

# Ice Hassles

by Susan H. Teague

M-AC was blessed with the miracle of snow the first week of our winter semester. Altogether 8-10 inches of the fluffy white stuff blanketed Montreat causing some class cancellations and a lot of fun! The hot spot on those cold nights was Appiachian Way in front of McGregor Dorm. It was in a days time miraculously transformed from a moderately busy passageway for a variety of automobiles into a ski slope and sledding hill for a variety of miscellaneous paraphernalia. Students skimmed across the packed snow on trays, siesds, signs, cardboard, piastic, and even clothes baskets. For those brave souls who pulled out skies, a mogul was built to discourage monotony. There were very few tasks more difficult than entering the cafeteria or passing by McGregor without being bombed by snowballs. Building snowmen and playing on Lake Susan entertained many. It was a

photographer's delight - a beautiful snow! The soft, fluffy flakes were really a joy and a wonderful blessing...until... That fluffy white stuff became hard slippery stuff. There were no longer snowball fights, but ice ball wars. (Howerton and Davis Dorms battled it out with snowballs dipped in water to insure injury. Luckily, there were no fatalities reported!) After several days of packing the icy snow, sledding became hazardous. A few cuts, bruises, hurt backs, and sore muscles resulted. There were muliple complaints about the icy steps in front of Davis Dorm. Crowds gathered in McGregor's lobby to watch church-goers in high heels and leather soled shoes slip and slide on the ice. Many vehicles found travelling near to impossible. (For some reason it's funny to see another person slip on ice.) After a few warmer sunshiny days the snow and ice had finally cleared away. The ground had dried only to make preparation for the next big winter flurry ahead!



Sledders on the first snow of the new year.

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## A Real Warm Welcome From Dean Parks

by Bobby Stone

He leaned forward in his chair with a sense of sincere interest, with a glint of Christ twinkling in his eye, as the interview began. After the initial introduction and statement of purpose, he fell silent as he contemplated just what was in his heart and mind concerning the 40 new students that arrived on campus this semester.

Slowly, he turned his head and gave a warm smile and said he wished first of all to extend a "real warm welcome" to all the new students and the returning ones who have attended college here before. The main thing he wanted to share with the new students was that Montreat-Anderson College is a family.....an academic family and a Christian family. There are many diversities of opinion within the specifics of our faith but we all agree on the core beliefs of the Bible.

We each must have "mu-

tual love and respect for each other and each others opinion....We have alot of differences concerning the specifics of our Christian faith but the central views of our faith is that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he is our Savior, and he died for our sins on the cross, and that we look to him in faith for our salvation.

With a shift of his body and a wrinkling of his concerned brow, he offered words of encouragement to students not to get too overwhelmed at the first of the semester because of the seeming massive amount of work. "Have a strong determination...and try to hit the requirements head on."

He voiced his knowledge of the difficulty of entering school halfway through the year - especially in registration. He hoped that the new students would take the schedules they had worked out and give it their very best.

He also expressed a desire



Montreat welcomes the new students for the spring semester.

to see the new students get involved in such extracurricular activities as SCA and SGA and other social activities offered through the office of Dean of Student Affairs.

Finally, his tone of voice took on an added emphasis as he extended an invitation to the new students to come by his office if they need help.

He said it was important to come early before the situation seems like its "gone down the drain." "We can't always help in every problem but we will do what we can."

He rounded out the interview by straightening his back and beaming brightly as he stated: "It is my wish that we have one of the best semesters we've ever had!"

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