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## Program Cuts Silence Singing

By Marcy Buckner

The music volume is lower on campus. M-AC's music program has had several eliminations this year. Two of these include: the Teaching Music to Children class, and the *Celebration* group.

Lovanda Fast, a senior, will not be able to complete her music minor due to the class cuts. She lacks one three hour credit course in completing her requirements for graduation. She will be unable to pick up the class next semester due to financial reasons. Adding the class next semester would change her part-time status to full-time; a monetary difference of over \$2000.

She said of the problem, "It makes it difficult to finish your requirements when they [the college] won't accommodate your needs. To me, the music minor is really important. It's going to be harder on me in the long run because they haven't fulfilled their part of the bargain in providing this class."

President Hurt commented that he was not aware that any music classes had been cut.

Two of several reasons for the cuts made in the music program include: the school's budget and the salary and time of Dr. Bob Neil, the current choir director.

Neil's salary was cut by \$4200 from the 92-93 school year to the 93-94 school year. His present duties include the following: serving as the college's liaison to the MACALL program, overseeing the use and care of Gaither Hall, directing the concert choir,

## Greybeard Players Present Three One-Acts

*Student Directors Offer Suicide, Televangelism, and 'Sphinx'*

By Kathryn Letterman

Some Montreat Anderson students are not acting like themselves. The Greybeard Players, the drama troupe of Montreat-Anderson College presents three one-act plays: *God Spies*, directed by Mark Bolick; *Ledge, Ledger, and The Legend*, directed by Janie King; and *Interview with the Sphinx*, directed by Naj Alicea.

*God Spies* is a satire of televangelism. Calvin, played by Jeff Lang, and Wendy, played by Jennifer Kramer, are representing different approaches to faith.

Dale, played by Karen Campbell, is the host of a talk show, and Calvin and Wendy are her guests. As Dale hears these differing opinions, the character has to make a decision about her own faith. Director Mark Bolick commented, "[the play] examines the spectrum of Christianity."

*Ledge, Ledger, and The Legend* is a comedy about consumerism in society. It sheds a light on how people think they can buy or sell anything, including life or death. Susan, played by Janie King, wants to commit suicide. J.M., played by Jeff Reardon, and P.J., played by Denise Oblander, are competitors attempting to outsell suicide to Susan. Susan plans to hire one of them to teach her the proper way to commit suicide and to make her look good once she is dead.

*Interview with the Sphinx* deals with the question that was asked to Oedipus, and it also discusses what the consequences would have been had he answered the question wrong. Director Naj Alicea stressed, "It raises the point about how things aren't always

black and white. There are some things that we're never going to know the answers to." Kat Ballou plays the Sphinx and Rod Steward plays the Interviewer.

These three one act plays are all student directed and all actors and directors will be given academic credit for their hard effort. This represents the most student involvement in drama in which academic credit is given. When asked if people are acting solely for academic credit, Karen Campbell responded, "The people who act, do it because they love it. It's not just about academic credit. Those who do the directing are definitely looking for a challenge."

Naj Alicea expressed this about the pressures of being a director: "I work better under pressure. Because this is my first play, I want everything to be right. That in itself has put more pressure on me than I'm used to."

Director Janie King also commented, "This is the third play that I've directed. There have been hundreds and hundreds of hours put into this. There's a lot more pressure because of the fact that it is on a grading scale."

## Original Entertainment Breaks Weekend Monotony

*Harvest Fest Provides Events for Entire Community*

By Cara Welss

Harvest Fest breaks the monotony of college life. This year's Harvest Fest will be more action-packed than previous years.

Cary Willcox stated, "It will be a culmination of this semester's activities." There are many different events this year, four of which are free to Montreat students. Free events include: the Orbitron, human bowling, sumo wrestling, and velcro

jumping.

To ride the Orbitron, one straps one's self into a space-like simulator and spins around.

In human bowling, teams roll a large steel bowling ball with one of their members inside toward the pins.

Participants in sumo wrestling climb into a suit that makes the wearer look and feel like a sumo wrestler.

Velcro jumping involves

putting on an industrial strength velcro suit and jumping onto an inflatable velcro wall, attempting to stick to it.

Other events and food booths will have a cost, which will range from 25 cents to one dollar.

Additional events will include: m...

The Harvest Fest will be sponsored by Pepsi of Asheville and Kiss FM, who will be advertising by radio.

Students will be able to catch a

shuttle from the Commons Area to the Black Mountain Recreational Area.

The Harvest Fest will be an opportunity for M-AC clubs and organizations to raise money. The following groups will be involved: Chess Club, Veritas, M-A Hall RA's, cheerleaders, Paddlers' Association, senior class, junior class, sophomore class, and freshman class, FCA, Agape, Business Club, International Club, NCEA, Ethnic Diversity Club, French Club, and TNT.

Lou Vaughn, with the Black Mountain Parks and Recreation, is allowing M-AC use of the site. The whole community is invited to attend.

**God Spies**  
Calvin ..... Jeff Lang  
Wendy ..... Jennifer Kramer  
Dale ..... Karen Campbell  
Director ..... Mark Bolick

**Ledge, Ledger, and The Legend**  
Susan ..... Janie King  
J.M. .... Jeff Reardon  
P.J. .... Denise Oblander  
Director ..... Janie King

**Interview with the Sphinx**  
Sphinx ..... Kat Ballou  
Interviewer ... Rod Steward  
Director ..... Naj Alicea

**Directions to Black Mountain Recreation Area**  
From Montreat, turn right on U.S. 70. Go to the second stop light on U.S. 70 (Blue Ridge Road) and turn left. Turn left on the first gravel road.