

"The First Flight Of The Z&M Flying Circus"

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It was a peaceful day on the mountain road, devoid of clouds or worries. The sun shone boldly and the birds sang their approval.

The magnificent green of the surroundings was penetrated only by the twisty, unforgiving, exciting, inviting black ribbon of road known as Highway Nine.

Yet on this day, or at least thus far in this day, Z & I were out only for the solitude and restfulness of a Sunday drive. Neither of us were aware of the startlingly sudden change of atmosphere and mood that awaited us.

The day of rest and relaxation transpired uneventfully and Z was driving us back to our somewhat dreary lodgings. As we came down the mountain, a brilliant explosion of sunlight reflected off of a windshield momentarily making sight difficult.

As our eyes focused we saw approaching us, at a great rate of speed, a teutonic masterpiece of engineering. In form and function we found beauty.

In an instant the steel blue vision was past. There were no words spoken, yet I knew Z's reaction was if it were my own (and indeed it would've been if our positions had been reversed.)

We had changed directions suddenly and were trying to close the gap of distance and excitement that separated us from our rival. As the distance closed, the thought of impending adventure made us press that much harder.

It seemed an eternity before we caught up with our quarry, and as the road became curvier and the speeds faster, the ultimate course of our afternoon was becoming readily apparent.

In an instant of mutual recognition, the question was asked and with a gray sooty puff from our foe's exhaust came our answer. The chase was on!

Blood pressure and oil pressure rose as one, and with a bang of third gear, and a rush of adrenalin, the Z & M Flying Circus was airborne.

Time and scenery became blurred as we tested the limits of both man and machine. And as we came to the end of our journey across the mountain, we invited our counterpart to indulge in a little conversation - a chance to show our respects.

In that time a friendship was born and an old prejudice died. Both Z and I realized that our day was successful and our contentment complete.

We rode silently most of the way home; yet both of our minds raced and we were caught up in our thoughts of the further adventures of the Z & M Flying Circus.

Central America: What's Going On?

George Stewart

It seems not a day goes by without the Media mentioning something about the grave situation in Latin America. I, like many other Americans, have been in a dense fog as to what is exactly happening there. The news media uses many different abbreviations to describe the opposing forces, which tends to enforce my unfamiliarity of the subject.

What is going on in Central America should be of extreme importance to us all. The Soviets have been building up a great military strength in Nicaragua. It is from this military base that the Communists export their aggressive terror tactics in hopes of destabilizing surrounding Democrat nations such as El Salvador. Soon they intend to invade these countries and implant their Soviet oppression.

Already in El Savador the Soviets have succeeded in killing many thousands of innocent people. This is happening right now in our own hemisphere. The American public should be made aware of the Soviet intentions in Latin America and as a Democratic Nation offer our full financial and military support to the countries that are fighting against Soviet aggression. We must back groups such as the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) who are fighting to save their homeland from enslavement by the Soviets.

I fear that if there is not a full commitment by the United States Government and its people to support anti-Communist forces in Latin America, we will see countries such as Costa Rica and El Salvador fall prey to their Communist aggressors.

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Prayers Are Answered

Jay Guffey

Although we cannot always see them, our lives are filled with answered prayers. These answers may come to us in several ways. It is important for us to be able to recognize how God has chosen to answer our prayers.

The answer to prayer is sometimes immediate. Peter gives us an example of an immediate answer. He walked on the water to Jesus but lost his faith. While sinking, Peter cried out for the Lord to save him. Fortunately, an immediate answer was given and Peter was saved. This type of answer is nice to get but should not always be expected. God has His own time to give us His plan.

Sometimes the answer is delayed. This is one of the most difficult replies for me to accept. It is easy to lose patience with God and try to handle the situation alone. We have to remember that the delay is according to God's will and although it is delayed, it is not denied.

Occasionally, God will answer our prayers with a "no." In accepting this answer, we will be able to strive on, knowing what God does not have in plan for us. Peace and grace will always accompany this answer, as seen in II Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is enough for you."

Finally, God may give an answer that is totally different from what we expect. If I pray for perseverance, God may sent tribulation. However, through the tribulation may come perseverance. The answer will not always be clear, but it will be according to His perfect will.

God is the Supreme Being and holds all authority. This greatness makes it hard for us to understand His answers to our prayer requests. We have to try to keep an open mind and not try to limit God to certain answers. If we are open to Him, then He will guide us in the right direction: "For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death" (Psalms 48:14).

Student Leaders

Ed Baker

Announce Plans

To have an effective government takes strong leadership. At Montreat we have strong leadership and an effective government. This adds up to school spirit and pride.

Heading up SGA is Lucy Pasquier, from Charlotte, NC. Lucy left her campaign up to the Lord; this she feels will lead to a successful year.

She wants to strive for better communication between students, faculty, and staff, and feels this can be achieved by discussing ideas and problems regularly. She is also excited about the unity the freshmen and sophomores already have, and is looking forward to a rewarding year.

Jenny Stallings, from Wrightsville Beach, NC is Vice-President of the SGA. She ran because she was impressed with the responsibilities of the prayer breakfast.

She wants to share how powerful and meaningful prayer can be in your life.

John Hinson, from Lake Lure, NC is president of SCA. He was

chosen by last years officers and advisors for his outstanding Christian character and organization abilities.

He wants the SCA to be known for more than just vespers and plans to achieve this by having strong ministries such as the Presbyterian Childrens Home.

Jan Davis is secretary of the SCA and an RA for the third floor MA-Hall. Two leadership positions require a great deal of work, but she feels that the Lord wants her in these positions and is happy to serve.

For both MA-Hall and SCA, she wants to obtain a unity of God's spirit and for everyone to feel his love.

Mark Franklin, from Bristol, Tenn. is president of the Honor Council. He expresses that the Honor Council is not the police, but just upholding the Honor Code for the benefit of the entire student body.

Mark is pushing for more self-discipline on the students part, a more active role with SGA, and would like for the Honor Council to sponsor a few special events.