

New Perspective To Eighteen Thousand

by Ed Baker

On December 26, 1984 twenty Montreat students began their voyage to Urbana Illinois for Inner-Varsity's "Urbana '84". The five day conference was held on the campus of University of Illinois.

At the convention there were two main conferences everyday where such speakers as Eric Alexander, and of course, Montreat's own Billy Graham gave very inspirational messages. We were also divided into small prayer groups that met twice a day to study and pray about different problems of the world. In between the morning an evening conferences, and the small prayer groups, there were numerous seminars and booths set up to inform on different ideas and opportunities in the mission field. These ranged from subjects like Urban Missions, Picking A Career in Missions, Music in Missions, and to English Literature in the Chinese Classroom.

Scott Wiggins, from Florence, SC had this to say about Urbana, "Worshipping and learning with eighteen thousand other students was fantastic!" John Hinson, from Lake Lure, NC said, "Urbana really gave me more perspective on what the Lord might have in mind for me in the field of mission work." One thing that impressed David Rasmussen, from Miami, FL was meeting all those other Christians from different states and countries and knowing that he had something in common with all of them.

Urbana '84 gave many people new ideas for their possible place in world missions. For those interested Inner-Varsity will be sponsoring Urbana Onward later this winter in Winston-Salem, NC.



Getting Involved

by Bill Schieche

What did the Student Christian Association accomplish last semester? I was very impressed to see just how much they did accomplish. The SCA itself consists of John Hinson, President; Daniel Hardesty, Vice President; Jan Davis, Secretary; and Carrie Chiu, Treasurer. The SCA sponsors many ministries both to students on campus and to the community. These ministries to the community include The Presbyterian Children's Home where Montreat students become "big brothers" or "big sisters" to young children who come from broken homes. Also, the Juvenile Evaluation Center ministry allows Montreat students to become friends to juvenile delinquents from all different backgrounds, and at the Black Mountain Center for the handicapped Montreat students show their love and concern for children who have special problems. All these ministries were successful thanks to the SCA, the students involved, and the Lord for His love and guidance.

The SCA had two major ministries on campus last semester, the advertisement and support of Urbana 84, and the Vespers services. The SCA was successful in advertising Urbana to all the students on campus, and they also had the opportunity to donate \$500 to the scholarship fund which helped many students including myself to afford the cost of attending Urbana 84. I can say from my experience at Urbana that the money was well spent. Also, the Vespers services were a success last semester, they were a ministry to many students. Many times I was encouraged and refreshed by the Vespers services. "People were excited about coming" says John Hinson, SCA President, this attitude helped to create a warm atmosphere of Christian fellowship which helped people to open up more in Christian love. Another aspect of Vespers was the speakers such as the Junkins, Tony Whalen, Tom Barker, Mr. Daniel and others who SCA had for the students to teach and encourage them to be strong for the

Staley Series

by Kelly Garner

The Staley Lecture Series will begin on Sunday, February 17 and continue through Wednesday, February 20. The speaker will be Dr. John N. Akers, Special Assistant to Dr. Billy Graham.

Dr. Akers will meet with the S.C.A. on Sunday evening, the 17th; and a reception will follow. Then he will speak each morning at 10 a.m. Monday through Wednesday; and Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. There will also be discussion periods in the dorms following the evening lectures.

Dr. Akers is a native of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He and his wife, Anne, have one son, Timothy.

Dr. Akers is a former Bible professor and Dean of Montreat-Anderson College. He has a Ph.D. degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and a B.A. degree from the University of Colorado. He received his Bachelor of Divinity and Masters degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

The Staley Distinguished Scholar Series is a project of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York. This lectureship was established in 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley and Judge Mrs. H. H. Haynes of Bristol, Tennessee.

The Thomas F. Staley Foundation sponsors speakers for the Staley lectures on college and university campuses throughout the United States to communicate the Christian Gospel to all students. The public is also invited to attend the Staley Lecture Series.

Lord. Overall, the campus ministries made a valuable contribution to the spiritual well-being of the students.

The SCA was very pleased with the outcome of last semester and they are looking forward to an exciting second semester. Some of their plans for this semester are to start the Student Foreign Mission Fellowship. This group's purpose is to inform students of the needs of the world. Their goal is to encourage students to use their abilities any way they can, wherever they can, whether it be here on campus, in Chicago, or overseas. Another plan for this semester is the showing of "Habakkuk" a multi-media presen-