

Winter Flicker Program — A Big Success

by Betsy Beebe

There once lived a young man by the name of James. James loved to run. He had a big dream, and that was to one day be the best runner in the world. He was determined to obtain this high goal. James would run for miles and miles; in fact, he ran hundreds of miles. He lifted weights and worked for hours. For hours on end James practiced. Some days his body ached and was so tired that he could hardly move, but he kept going. He worked hard, determined to be the best.

James worked his way up to the hardest and fastest races. He ran them well but couldn't quite beat the best man. He was so close yet so far. James kept trying but couldn't win first prize. He was becoming frustrated. Just about then, James started to find notes taped on his locker — notes of en-

couragement. Sometimes even scripture was written on the notes. James would sit and read them. One day before his race he read a note that quoted Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." He decided to give the race to the Lord.

James won the race. He was so happy and wanted badly to thank the person for all the notes of encouragement. The person had anonymously given support to and pointed James' attention to the Lord. James found the missing element to the running of the race because of his friend. He finally found the person, and she was someone he least expected — someone who he thought didn't care about athletes. They became good friends and together grew strongly and happily in the Lord.....

There are two major pur-

poses of the Flicker program: to promote sharing and to set up a situation where people learn to give encouragement and help to others. The job of a Flicker is to anonymously give moral and spiritual support to an athlete.

The Flicker program is not only beneficial to the athlete, but also to the Flicker. The Flicker arouses the interest of athletes and stimulates motivation within them, both in their athletic endeavors and personal lives. An example of this would be that the Flicker shares a thought or idea which serves as inspiration to the athlete. The athlete thinks about it during the game and performs better. The athlete becomes excited to learn more so that he or she can excel in their endeavors. Over a period of time, the athlete develops into a well-rounded member

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Andrus, Blackwood and Company in concert March 12 in Panama City, Florida

Thom Johnston Interviews Terry Blackwood

Andrus, Blackwood, and Company is one of the forerunners in the field of contemporary Christian music. Their popularity is due in part, no doubt, to the impressive credentials that each member of the band brings into the group. Terry Blackwood and Sherman Andrus are the leaders of the band, and both are former members of the Imperials. Other members of the band bring in experience from such southern gospel groups as the *Singing Spear Family*, *The Happy Goodmans*, and the *Blackwood Brothers*, and still other members of the band have specialized training in sacred music and jazz. This great diversity and high caliber of experience work together to form a style of contemporary Christian music that is hard to classify but fantastic and uplifting to listen to.

On Saturday, March 12, while on spring break, I had the opportunity to experience an evening of praise with Andrus, Blackwood, and Company in Panama City, Florida, along with Morningstar, a local Christian band. After the concert, I was able to spend some time with Terry Blackwood, and he was gracious enough to grant this interview.

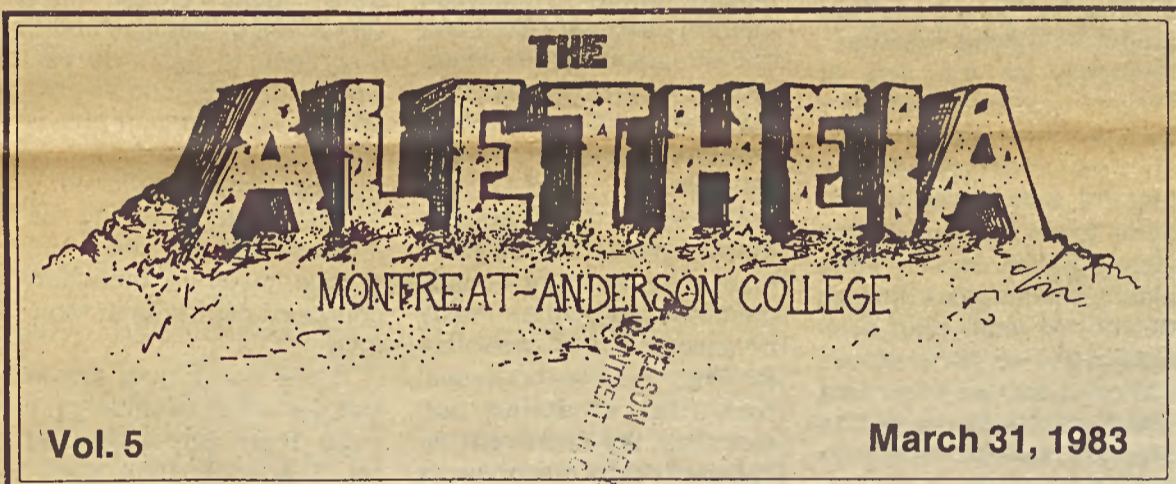
Thom Johnston: First of all Terry, what is it like being married to Miss America? (Terry is married to Cheryl Prewitt, the Miss America of 1980.)

Terry Blackwood: Wonderful! It has a lot of fringe benefits. It's always, of

course, good for my ego. People are always impressed by her title and by the fact that I'm married to her. It's especially rewarding on top of just the fact that she's my wife and we get along so well. I don't know....It's kinda hard to list all the benefits. I do get a lot of attention that I might not have gotten if I had married some ordinary girl but she's.... well, she's such a beautiful girl and God brought her into my life. The wonderful part of it is that she is not only beautiful outside, she's beautiful inside. We get along beautifully. We share a lot of the same interests. We both are called to minister in song, and for her it's more in testimony, but she has an album out that is doing real well. I don't know... it's an exciting life -it's never dull. There's always something coming up. It's challenging and it's something around the corner that we're excited about, partly due to the fact that she was Miss America, and there's a lot of attention drawn to that title and people interested in her coming and we're doing a few things together: concerts and churches where we're singing together.

There are also liabilities too, frankly. Unless a man is very secure in who he is and unless he is the kind of guy who can handle that kind of attention that she gets, it would make it difficult for him. In her particular situation, it's great that we married, because I had pretty well established a career in gospel music before we

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Conference On Christianity And Literature — April 14-16

The fifth annual Southeastern Regional meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature will be held at Montreat-Anderson College April 14-16, 1983. According to Mr. Don King, program chairman, "CCL is a national organization of scholars interested in the relationship of Christianity and literature and is dedicated to scholarly excellence and fellowship among college-level teachers of literature."

Readings of poetry and scholarly papers will be presented by conference participants from as far away as Oklahoma, Michigan, New York, and Florida. Also, a discussion session will be offered concerning teaching literature from a

Christian perspective. The English Department of Montreat-Anderson College is hosting this year's Conference on Christianity and Literature, and Dr. Gray is serving as the local arrangements chairman.

Student participation is encouraged at any or all sessions; however, session 3 of Friday, April 15 will be of special interest to the students as Richard Burnett (sophomore) will be serving as a panel reactor. Conference programs may be obtained from Dr. Gray or Mr. King.

SESSION 3

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Morgan Science Building,
Room 110

Topic: *Teaching Literature from a Christian perspective.*

"The Irrelevant, the Immoral, and the Boring: The Errors of St. Augustine's Writing and Literature Teachers," Edward Veith, N.E. Oklahoma A. & T. College.

"Rediscovering the Spiritual Life: Christian Studies at Hillsdale College," Benjamin Alexander, Hillsdale College.

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Panel reactors:

Russ Gill, Elon College; Paul Hesselink, Covenant College; Sandra Nelson, Columbia College; Richard Burnett, student, Montreat-Anderson College.