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Stinnett's Proposal Sends Smoke Signals 3rd Floor Davis, 5th Floor M-A Hall to Become Tobacco-Friendly?

by Zola Griffin

The Student Government Association is currently considering a proposal penned by Jennifer Stinnett, Student Activities Chair and M-A Hall resident, which would name 5th floor M-A Hall as a designated smoking floor.

The proposal has been made in reaction to the Residence Life Smoking Policy which was established late last summer and reads: "Smoking is not permitted in residence hall common areas or in any residents' rooms."

SGA was never given the opportunity to debate the current policy and students were not informed of it until they received their Residence

Life Handbooks just before the beginning of last Fall Semester.

The new proposal is basically identical in content to the '93-'94 policy, which allowed smoking on Fifth Floor M-A Hall and Third Floor Davis. To that, Stinnett has had added a policy review after each semester that would allow for smoking rights to be rescinded if the practice produced problems. When asked, Stinnett refused to comment to the *Pravda* about this proposal.

Several resident students have expressed agreement, yet concern. International student Akiko Matsumoto stated, "Smoking is a person's

right, but the person must remember others."

Fifth floor M-A Hall resident Kat Ballou stated support, but only if "they keep it (smoke) in their rooms and out of the halls. If it doesn't affect my room, I don't mind. I heard that a petition to allow smoking was circulated, but I never saw it."

Fifth floor RA Angie Berry conceded, "It is being done anyway, so they may as well make it legal."

But not all students stand in total agreement of the proposal. An anonymous source rebutted, "If you don't like not being able to smoke in the dorms, you can live off campus."

AMS Offers Tuition Payment Plan

by Ruth Logan, special to *Pravda*

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SIFE Hosts Talks and Tours

by John Langer

A new business club, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is making a name for itself on the Montreat campus. SIFE's most visible project has perhaps been sponsorship of an ongoing series of talks by high ranking corporate executives. These execs have offered presentations on such subjects as management styles and stock trade.

Additionally, the club has toured industrial sites such as Rockwell, a manufacturer of truck axles. Though the off-campus tours and speakers highlight business interests, they are open to all students, not just business majors.

SIFE seems as interested in charity as capitalism. Members collected canned food for the Salvation Army at Christmas time.

There are no membership dues, no prerequisites to learning about management and suc-

cessful business practices. Meetings are once or twice a month and advertised on campus bulletin boards in advance.

SIFE considers itself an active learning program with a stated philosophy of "Tell me and I will forget, show me and I might remember, involve me and I will understand."

Erik Brown, Vice-President of SIFE explained, "It's a really good club. We have never had a club like this until this year."

The club's leadership plans to expand their program by visiting high schools on career days. They are also hoping to diversify their membership by actively encouraging students of varied majors to join.

Future SIFE trips include a tour of ITT telecommunications next week and a journey to Baxter, a major medical supplier.

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Sheets Tosses Chicken, Wins Pageant

by Melissa Brown

Jeff Sheets was crowned King of Hearts at a pageant sponsored by the Office of Student Activities Friday night in Gaither Chapel. Sheets' coronation was followed by a Saturday dance in the Howerton Dining Hall.

Eight men — nominated by the college's female students — competed fiercely for the coveted title of "King of Hearts": Sean Anderson, Aaron Gilchrist, Henry Logan, Phil Parker, Antwan Phelps, Jeff Sheets, Sam Simpkins and Chad Smith.

Sophomore Jeff Sheets, who distinguished himself by tossing a chicken to the rear of the chapel, was voted the King of Hearts by Beth Wirtjes, Ruth Logan, Sherrie Wilcox, and a panel of select female judges. When asked how it felt to be the "King of Hearts," Sheets was at a loss for words.

The contestants' creativity was evident from their entrance: Aaron Gilchrist and Henry Logan, for example, were escorted onto the Gaither stage wearing tight evening dresses and crimson lipstick.

Hosts Jennifer Stinnett and Jay Smith amused the audience of approximately 75 people with hilarious skits from *Forrest Gump*.

Freshman seventh-runner-up Sam Simpkins said "It was an honor to be chosen. I had a lot of fun — even though I came in dead last." When asked if he'd do it again he replied with an enthusiastic "sure".

Technical difficulties pushed back the starting time of the King of Hearts Dance from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., but the four-hour event was a success all the same. Revelers seemed to take seriously the invitation to dress "semi-formal," for most of them showed up "dressed to im-

press." The Valentine's dance seemed a bigger draw than previous ones this year.

Freshman Jessie Davidson recounted, "I had a great time, it was nice seeing people have fun."

Steve Savell retorted, "This dance was exactly the same as every dance here, just with a different theme."

Jamie Vaughan voiced the opinion of many when she suggested finding a new DJ for future dances.

Singers Cole, Smith, Perform in Gaither

by Christian Malone

Thursday, February 9, vocalist Jim Cole brought an audience of 150 to cheers and laughter with a mellow voice reminiscent of James Taylor. Most of Cole's songs had a Christian message, but he also sang about humorous topics, such as laundry and Jacques Cousteau.

Family Science Major Scott Jenkinson bought Cole's CD, *Every Generation*, after the concert. "It was great," opined Jenkinson, "It was a type of bluesy-folksy music that's real popular in this area."

The concert was made possible by a gift to the college by Robert Barker, M.D., a member of the Montreat Presbyterian Church. Black Mountain radio station WFGW/WMIT also played a part in bringing Cole to Gaither Chapel.

Tonight, contemporary artist Paul Smith will make Gaither his own as part of Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Smith has had a long career in music, most visible as one-time lead singer of The Imperials. Returning to performance after a three-year hiatus, Smith's new album, *Extra Measure*, has been a hit. The concert will begin at 7:30. Chapel credit will be given for attendance.