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## Who?

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Since 1934, outstanding students have been included in the annual *Who's Who* directories. This elite group of students are selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Students selected this year from Montreat-Anderson College are: Amy Bowlin, Danny Hardesty, John Hinson, Mindy Maden, Carla Newman, Somboun Sengsy, Paula Shillinglaw, Brenda Sloan, Jenny Stallings, and James Tuten. These ten students will be included in the 1985 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges* and will represent M-AC as national campus leaders.

Students are selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Each campus has a chosen nominating committee to review students and select potential candidates. The editors of the annual directory make the final decision as to whether or not the names will be included.

Being selected into *Who's Who* is definitely an honor. These students have demonstrated leadership abilities in each of the required areas. Congratulations are in order to each of them.



## Meet the Man from East Texas

Bill Schieche

Have you ever wondered about our college chaplain Dr. Calvin Thielman? What kind of a man he is and why he came to Montreat? Well I did. So I interviewed him and discovered an interesting story. Let me tell you.

Calvin was born August 15, 1930, on a rural farm in Lamar County, Texas. His father was Charles H. Thielman, a farmer and the son of two German immigrants. Calvin's father passed away when Calvin was only fourteen months old. After this the family stayed with Calvin's grandfather until he died in 1936.

Calvin's mother was left to raise the family. She was a very devoted Christian and brought the family up in the church. Calvin was impressed by her faith and at the age of fourteen made a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his life. But at this time Calvin had no intentions of going into the ministry.

Calvin's high school years were quite interesting. He was very active in school activities. He played football and excelled in the sport. During his senior year he was elected class president. All through his high school years Calvin continued to attend church and Sunday school and planned to go on to college to pursue a career in politics.

Calvin did go on to college at a state junior college in 1948. His funds were provided by a football scholarship. He took classes in the areas of law and politics, totally rejecting the idea of the ministry. He was elected president of the freshman class and then president of the entire student body.

He finished his two years of junior college and then transferred to West Texas State University for two more years. During these two years a lot happened in Calvin's life. Calvin worked for an elderly woman who provided him with room and board. It was this woman who had a great impact on Calvin's

life. She told Calvin he should be more sincere about his faith in Christ.

At this time in Calvin's life, he realized he was not totally committed to Christ as Lord. In his own words, "That's when the big change came" and "if the Lord was to be Lord I had to do whatever He said and surrender my life to do His will and not mine." Calvin had been studying law up to this point, but now he knew the Lord had called him into the ministry, so his emphasis switched to Bible study and ministry.

Another change in Calvin's life during college was his marriage to his wife, Dorothy, also from Texas. After Calvin graduated from West Texas State University he went on to Columbia Seminary and became an ordained minister. He then served as a temporary minister for a small church.

During his years at college Calvin had worked for his personal friend Senator L. B. Johnson (who later became President Johnson)

several times and had been offered a job in Washington, but Calvin knew the Lord had called him into the ministry, so he gave up his political career.

Over the years Calvin has met many important people. One of these, Dr. Billy Graham, was very influential in Calvin's decision to come to Montreat. Calvin visited Montreat briefly, then left to study at the University of Edinborough. While there he studied under Dr. James Stewart, a very well-known man of God.

After leaving Edinborough in 1961, Calvin returned to Montreat to work as a research assistant to Dr. Graham. He worked with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association for a year and a half. Then in August of 1962 Calvin became the minister to the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Chaplain of the college.

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