

NEW YEAR OPTIMISM

Montreat is again draped in the winter attire nature has provided for this neck of the woods. The snow and ice are melting very slowly, forming new and beautifully frozen shapes. The lake has been solidly covered since I returned from Christmas break, and the snow has fallen over its icy top to give it the appearance of a wintry meadow. The final treat of each day this week has been a pink glow on the wispy clouds as the sun rises on another part of the earth. The fiery sky-ball leaves a trail of remarkable hues which suggests the Northern Lights dancing above the ice floes of the Arctic. The snowy days lure the students (and sometimes teachers) away from their studies to the frivolous activities of skiing, sledding, skating, and snowball wars. This sudden plague of winter has unified the campus into a single family, wishing the best for each of its members. We huddle together in every corner of the school seeking warmth, fellowship, and fun with our brothers and sisters. Each day is a new experience in Christian love. This semester I have seen a new awakening of kindness and consideration among my fellow students. The immaturity of first semester pranks has somewhat subsided into the background (where I am perfectly content to let it die). We are, by no means, an ideal college (yet), because this warmth and companionship is just a phase we've grown into. Many new students have joined us since last semester and are, I think, ecstatic to find this atmosphere of brotherhood waiting outside their doors.

The freshmen continuing from last semester have sobered. They have recovered from the drunkenness of sudden freedom. We've all been quieted by the realization that we must work for what we get -- that we deserve each and every grade we earned last semester -- and that we must labor in earnest to maintain or improve our academic performance. The freshmen have become more serious about their place in the world. They are now aware that they are preparing for the race which will run for the rest of their lives. Those who are not aware of this impending race of life

either soon will be, or will drift with no purpose or direction all the way to their graves.

Up to now, I have painted a rosy picture of campus life. Perhaps this is not what you expect from a newspaper editorial. Perhaps you would prefer a biting cynical attack on the food we are served, the dorms in which we live, or the professors who design our curricula. I am certain there is presently enough criticism in the air, so I've shied away from my own brand of criticism in this particular editorial. Instead, at the beginning of this new year, I urge, hopefully by example, a trend in thought and action toward thankfulness and appreciation for the fine institution we call home nine months out of the year.

Let's face it...Montreat is not the cheapest college in the world. It has not won awards for scholastic achievement, either. There are hundreds of other schools in the area which offer adequate educational opportunities for a fraction of M-AC's price. Yet, for some reason, Montreat has drawn nearly 400 students from all over the world to its campus. We all know why...it's a good school. We're all here either because we ourselves or someone in our family thinks highly of this place. Admit it. You know, deep within yourself, that though this school has its problems, it radiates a unique atmosphere. Montreat-Anderson College gives all of its students a chance for visible growth spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically. To deny that fact is to deny the original purpose of the school's founders.

A few who read this editorial will disagree with me. naturally, I did not expect my opinion to go unchallenged; but for you challengers, I myself propose a challenge; examine your reasons for being here, examine the things you detest about this school. Then, talk intelligently (not emotionally) to people who have the power to change the things you don't like. Finally, enjoy Montreat (yes, with all of its faults) as the God-given blessing (or trial) that it is. Celebrate your college and the positive impact it makes daily on our lives.

— Brian Fuller

EVERY DAY WITH JESUS

by Andrea Grayson

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Ten Suggestions For Getting Along Better With People:

1. Guard your tongue. Say less than you think.
2. Make promises sparingly. Keep them faithfully.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind word.
4. Be interested in others, their pursuits, work, families.
5. Be cheerful. Don't dwell on minor aches and small disappointments.
6. Keep an open mind. Discuss but don't argue. Disagree without being disagreeable.
7. Discourage gossip. It's destructive.
8. Be careful of other's feelings.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Live so that nobody will believe them!
10. Don't be anxious about getting credit. Just do your best and be patient.

NEW PROFESSORS

by Gretchen Heile

We would like to welcome two new professors to Montreat this semester. Neither are new to the community, but are new as professors this semester. They are Dr. Cora Wayland and Dr. John Akers.

Dr. Wayland, the Director of Alumni Relations here at Montreat, is teaching Bible 102. She has taken one of Miss Estelle Brousseau's classes. Miss Brousseau has taken a leave of absence to be with her parents in Washington. She had not spent more than two weeks at a time with them in the past seven years and felt a need to be with them. She will probably return next semester. Dr. Wayland was a missionary in Korea for many years at a school for girls.

Dr. Akers is also teaching a Bible course -- on the book of Romans. He has taught at Montreat before, but has been working mainly for the Billy Graham Association for the past several years. He also has taught at Belhaven College.

Teacher Talk

by Judith Turner

Mrs. Bonnie Lundblad, our featured professor, has been teaching English at Montreat-Anderson College for the past eleven years. If you are new and have not had the pleasure of meeting her, she's the small blonde-haired lady with a big smile and sparkling, mischievous eyes. She normally looks like a travelling library as she dashes around campus with her arms and a leather satchel overflowing with books.

She makes her home in a gray ranch-style home on North Buncombe with her husband, Greg, plant manager and executive vice president of Cendrex Industries, and their two children, Mark 13, and Kristin 9, both students at St. Genevieve's of the Pines.

She is an active member of the Grace Convent Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lundblad is just as busy here as other areas of her life. She is a member of the Library



Mrs. Bonnie Lundblad,
Prof. of English

Committee and the Strengthening of the Church Committee.

My head is spinning by this time as I wonder how one woman can do so much in twenty-four hours of a day. When I asked Mrs. Lundblad about her college life, I discovered that she has always been very active.

A small smile played across her face and she gazed away. She is very humble about her achievements. Mrs. Lundblad attended North Illinois University with an academic and a sports scholarship. Mrs. Lundblad was the "Featured Twirler of the University Band." During her college years, Mrs. Lundblad taught modern jazz and

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twirling at music and twirling camps. Before she quit teaching eleven years ago, she taught a drill corps of 24 girls, who won state and National championships. Mrs. Lundblad says she still judges a twirling contest once a year in the Mid-west, Canada, or New England.

Mrs. Lundblad loves to read and write and also has a deep interest in the gifted and talented students. She has published and continues to write articles on teaching. In the summer she conducts a Gifted and Talented Program at Mars Hill College. This is a program designed for college professors to help them teach the very gifted and talented children aged 10 to 16.

Several years ago Mrs.

Lundblad received a grant to present a series of programs to the community on Images of the Modern Woman reflected in the Arts, Media, and Society. She has given lectures at other colleges on this topic. Presently her literary interests involve contemporary films and the teaching of the very gifted and talented.

May all of us at Montreat-Anderson College salute a woman who has given of herself. Mrs. Lundblad has not only given of her knowledge, time and energy, but of her personal concern for each individual who has touched her life. We are proud to have her on the Montreat-Anderson College Staff.