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## Communication Errors Endanger Scholarship

By Daniell Hartness

Misunderstandings about the Leadership Scholars attending meetings have gotten student activities in a bind.

Leadership Scholarships were awarded to students who involved themselves in extracurricular activities, maintained a high academic record, and held a leadership position. To keep these \$2,000 a year scholarships, recipients must meet certain requirements.

The requirements in the contract agreements are: one must participate in the student activity committee and attend student activity meetings, one must maintain an average of 3.0, one must maintain one or more leadership positions, and one must accept the supervision of the Director of Student Activities Cary Willcox.

During the first Student Activities meeting, Willcox told the leadership scholars that they were no longer required to attend the meetings.

Willcox explained, "I wanted people to have the desire to help instead of making them."

Co-Chair of Student Activities Jennifer "Bull" Stinnett men-

## Business Department Shaken by Changes *Batson, Kaminer, Pate Dismissed*

By Jeff Lang

Two Business Professors are resigning and one is being laid off in a major redirection of the Business Department at the end of this semester.

Dr. Bill Kaminer, Dr. Chuck Batson, and Mr. Glenn Pate will not be teaching at M-AC next semester. In an effort to attract more students to the major, new faculty are being added to replace the resigning ones; two Ph.D.'s and one Adjunct professor with either a Ph.D. or an MBA.

Glenn Pate, Accounting Professor, is being laid off because of the low number of Business Majors with an Accounting concentration. Pate stated, "I think they're trying to put it in proportion to the student body majoring in Business, which is a logical step." In response to the departure of Pate, Batson, and Kaminer, Senior Business

Administration major Tracy Job lamented, "I don't know what to think of the whole issue, they're wonderful professors."

For a response to their resignation, Kaminer and Batson could not be reached for comment. Reaction from Business majors in response to the shake-up has been strong, initially fueled by rumors.

After a departmental meeting with students last Tuesday, feelings among Business majors have turned positive. News came that the new professors and programs will not raise tuition or fees and student participation was encouraged.

Senior Business major Jonathan Woody remarked, "My concern is that the degree is still a challenging degree."

Professor Pete McDanel has been placed as Interim Chair of the Business Division. He has developed a new direction for the department which will include: focusing on a new management and leadership degree which will integrate "Servant Leadership" principles into business, bringing in guest expert lecturers, developing a business center, and using adjunct professors and other new programs.

McDanel asserted, "You have to have 15 to 20 people just for the interaction of the group." It is expected that the new focus on expansion and growth of the major will attract more students. Currently the teacher/student ratio is 1:6, with a M-AC ideal ratio of 1:15.

tioned that people not attending the meetings was not a problem until recently. Willcox further added that less and less people were showing up for the meetings. Help for before and after events also dwindled.

Names of those who were not fulfilling their requirements were sent to Director of Financial Aid Lisa Lankford. Letters were supposed to be sent to all of the leadership scholars, informing them

that they were in danger of losing their scholarships if they did not start attending meetings.

Lankford stated that there has been a miscommunication within the Student Activities Committee and the leaders.

Student Activities Chair Rena Sawyer concurred with Lankford, "Communication is poor. The responsibilities are being tossed from person to person and things just aren't getting done."

Willcox admitted that this has been a learning experience and that he erred when he stated that the meetings were not required. He also explained that because of what the contract states, he had to retract what he originally said.

The problem has been resolved, however. The Student Activities meetings are now required and Stinnett remarked, "Going to a half hour meeting every week for \$2,000 is not much."

## *Fifth in our Religious Issues Series...*

## Secular Music Questioned for Christian Ethics

By Chad Smith

The issue of secular music being played at dances and during other student activities stirred complaints as well as compliance to the ethics of Montreat-Anderson College.

The issue is divided into primarily two sides: those that feel that the secular music is offensive and those who are not offended and see no problem with secular music being played.

Freshman Kelly Maumenee, who has attended the majority of the dances, stated, "I was shocked at the first dance I went to when secular music was being played. I couldn't understand why a Christian college was supporting secular music over Christian music."

Other concerned students expressed that they were discouraged from going to dances in the future because at previous attended dances, some of the music contained offensive sexual overtones.

Freshman Sheri Rodgers explained that after going to one dance, she found the music contradictory to her world views and,

as a result, decided not to attend any more dances.

Off-campus student Frances Domingues defended, "No one really listens to the lyrics or what they mean."

Student Activities Director Cary Willcox remarked, "If students want Christian music played at the dances, [we welcome them]

to come to the student activities meetings ...to voice their concerns."

Willcox added that dance disk jockeys who come to Montreat-Anderson College sign a contract agreeing not to play songs with vulgar language and profanity. However, he also admitted that guidelines concerning sexually explicit lyrics have not been thor-

oughly established.

Although a few students voiced that they would prefer Christian music over secular music, the majority of the students stated that they prefer dancing to secular music. In fact, many argued that it would be difficult to play solely Christian music to which people could dance.

## Copenhaver Promotes SAFE Choices

### *Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Format Changed*

By Kerie Peterson

Every spring, Montreat-Anderson College promotes Drug and Alcohol Awareness, however this year, a new twist was added. Through Convocation, a concert, and a w"rap"-up forum, the focus was taken off of the adults and put back to the students.

The state of North Carolina mandates that every institution must devote time to the education and prevention of drugs and alcohol. However, instead of focusing on the adverse effects on daily living, the format was changed to make the issue more personal. The

focus was more on the consequences of choices that an individual makes and how it affects him.

The week took on a pro-active stance on drug and alcohol use. The program was student led and those students were available to aid their peers in making wise choices that were best for that particular individual.

Chairperson of the event Carmen Copenhaver explained that the reason she changed the format and chose the title *Choices '94* was because "the choices that we make now will shape our tomorrows."

Substance Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) not only promoted a drug-free spring break, but emphasized that being drug-free should carry over throughout the entire year.

Senior Penny Chenault responded, "Making safe choices glorifies God, however, the choices that we do make help us to learn and to grow in more ways than we ever thought imaginable."

Chenault further added, "Not only [do making safe choices] effect yourself, but will also effect those you come in contact with."