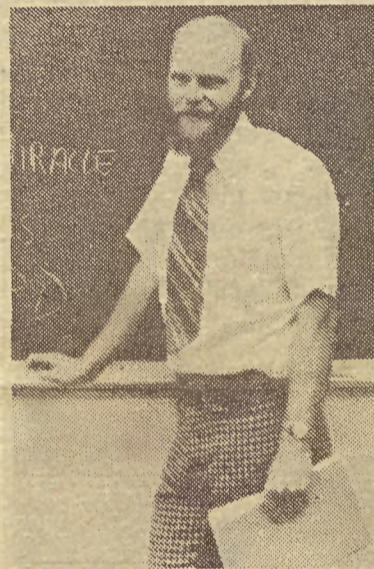
They have commitment plus talent, an unbeatable combination, says Dean Parks. He is looking forward to a better year academic wise than last year. He has perceived a "seriousness of purpose" from the students this year.

Dean Parks was careful to point out that students shouldn't get too uptight over studies. "Learn to pace yourself." The administration understands the times you feel "swamped" with work you can't seem to finish. He warns against over-study because it is so ineffective. (i.e. staying up all night before a test). "Be sure and allow yourself time to relax and totally forget studies."

Dean Parks points out that his office is not pushing only for high grades, but that students do their best. He explained that you can put your "all" into a course and still make a 'D'. He says you should be satisfied. You have done what God expects, what the college expects and, hopefully, what you expect of yourself. Just take that as an indication of what you will not excel in and direct your studies in another area.

Dean Parks emphasizes the need for Christian commitment at college. "A firm Christian commitment demands that I do my best." Forbearing one another plays an important role in keeping harmony. Honor another before yourself. In other words, even when you're right, it may sometimes be best to give in.

Students are excelling in life after leaving from here, says Dean Parks. "We have high caliber students attending this college." Dean Parks is one of many who are dedicated to serving these students by maintaining quality education at Montreat-Anderson College.



Wolfe and Whipple

New Additions

By Marlene Berry

This year two new additions to the natural science department faculty are Dr. Andy Whipple and Mr. Bill Wolfe. Dr. Whipple comes to M-AC after attending Ohio State and receiving a MS and PhD from State University of New York at Albany. After that, he had a post doctoral fellowship at the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass. He is teaching the general biology lecture and anatomy and physiology. Next semester he will also be teaching microbiology.

Dr. Whipple found out about M-AC after placing his name in the Christian College Referral Service and was contacted by the administration of Montreat. After visiting the campus, he decided to accept the position here because of its true Christian atmosphere. Dr. Whipple feels the Lord truly led his family to Montreat and will stay as long as he feels the Lord wants him here.

His hopes for Montreat are that the students will experience a real quickening to the spirit of the Lord and to be a part of the attitude that you don't have to forget about intelligence to be a Christian.

Dr. Whipple has been married to Youying Whipple for 8 years and they have 3 children, Joan, Kyle and Beth. Mr. Bill Wolfe is the second new addition to the science faculty of M-AC this year. He attended Ap-

palachian State University where he did undergraduate work in biology and physics and his graduate work in biology.

He taught for 2 years at ASU before coming to Montreat. He says he's fortunate to come right out of school and teach at a college. He believes he is here because this is where the Lord wants him to be at this time.

Mr. Wolfe enjoys working with young adults. He believes M-AC offers young people a lot of opportunities -- academic, spiritual and relational, if the students are only willing to take advantage of them.

One opportunity on campus is the missions group of which Mr. Wolfe is the head. he says he needs alot of student support in this area.

Two of Mr. Wolfe's goals are to make biology an interesting, practical experience and also to prepare students for either a career, a 4-year college or a full time ministry which is done in any career the student chooses.

This year, he will be teaching general biology labs, environmental science and botany. he is also helping with the soccer team because of the experience he had playing soccer in college.

(MOOSE, YOU BETTER STOP BARKING AT DR. WHIPPLE OR YOU MAY END UP IN THE LAB, SO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT.)