EDITORIALS/LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

This school is in upheval. I think everyone knows this and find no reason to go into WHY the school is in such a state.

I think that we all need to think about what this school means to us, how we want it to be in the future, and what we want it to mean to us in the future.

For those of you out there who say there is no one who will listen—you're wrong. This school has an obligation to us as students to listen to us and our opinions. Besides that, I believe that there are people who really want to listen. If you don't believe me, make an appointment to see any one of the Deans or with the President. If you have a legitimate concern/complaint/gripe, how else do you think anything is going to be accomplished?

For those of you out there who don't want your voice to be heard, fine. But please, won't you quit complaining until you are ready to take action? For those of you out there who really do care about what happens to this school, PLEASE, do something!!

I know there are people out there who care because as I was walking up here to the newspaper office, crying for myself (pity) and this school, someone stopped and hugged me all the way up the stairs.

Dear Editor

I was pleasently suprised to actually hear a few people discussing the presentation made by Dr. Rischer and a few of his students during convocation last Tuesday. The presentation, (for those of you who missed it) was on our system of election, specifically the electoral college, and arguements for and against this system. What disturbs me to the point of addressing this topic is; 1) The attitude of those attending the convocation and 2) that a public debate like the one in convocation is such a rarity on our campus.

First of all, in regard to the general behavior in convocation Tuesday, IS THIS A COLLEGE OR A PRESCHOOL? Why is it so difficult for anyone to present to us, as a student body, anything besides some sort of juvenile entertainment? What in the world are we here for? A college degree, boys and girls, is not a ticket to

professional and/or financial success. If you are one of the many, here and in other institutions, just dragging through, hoping to get enough credit hours behind you to receive that sacred diploma, thinking that having been granted such, you will be prepared to meet the world, you are probably in for a very disheartening and painful suprise.

College should be a place where we not only learn about the world around us but we get involved in it. Not simply creating opinions about every popular issue that comes along, but learning about the issues by debating them, by questioning the answers rather than conforming to "popular opinion".

I am in favor of more open forums and debates on issues of local, national and international importance.

Dear Editor,

I would very much appreciate it if you would place this ad in your campus newspaper as it is very important to me.

Wanted: Behind the wall's born again Christian college student looking for correspondence from people that care. I am serving time for drugs and gun possession . Black, 5'11", 165 lbs., and very lonely. Friendship wanted. All responses welcomed and answered. Write to Crispin Lewis 87A-4126, P.O. Box 149 Attica, NY 14011. Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter. Being that I am incarcerated, I am unable to pay for your services, therefore I would appreciate it very much if you could post it where interested people might be able to see it. Thank you again for your time and consideration, and I thank you in advance for running this ad. May the prosperous of the Prosperity be with you and family always.

May God bless you always, Respectfullly yours, Crispin Lewis

BEG YOUR PARDON

The Aletheia would like to apologize for the omission of the last two lines of the poem by Tracy Sauls in the article "The Jamaican Scoop" in the Nov. 4 issue. It is reprinted in its entirety in this issue.

The Aletheia would also like to apologize for other various typographical errors and the omission of the last lines of "The Power of a Smile," submitted by Mrs. Betty Ferrell. The last of the article should have read:

"And once you find laughter, no matter how painful your situation might be, you can survive it," he insists [Bill Cosby]

Gary Alan Fine, a sociology professor at the University of Minnesota, claims that laughter is a skill we can all acquire-- because it comes naturaly. But it's also something that has to be nutured.

Laughter begins with a smile. So why don't you make your day!

There also may have been some confusion as to the interview with Mr. Hicks Anderson. The article neglected to mention why Mr. Anderson is here and where his office is located. Mr. Anderson is a returning professor to Montreat and teaches for our new Business Administration degree. His office is located on the top floor of the library.

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THE GASE OF THE LOCKED DOOR STAFF WRITER Would first go to one outside door and

One dark, stormy morning the spy was seen trying to sneak into the second floor of what is called the STUDENT center. Of course, everyone knows the spy is involved in subversive Looking around, activities. stealthily made his way into the Mezzanine elevator. The elevators were always safer than the stairways. No one ever used the elevators. It was an understood rule that the elevators were only there for decor's sake and in extreme emergencies of handicapping The spy knew this. conditions. Actually, the spy knew a lot of things about the Student center-- he lived there and he used it as a base for all his criminal activities. Once in a while, he would venture out to a building on a hill and carry on other secret activities. Invaribly though, he would be foiled because of a common problem spies face-- A LOCKED DOOR.

The spy would oftentimes find himself on the verge of discovery when, in a panic, trying to retreat to his hideaway in the student center, he would first go to one outside door and then another. Finding one door locked he would move to the next, sometimes hiding behind bushes, sometimes hiding behind the cars of guests who were visiting the Student center. Whatever the case, usually the spy would make it inside, but only in the nick of time.

After the spy made it inside though, he many times had to contend again with another locked door. As he withdrew into the elevator his blood pressure would begin to rise as he wondered if he would once again have to make a mad dash up or down the stairs to find an open entryway or would he be able to make a fairly safe journey from the elevator alcove into this secret hiding place.

The spy thought to himself many times, "I can't believe the people who work here don't complain about this problem. Surely they have encountered some of the same difficulties, even though they are not criminally minded like me. Maybe that's what's wrong with them?"

Physically my body is placed in a chair but my mind is not here mentally I am there Every beat of my heart takes me away and forces out tears in rememberance of that place I see faces hlurru but eyes clear - so clear staring into mine nothing equals it here Those deep sunken eyes with longing yet love in them I see hope and sweet Jesus above I feel their hands clinging to mine losing a friend they were happy to find I long to feel the warmth their appreciation spreads I want to see them clothed and heartily fed I look at what I have and all that they lack I remember as I left I never quit looking back

and I never will!

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YOU, MY BROTHERS WERE CALLED TO BE FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE SINFUL NATURE; RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. THE ENTIRE LAW IS SUMMED UP IN A SINGLE COMMAND: "LOVE YOR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." IF YOU KEEP ON BITING AND DEVOURING EACH OTHER, WATCH OUT OR YOU WILL BE DESTROYED BY EACH OTHER.