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M-AC Sponsors Executive Dinner

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Montreat-Anderson College's Alumni and Career Counseling Center Offices will co-sponsor an Executive Dinner for M-AC juniors and seniors on Thursday, February 18, at 5:30 pm in Gaither Fellowship Hall. Faculty and staff have also been encouraged to attend the buffet dinner, which will feature a number of alumni from different fields who will share how they chose their professions and what steps they took to achieve their goals. This is the first dinner of its kind in what is hoped to be an annual event.

In keeping with the dinner theme, juniors and seniors are asked to dress in a professional manner. Convocation credit will be given to those students attending.

The following alumni will be on a panel to answer selected questions and to also take questions from the floor:

Jon Brown, Class of 1979, associate pastor Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, NC

Brenda Burch, Class of 1979, morning and noon news anchor of WLOS-TV, Asheville, NC.

Carole Hoffman Donnelly, Class of 1979, is a marketing writer/coordinator with St. Joseph's Hos-

Academic Competition Team on the Road *Reardon Captains Against Impossible Odds*

By Jennifer Gunsch

On Friday of this week, the Academic Competition team will have the opportunity to challenge their minds at Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC. The Montreat-Anderson team will match wits with teams such as Elon, Campbell, Methodist, UNC-Wilmington, and East Carolina University. The contest will begin at 4 pm and last until mid evening.

The team members all are involved in a round-robin event, which they all describe to the Jeopardy game show. The M-AC students competing are Naj Alicea, Jeff Reardon, Kim Trapnell, Scott Ward, and Mark Wright.

These Academic Competitions are held so that intellectual minds can expand their knowledge. Students must research to find questions and answers to ask each other before each class. The competitors

from M-AC feel that it is fun trying to find questions and answers that no one has ever heard of before.

Another reason for the team to go to these contests is to give the other schools involved an opportunity to practice before they go on the National College Bowl Competition.

Naj Alicea states her reason for attending the competition: "As far as this coming competition goes, we're basically going for the experience and to have a good time in fellowship with students from other schools. Basically, we know we're going to die, but we'll have a good time doing so."

Mark Wright feels that they are going because of "the thrill of

victory, the agony of defeat, and the confusion of having one's brain turned into scrambled eggs."

When the students were asked

how they felt they would fare in the competition, they gave several different responses:

Kim Trapnell - "We've done the best we can to prepare ourselves, now we're going to go, have fun, and hopefully win a few rounds."

Scott Ward - "I hope we do well. I'm person-



Jeff Reardon
"intellectual god"

ally looking forward to possibly competing against incredible odds. Personally I think we might do well, but I won't be disappointed if we do get killed. I'm happy just competing."

Jeff Reardon has high hopes for the team. He adds, "Montreat-Anderson College will be lifted to stellar heights through the raw cerebral power of Montreat's elite paragon. We will ascend the Mount Olympus of Academic Competition and we will reign forever as Montreat's 'intellectual gods'."

When Dr. Risher was asked how he felt about the upcoming competition he stated, "I look forward to another opportunity for the M-AC 'intellectual gods' to unleash their mental energy."

Alpha Chi Inducts New Members *Neil to Present Paper at Chicago Convention*

By Jamie King

Tonight at 8 pm, following a Taylor and Democrat Jack Stevens.

dinner in the fellowship hall, three juniors, Mark Bolick, Ann-Luise Snyder, and Kim Trapnell will be inducted into Montreat-Anderson College's Chapter of Alpha Chi.

These three students have met the requirements to become members by being in the top ten percent of their class and by exhibiting good character.

Alpha Chi, the college's intellectual group, recently sponsored, the areas two district congressional candidates, Republican Charles



Mark Neil - Alpha Chi
Representative to Chicago

year, Dan Rather of NBC. Mark Neil, student delegate of Alpha Chi, will also present a paper about local environmental concerns at the conference.

pital in Asheville.

Mark ('83) and Jeannie Barnes Ownby ('84), are both faculty members at Appalachian State University and are a part of a study center called *Bringing it All Back Home*. This program contracts with community boards and agencies that have group homes. Mark is a trainer consultant who does training and initial screening of the study center's treatment model called the Teaching Family Model. Jeannie is a program evaluator.

Dottie Todd Thornburg, Class of 1951 High School, is a high school English teacher and has taught at Sylva-Webster High School in Sylva NC and Needham B. Broughton High School in Raleigh, NC. She recently took a leave of absence from teaching to campaign with her husband, Lacy Thornburg, for Governor (who was then North Carolina Attorney General).

Students were asked to RSVP with an invitational card by February 15, 1993 in the front office, or call the Alumni and Career Counseling Center for more information.

Valentine's Weekend A Success

By Jamie King

The Valentine's Weekend Festivities began on Friday afternoon when the bookstore delivered approximately 35 carnations. Although the carnations were a big hit from the people who received them, Bookstore manager Sherrie Wilcox said that they did not go over as well as she had expected and not to look for them next year.

That evening during the annual Valentine's Dinner of steak and shrimp, the Celebration Singers sang to a few extra special valentines whose sweethearts had requested them to do so.

Following the Valentine's Dinner, M-A Hall sponsored the King of Hearts Pageant in Gaither Chapel, featuring: David Hartman, Phil Parker, Truit Powell, Justin Ramb, Cameron Thomas and Bryan Wilson.

These contestants presented many hilarious and crazy antics during the con-

test. For example David Hartman presented a humorous but excellent rendition of *Phantom of the Opera*. Truit Powell did a Hawaiian number and flaunted his rear for all the women in the audience. Justin Ramb put Jen Branham into a trance commanding her to eat Alpo Dog Food. Phil Parker took on a more serious mood, dedicating a poem by E.E. Cummings to his girlfriend.

After all the chaos was finished and the contestants had answered their trivia questions, Truit Powell was named the King of Hearts.

Concluding the Valentine's Festivities was the annual Valentine's dance, held in the romantically decorated cafeteria. The dance was Disc Jockeyed by Sound Explosion, who took many requests, in what was a successful end to the Valentine's Weekend Festivities.