

Garvilla Headed for Milligan

By Lisa Griffin

John Garvilla, who has headed up both the men's and women's soccer teams for the past two seasons, has resigned. Athletic Director Steve McNamara received Garvilla's resignation Wednesday morning, January 15 to be effective February 14, 1997.

Garvilla has opted to leave Montreat and start a woman's soccer program at Milligan College, out of Johnson City, Tennessee. The reason for his resignation is unknown.

It came as a surprise to most of the players. Three year soccer veteran Alan Hines voiced his concerns, "It will take a couple of months to find a new coach, which will hurt recruiting. I think that most of the current players will return, but new recruits will be needed to fill some positions. It could make for a tough senior season."

Women's team member Erin Delamar commented, "I

understand why, but he kind of left the freshmen and the [rising] seniors hanging." Stephanie Shaw stated simply, "It was best for the program."

The players question who will now assume the coaching responsibilities. Junior Steve Savell said, "The team is just waiting. We've been playing pick up games, just trying to stick together until we find out what is going to hap-

pen. The team will get through this, we'll be all right."

According to McNamara, a search committee has been formed and the job opening has been posted on the Internet. McNamara stated, "The college is committed to finding the best candidate and doing so in a timely manner."

John Sullivan, a member of the search committee, echoed Savell's confidence, "We are pressing ahead, the program will continue.

No decision has been made as to whether there will be a coach for each program, or if one coach will again be responsible for both teams.

McNamara expressed, "The committee is attempting to look at all options and make the best decision from that." He explained that the players will have the opportunity to have representatives from both teams, possibly team captains, present during the screening of

applicants so they can have direct input on potential coaches.

Garvilla leaves with the following words: "In all my years of coaching, I have never been associated with a finer group of young men and women as this year's teams. My wife and J.J. and I can leave Montreat saying we were blessed to have had the opportunity to coach them."

As for next season's schedule, McNamara assures players that a full schedule will be played, in fact, the schedule is near completion now.

Players are encouraged and have already been notified in writing to direct any questions or concerns to Coach McNamara.



Montreat experienced a winter wonderland while students were away over Christmas break.

Intramural Athletes Reap the Rewards of Good Sportsmanship

By Jamie Pate

Becky Bonner, Intramurals Director, announced in a memo last week that because of the excellent show of sportsmanship by the student athletes, there will be another basketball league for the spring semester. All participants have been invited back to participate in the event, except for the team that went by the name of the Fossils. This team was constructed of the faculty and staff at Montreat.

In the past, the basketball

intramurals were plagued by unsportsmanlike behavior by the student participants. Ironically, this year it was not the students at all, it was the faculty who took the competitive spirit of the moment a little too far. Ed Bonner, captain of the faculty team, expressed that he was "embarrassed and ashamed of some of the behaviors in some of the games." He went on to say that he "understands how the competitive fire burns strongly in some people and admires the students
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