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## Looking for 'Trouble'?

By Marsha Evans

On April 17 at 8pm Montreat-Anderson College will host Jacob's Trouble in Gaither Chapel. Jacob's Trouble is a five member band whose music is often pegged as alternative. They come from the heart of Georgia and as one would imagine, have not escaped the shadow of other popular Georgia bands, such as R.E.M., the pride and joy of Athens. Their melodic guitar sounds are not the only similarity between these two bands. Each of the five members of Jacob's Trouble (original members Steve Atwell, Mark Blackburn, and Jerry Davison, and the newest members of the band Ron Cochran and Keith Johnston) are anxious to show the world their art.

Quoting from the 1992 August issue of The Lighthouse, lead singer Jerry Davison

says, "We may be naive in thinking so, but we believe the things you say in music stay with you and penetrate deeper than a normal conversation does. We decided that we wanted to express our faith in Christ and to try and persuade others to look into Christ. Others spread the Gospel as a career but they use music because it is such an ideal communication tool.

Guitar player Keith Johnston agrees, "Jacob's Trouble is an honest no nonsense band that wants to be very artistic about how they bring the message of Christ across. We want to break down the pre-conceptions people have of bands."

Jacob's Trouble's first two albums were selected by Billboard Magazine columnist Bob Darden, for the magazines Critic's Choice Awards. The group's single, "There Goes My Heart Again" defeated such major artists as the Black Crow's,

London Beat and Luther Vandross (among many others), in the Coca-Cola Battle of the New Sounds Contest.

It has been said that Jacob's Trouble is known as "The hardest working band in Christian music" and expects to perform nearly 180 concerts in 1993.

Opening for the band will be "Chuckie P.", whose music is a combination of the R&B of Kool and the Gang with his own Latin roots. He addresses the problems of teens in facing peer pressure, drugs and premarital sex and his message deals with friendship and the importance of the right relationship.

Tickets for the concert will be free to the first 100 people who come by the Student Activities office. All others will be \$3.50 for students and \$6.00 for general admission.

## Hilgers, Wirtjes, Willcox Assume New Duties

By Ed Heidel

The coming months will see many changes in the Student Affairs Administration due to job transfers, new faculty and promotions.

To the dismay of many students, Tom Hilgers, current Director of Student Activities, will be leaving Montreat to continue his education at Appalachian State University. Beginning this August, Tom will pursue a masters degree in student development, with an emphasis in counseling.

Tom came to Montreat three years ago as Resident Director of Davis Hall. His duties were expanded after exhibiting outstanding leadership in that position for a semester. He has served Montreat students for two and a half years

as Director of Student Activities and manager of Belk Campus Center.

Tom expressed his appreciation to the college by saying, "Jay and I have loved being here in Montreat; we would love to come back someday, but I am looking forward to a new job, a new baby, well — a new life."

Cary Willcox, who is currently the manager of the Cavalier Grill, will be replacing

Tom as Associate for Student Activities. He will also be in charge of intramurals, BCC and even off-campus programming.

Also, Beth Wirtjes, who was once rumored to be leaving, will be staying. With the reorganization of the campus and the shifting of duties she will no longer be Resident Director of Montreat-Anderson Hall; instead she will serve as Associate of Career Development.

## Wilmoth Envisions New Accounting, Phone Systems

By Eric Bush

Last month, the M-AC Business Office welcomed a new manager, Dr. Dirk Wilmoth of Richfield, NC. The 38 year old Dr. Wilmoth was born in Virginia and raised in Winston-Salem. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill, where he received a Bachelor's degree in journalism and a Master's degree in public administration. From there he went on to the University of Rochester, NY, where he earned a second master's degree in higher educational finance in 1987.

Dr. Wilmoth explained his interest in Montreat, "What really attracted me was the vision that [President] William Hurt has for the college, and also the sense that I was spiritually called to come here." He also cited the fact that his wife, Kathryn Curtis-Wilmoth, whom he married in 1979, is a M-AC alumnus.

The Wilmoths have four children — an 11 year old boy, three girls: ages 9, 3, and 1. Currently

Mrs. Wilmoth and the children are remaining in Richfield, hoping to sell the Wilmoth farm as soon as possible. They plan on burying a new one in the area. Also, they are members of the New London United Methodist Church in New London, N.C.

Dr. Wilmoth's hobbies include the baritone sax, which he played in a group for several years at Pfeiffer College. He is also a "die hard" UNC basketball fan, and an avid reader, preferring non-fiction. Two of his favorite works include Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* and C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*.

In his first month, Wilmoth set out to accomplish several important tasks, including the design of a new, updated accounting system within the business computers that is "more responsive to the needs of the college." This he

hopes will increase efficiency in business operations.

One major improvement Wilmoth hopes to make is to improve intercampus communication. He envisions a single phone network for all M-AC phones, enabling even dormitory phones to be reached by a four-digit extension. This would make M-AC a reseller of long distance service, saving the school a vast amount of money. This savings could then be passed onto on-campus students, who would obtain free local phone service, which would save each phone-using room approximately \$300 per year in phone charges.

Wilmoth seeks other improvements, such as updating office equipment, and hopes to foster a friendly, student-orientated approach. "I want to be approachable to students."

## Discovery Participants Explore the Great Outdoors

By Kenneth Graham Jr.

Crossing over brooks, bush-whacking, and searching for those last campsites will be the way approximately 20 students will spend the month of May during M-AC's discovery program. Spending days in simplicity and learning about God's creation can be expected during the trip. The outdoor classroom will provide them with beautiful scenery and some of nature's actions such as May snow and freaky lightening storms.

Climbing mountains by foot or by bike supplies panoramic views that are remarkable and can only be explained if one was there.

Biking and rafting across Western Carolina provides some thrills of a lifetime. Although there will be struggles climbing the mountains and trying to find that campsite, Laura Shultz, a Discovery veteran says, "The climbs may seem impossible but after reaching the top the reward is incredible."

Leslie Reeves, a sophomore comments, "A better appreciation of the beauty and simplicity of God's creations is what I am looking for during my experience."