

Relations Committee Sponsors Hoe-Down

By Shallmar Kinsey

The evening of April 16 will be a time of food, fun and fellowship, hosted by the Montreat-Anderson College student Government Association Relations's Committee. With dinner and dancing, square dancing that is being held in the Barn, the community and the college will have plenty of time to talk and get acquainted.

An old-fashioned country dinner will be served beginning at 5:30pm. The tables will be loaded down with "fried chicken and all the extras, including a special country dessert." The Stoney Creek Boys and Dean Wilson will "ring it up" following the dinner.

Although featuring mostly square dancing, there will be two intermissions with novelty dances to records. If enough interest is shown, the Virginia Reel, an original American folk dance will be done.

According to Heather Ferguson, both the dinner and the dance are the "Relations Committee's continuing attempt to build a relationship between the college and community."

MACALL: Learning for a Lifetime

By Kathryn Letterman

MACALL, the Montreat-Anderson College Academy of Lifelong Learning, in association with the National Elderhostel Organization, is planning on offering courses in May for older adults, who desire to continue their education.

The courses will be non-credit but will offer significant learning experiences for those who love expanding their understanding of the world around them.

The people who join this organization will direct and decide what courses will be offered and who will be teaching these courses. Tuition fees for each course will be \$10. Membership fees to join MACALL are \$25 per person, or \$40 per couple.

Montreat-Anderson College will provide facilities free of charge and will aid this program by organizing the beginning meetings. The college hopes to encourage interaction between the younger students at MA-C and the older students, who have had more life experiences and have more knowledge of the world.

Why Change the Mascot?

Student Editorial By Jim Bates

Montreat-Anderson is considering changing its mascot.

The monetary cost combined with the current school financial trouble is almost reason enough not to change the mascot. Every uniform that currently bares the word "Cavaliers" would have to be changed. This would cost the school approximately \$10,600 (\$120 per uniform). Another considerable expense would be having to resurface the gym floor. A rough estimate for having the floor done is \$200,000. The final cost would be higher than that considering McAlister Gym has been refinished so many times that any more work done to the floor would have to include actual reflooring.

The reasoning behind introducing the idea of changing the mascot was that the cavalier does not represent the school as well as another mascot. To address this we must realize why a school has a mascot. A school takes on a mascot to represent its character, its stature, and most importantly its sports teams' "fighting" ability. Montreat-Anderson has never emphasized sports over education. In fact, M-AC has always taught that sports are a part of physical fitness which is just a part of

a college education. So a cavalier or one that is "gallant or courteous" (websters second college edition) is highly representative of the ideals and standards M-AC was established to instill in young people. Changing the mascot to better represent the sports teams would deviate the projection of M-AC from a liberal arts school to a Liberal sports school.

Montreat-Anderson is in a time of transition. Changes made at this time will greatly affect the direction the college takes for the rest of its existence. The reason it is in a time of transition is the school is striving to increase enrollment. While building a new sports center and changing the mascot will most likely bring in more students, we must discern why they choose Montreat-Anderson. Drastic changes in curriculum are not what career minded students are looking for. Tradition, stability, and focus on academics through Christ are what will draw the type of student Montreat-Anderson was founded to educate.

The question has been asked: "Does the Cavalier represent Montreat-Anderson?" Perhaps it is better stated: "Does changing its representative seal better represent Montreat-Anderson?"

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 6

10 am	Convocation - SGA Elections	Gaither Chapel
3 pm	Cav. Baseball vs. VA intermont	Newell Field
6 pm	RA appreciation Banquet	Fellowship Hall
9 - 11 pm	Open House	Davis and Howerton Halls

Wednesday, April 7

5:45 pm	Student Activities Meeting	BCC Lounge
7 pm	Prayer Meeting	Gaither Chapel
9 - 11 pm	Open House	M-A Hall

Thursday, April 8

10 am	Chapel - Dr. Dwight Smith	Gaither
9 - 11 pm	Open House	Davis & Howerton Halls

Friday, April 9

Good Friday - no classes

Saturday, April 10

1 pm M-AC Baseball double header VA Intermont

Sunday, April 11

Easter Sunday		
9:45 am	InterAct	BCC Lounge
7 pm	Vespers	McGregor Lobby

Monday, April 12

Easter Break - no classes

'Trash Parade' Poorly Attended

By Kenneth Graham

On Saturday, April 3, Heather Ferguson, Heather Jamerson, Pharon Anderson, and Jennifer Stinnett took it upon themselves to help clean the Montreat Campus and community. Although there were only four people present they made great efforts in cleaning up our community. Each person was assigned to an area such as the outdoor amphitheater, in front of Gaither Hall, beside Howerton dorm, around Davis dorm, and beside the library. Each person gathered enough trash to fill one trash bag.

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