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Chris Blair Returns To M-AC for Coffeehouse

by Jamle King

On Friday, January 22nd at 8pm, The McGregor Coffeehouse will present Chris Blair. Blair is an acoustic folk guitarist who fringes on both a rock and an island sound.

At the coffeehouse, Blair plans to play a variety of music, composed mostly of originals, although he will play some tunes from other artists. Blair's music is all "wholesome" and a lot of his music is not overtly Christian. Blair believes in a "quality control" on music, but realizes the music does not need to possess the words "God" or "Jesus" to be Christian.

In Blair's history with music, Montreat plays a big part. He began coming to Montreat in 5th grade for the Montreat Music Conference and continued for about ten years. He then went to St. Petersburg College and after a semester abroad in London, England, Blair changed his major from Chemistry to Music Design and Performance. He credits his radical change in major to "seeing so many kinds of people making a living in all kinds of ways."

In 1977, he returned to Mon-

Senior Rebecca Bush Spends Challenging Semester in Costa Rica

by Kenneth Graham

Not many of us can find Costa Rica on a map, however Montreat-Anderson College senior Rebecca Bush can point it out easily. Bush recently returned from spending a semester in Costa Rica with thirty-one other college students from diverse Christian colleges. After studying abroad in Costa Rica, Bush is more fluent in Spanish and can share more Spanish Culture with us.

Bush stayed with a Costa Rica family that consisted of a mother and four grown and five younger children. Their father died fifteen years ago. While in Costa Rica, Bush had the opportunity to travel throughout Central America. While visiting Nicaragua and Guatemala for eleven weeks she had the opportunity to help with underprivileged kids and do service projects.

When I asked Bush to de-

A Time of Transition

Clinton Presidency Brings Feelings of Skepticism to M-AC

By Eric Bush

Change, Bill Clinton said repeatedly during his long trek to the White House, does not come easily. It will take courage, their own courage, for Americans to choose a new course. Now that they have made that choice, it is Clinton's turn to be courageous, as he becomes our 42nd president at noon today.

Indeed, the consensus among the politically astute is that the new president must quickly claim a rationale for his election beyond the rejection of George Bush. He must convincingly show Americans why they were right to elect him, and now, unlike on the campaign trail, rhetoric alone will not be sufficient. It is widely agreed that Clinton won due to shrewd campaigning and an emphasis on the right issues. He must now bring the

treat as a year-round resident. Approximately six years ago, he built his own house primarily with his own two hands. His downstairs is devoted to music and music-related motifs.

For approximately the last five years Blair has played at least once a year at the college for different functions and reasons. This year he is keeping that precedent by playing both Friday night and by playing a coffeehouse in either March or April with the band, "Toll-free."

same savvy and focus to the White House, lest he be labeled as just another "flash over substance" president.

Although President Clinton is anxious to launch his domestic agenda, the most prominent national interest of the moment is once again Saddam Hussein, who continues to violate U.N. sanctions. After George Bush, in cooperation with France and Great Britain, ordered air strikes on Iraqi military targets last week, Clinton said that he strongly backed the action and signaled that he will order more attacks once in office if Hussein violates U.N. sanctions again. Americans do not seem sold on this, as a recent *USA Today* poll showed that 41% worry that the President-elect will not be tough enough on Hussein. While Clinton has supported the decision of Bush and essentially vowed to continue his policy, he also has said, "It cannot distract us from the urgent domestic mission and it will not."

Considering that Clinton was soundly defeated by Bush in a M-AC poll last October, campus wide reaction to President-elect Clinton is largely skeptical. Karen Campbell said, "My biggest problem with him is that he lacks the experience needed to run this country." This is a common worry about Clinton,

and another was raised by Brian Morrison, who said, "He probably has as much drive as any president we've ever had, but my real worry is foreign policy." Mark Keels, a Republican, sees it differently. He said, "I'm just tired of people complaining about Clinton being elected. Now, if people really want to do something about it, they should find an interest group or their congressman. Complaining alone does nothing." Nevertheless, there are those who are highly optimistic about the Clinton presidency, like Heather Jamerson, who said, "Because of his genuine interest in putting an end to racism, discrimination, and other types of oppression, Bill Clinton is a visionary of social reform."

As fate would have it, Jamerson, along with fellow student Heather Ferguson and M-AC psychology professor Tisa-Lewis, met Mr. Clinton and his family in a chance meeting at Hilton Head Island, SC over Christmas break. Lewis had the opportunity to speak with the President-elect for about five minutes, and said, "What impressed me was that he was so approachable, personable, and interested." In addition, Lewis is attending today's inauguration along with M-AC students Justin Ramb, Kenneth Graham, and Jonathan Woody.

scribe a normal day, she responded with "there really isn't a typical day." Although there may not have been a normal day, she did describe a day as "getting up at five-thirty, eating breakfast and then traveling to school." While at school, Bush studied in a three-hour class that focused on current political events, religion, economics and the Spanish language. Bush also participated in a service project where she worked with a government children's home and lived with one of the employees. When asked if this was a challenge, Rebecca responded, "It was really tough seeing those kids. It was really hard." Bush spent eight hours changing diapers, disciplining, and ultimately taking on the parental characteristics that most lacked.

The program is sponsored through the American Christian College Coalition and Latin American

Studies Program. Bush emphasized that this program was not a missions trip. Bush says "It was very academically challenging." Becoming more fluent in the Spanish language was one of the main reasons for her trip.

In the program you are given the opportunity to discover on first hand the life-styles of the Latin American culture. Along with being able to study the Spanish language you also have the opportunity to travel and earn up to sixteen hours of college credit. The cost of the program for the spring

semester was six thousand dollars.

Bush also emphasized that it was a growing time for her and



Rebecca Bush and her Costa Rican house-mother

when asked what she learned most she replied, "Learning to see people for who they are and not to judge a book by their cover."

Anyone interested in participating in this program should fill out an application which can be obtained from Dr. King or Dr. Brunson.