

From the Editor's Desk

Mindy Clinard

Dr. Jack Dates, without a doubt, left a lasting impression on many M-AC students last week with his five very spirited messages during the Spiritual Emphasis Week Series. It is evident that many students and student leaders were able to relate closely to the ideas that Dr. Dates conveyed.

Dr. Dates messages on "Experiments in Faith" held the audiences' attention at the morning assemblies. These messages are very meaningful and important in everyone's spiritual growth. These were very interesting talks, but the evening messages just seemed to have a certain appeal to the students as he spoke on "What If Your Name Isn't Rambo?" and then following up with "What If Your Name Is Rambo?"

Many people feel that they have no part in leadership of others or that they are of no real value or importance, but everyone has his or her own job to do. Leadership does not have to be presented through office or position, but it can be seen through attitude, habits, studying, friendships, etc. In other words, no matter what you are doing or how you are reacting to situations, it is very easy to be an example for others to follow. As Dr. Dates said, you don't have to be a Rambo. Just be yourself.

Being a student leader on campus, I realize just how important it is to be yourself. We should strongly take on our new responsibilities but at the same time, not spread ourselves out to thin. All positions of leadership can require more than we first expect. Being a president, a Resident Assistant, a Support

Group leader, or any other leader on campus requires lots of dedication and lots of time. Dr. Dates stated, "It's good to be in positions of leadership, but it is also good to sometimes step down and let others have a chance to lead." We should not let ourselves burn out. This is not only detrimental to ourselves, our studying, and our positions; but it also affects the people around us.

So, according to Dr. Dates, it is okay if your name isn't Rambo. The world would be too monotonous if we all tried to be super heroes. At the same time, we can all do something. We can do our very best; not doing less than our capabilities, but also not taking on more than what is humanly possible for us to handle.

I would like to thank Dr. Dates for his deep and meaningful messages and the ways in which they seemed to really speak to me. I would also like to thank the administration of Montreat-Anderson College for arranging speakers during the year that are of interest and that really know how to relate to students.

The ALETHEIA is open to your suggestions, ideas, or feelings about any situation. If you would like to voice your opinion to the rest of the Montreat-Anderson community, place your Letter to the Editor in the ALETHEIA box in the front office of Gaither. All material is read and given equal consideration for publication.



Jimmy McAlhaney, Scott Gosnell and Gary Thomas as MAC cheerleaders?

Just a Quiet Reminder

Melody Creech

So you have been at Montreat Anderson College for a month or so now. And what have you accomplished? You have passed Dr. Crawford's history test and aced Dr. Park's Bible quiz. You have choked down some of Howerton Cafe's Entrees. You have met THE ONE. You have made it to Yesterday's. You have slept through convo. You have turned in Dr. King's journals on time. You have made lots of new friends. You have made up your bed once (open dorm). And washed your clothes twice. So this is college life: a lot of "bopping", "chillin'", "cruzin'", "trippin'", and "sufferin'". You have already had a lot of good times and some bad times, too. But what have you really done? "What's it all for?" What's the ultimate goal? Is there more than this? If you are like me there is a lot more. There is Vespers, College

Sunday School, Prayer Breakfast, Bible Study, Share Group, Christian friends, and Quiet time. There is Jesus Christ. He is the ultimate goal and motivator. His image is like the brightest star in the sky and it shines as I want to shine for Christ. On the outside, these glorious activities may appear to center around a Christian click. But if you get past all the bright smiles, "praise God's", and "Amen's", you will see a genuine love and a holy desire for friendship and fellowship. Born of man, but become as Christ are we all. We are only striving to love one another out of the abundance of God's love, uplifting and encouraging and admonishing each other. So yes, there is more to it than just work, study, and play. And I pray there is more waiting for you and me at the end of all these earth-bound days!

What is a Friend?



Karen Robertson

What kind of friend are you? What do you want in a friend? Find out below if you agree with what some students had to say to this question....

In your opinion, What is a friend?

Rhonda Langford- "Someone you can talk to and trust."

John Hayes- "Someone who suffered on the cross for me."

Amy Gregory- "Someone who's there for you when you need them, and who's not ashamed to ask for help when they need it."

Mauricio Perez- "Someone that loves Jesus."

Beth Faulwetter- "Someone you can tell your deepest, darkest secret to and he/she loves you anyway, no matter what."

Mark Walker- "Someone always there when you need them, is unselfish, and has mutual respect for you."

Robin Wallace- "Someone I can depend on, and have a lot of fun with."

Mack Ruff- "Someone you can talk to, and depend on."

Todd Knfsley- "Someone who is with you in the bad times as well as the good."

Alene Blanchette- "Someone you can always count on, who knows everything about you and still loves you."

Sharon Cloud- "A person you can talk about anything with, and hang around with."

Donald E. Vaughn- "A friend is anyone who wants to make you a friend."

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