

An Athlete Of Many Talents

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It is quite safe to say that Montreat-Anderson has many athletes on campus. And of these, many are accomplished and versatile athletes. In this issue of the *Aletheia*, the spotlight falls on such an athlete, Tom Cantrell of Burke, Virginia.

Tom is known around campus as the captain of the 1984 Cavalier soccer team (no small feat in itself). Yet soccer is not Tom's only athletic interest. His previous experiences run the gamut from soccer to wrestling to swimming, and he has met with success in each case. This diversity, as Tom puts it, "adds to the depth of any athlete, and improves their performance in any given sport."

Tom attended Lake Braddock High School in Burke, where during his freshman and sophomore year he wrestled in the 138-145 pound class. He was very successful his sophomore year, qualifying for a national tournament in California. Unfortunately however, Tom contracted appendicitis and was in the hospital the day of the tournament. As Tom relates to the experience, "Of course when something like that happens to an athlete extreme disappointment and frustration overwhelms you. But after the initial shock has worn off, the pride and sense of accomplishment of having made the meet itself replaces the disappointment somewhat; although never completely."

When not on the wrestling mat during his early high school years, Tom was in the swimming pool. He competed in many area Amateur Athletic Union (A.A.U.) events. Tom considers swimming, as well as wrestling, a very personal sport. "There's such a different at-

mosphere when it's you against someone else, the contest takes on a completely different meaning."

Tom started playing soccer competitively for the Lake Braddock soccer team during his junior year. The initial attraction to soccer for Tom was the blend of the intense physical effort and the intelligence required by every good player to adapt to the perpetually changing situation during the course of the game. "In soccer, you don't have time after each play to regroup and plan the next assault on the opponent. The game is fluid, for every action against a team, there is almost instantaneous reaction against you. The need for the team to work together as a unit is more essential in soccer than in any other team sport I've ever participated in."

Lake Braddock's soccer team was very good Tom's junior year, amassing a record of 18-2-2 and winning the Virginia state championship. The next season was even better, as Braddock went 19-1-2 and successfully defended their title of state champions. This success prompted Tom to pursue college soccer; thus, he is now a student/athlete at our fine institution.

Tom's last two years here at Montreat has been filled with many emotional highs and lows. His freshman year yielded a team loaded with talent, but short on unity. "In any team sport, the players must be unified, and for some reason last year we just weren't together. When we were on, we could play with anyone, but those times that we fell apart as a unit we lost." This past season's team benefitted greatly from Tom's experience and that of the

other returning sophomores. It was a tough season, but in college level sports inexperience can and will hurt a team's efforts.

Future plans for continuing his education as well as his soccer career include possibly transferring to colleges such as Gordon or Covenant. Tom definitely plans to continue his athletic involvement after college, and adds that coaching is a good way to stay in contact with a sport after the 'physical gifts' of youth have dwindled.

Mission Field

hundred million people who have never even heard the name "Jesus Christ" or any part of the Gospels.

There are only about five to seven thousand missionaries working with this great number. Ninety-four percent of all ordained ministers are preaching to nine percent of the world. This means that the six percent of the ministers left are trying to reach the other ninety-one percent of the world's population. In America, for every two hundred and thirty people, there is a Christian worker. In a country such as Cameroun, there is only one Christian worker for every four hundred and fifty thousand people. There are whole countries where not even one single church exists. Will we open our eyes and see the tremendous need amongst our fellow man, or will we continue to worry about "number one?" We can make a difference.

Interested? Most mission fields offer a short-term program to those interested in working with missions. These programs can last anywhere from as little as two weeks, to as much as two years. We have all been called to be missionaries for Christ. Some of us will go to far away place, while others might not even leave our home town. And, of course, there will be many who will not heed the call. Regardless of where we are in the world, we must be willing to risk everything we have for the sake of this lost world in which we live. Being a missionary is not an easy job. It is full of self-denial and all sorts of hardships. There will be many different trials that we must face. Each trial that comes our way will be a test and a growing experience that will bring us closer to our Lord and Savior. Dr. Anthony Campolo spoke last year at Montreat-Anderson College. He spoke of how we Christians don't want to give "all of this" up to work for God. He stated that recent sociological studies showed that over eighty percent of all employed Americans hate their jobs. What would we be giving up? Which will we choose? Working at a job we hate, only to store up treasures on earth? Or will we choose a job that we love? A job that has the most forgiving, understanding and caring Boss, plus the greatest retirement plan? As the Peace Corps says, "It's the toughest job you'll ever love."



EAST TEXAS

About this same time the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was assassinated and the Vice President, L. B. Johnson (a personal friend of Calvin's) took office. President Johnson trusted Calvin and would often invite Calvin to the White House for advice.

Calvin did other favors for President Johnson such as praying the opening prayer for the Senate and visiting the soldiers in Vietnam and Africa to counsel and minister to them. After President Johnson left office, Calvin was able to settle down here in Montreat and concentrate on the ministry to which God had called him.

Today Calvin is still with us here at Montreat providing guidance and counsel to the college and community and fulfilling his important part in God's kingdom.



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