

Softball Team Awaits Home Field Advantage

By Jamie Pate

The Montreat Softball team is now in its second year of competition, but it still does not have a place to call home. Their field has been in construction for almost a year. It was projected to be finished before the start of this season, but due to some miscommunications and bad weather it has not been finished.

"This is ridiculous," snapped sophomore Mary Custer. "We have to play on the primary school's field. Even the umpires made fun of it."

President Hurt was shocked to know that the field was not finished and that the team was playing at the primary school. But he wants the team to understand that "they have had a terrible time growing the grass for the out field."

"I think that it is pathetic that this school spends so little time and interest in the very thing that brings the most students to it, which is athletics," quipped sophomore Angie Beck.

But the grass in the outfield is the least of the teams worries. According to Coach Everhart, there isn't an infield,

no water or electricity. She explained, "Even if we had those things, there isn't dugouts for the individual teams or bleachers for the fans."

To add to their distress the team never knows where they will be playing their home games. "I did not find out where we could play until the day before last weeks game," sighed Everhart.

"I don't even mention the field to prospects any more, Coach Everhart said. "Not having the field puts one strike against us before the prospect even has a chance to visit the school."

With the team in mid season it is doubtful that the team will have a field for this season. For now, the team will continue to use the field at the primary school.

Lately, the baseball team has been working on their future field. Coach Everhart and the rest of the team would like to thank Coach Chaplain and the baseball team for going above and beyond the call of duty. "If it hadn't been for them, we wouldn't be this far along," remarked a grateful Mary Custer.

Controller Hired to Manage Montreat's Money

By Shellie Bowser

Montreat College has recently hired a new member, Mr. Palin Spruance, to the business office to handle the school's budget.

Spruance's job entails basically accounting, day-to-day operations, making sure money gets posted in student accounts and to the ledger, making sure bills have proper authorization, watching the

cash in the bank, moving funds, and also overseeing some of the aspects of the financial office.

Spruance previously was an accounting manager for a real-estate company in Pennsylvania. He moved to Asheville in 1989 and went back to school to get his accounting degree. He spent five years as a public accountant

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OSHA Fines College

By Daryl Bryant

Recently, the Occupational Safety and Health Association out of North Carolina inspected Montreat College. It was a surprise visit since it has been over 20 years since the last OSHA check-up.

Robert Phillips, NC Safety Compliance Officer, headed the inspection and presented the results from his visit about the lack of safety equipment and other features.

Since this visit many changes have already been made. Changes and additions have included, a Bloodborne Pathogen program and a First Responders.

The First Responders include training in First Aid, CPR, and Bloodborne Pathogen, which deals with the proper removal and disinfection of blood.

People included in this are RD's, RA's, and at least two people from Maintenance, Security, and the Custodial Departments.

These, however, were not the biggest of problems and many were overlooked since the last inspection. Phillips found three serious problems. The problems found included no safety guards on a Hobart kitchen mixer, radial arm saw, and a circular hand-fed rip saw.

All fines will cost the school \$1,876.00.

Controller, Palin Spruance, exclaimed, "We are asking for an abatement, because we are a small school and because a new saw is being bought. The new saw costs around \$1,700.00, and if we receive the abatement the saw is almost free due to the previous fines."

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