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College Considers Name Change

Montreat-Anderson College to Become Montreat College

by Amy R. Buckner

A proposal has been presented by the administrative executive committee to change the name of the college from Montreat-Anderson College to Montreat College. The change was first discussed last spring in a strategic planning session in which the identity of the college was discussed as well as who the college would like to become. The Board of Trustees will convene in April to discuss this issue and further examine the possibility of a name change.

Until 1959, Present day Montreat-Anderson College was Montreat College, a four year college for women. In 1959 it became a coeducational junior college and was renamed Montreat-Anderson College, in recognition of its

chief benefactors Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Anderson. In 1986, responding to the needs of students, the college began offering baccalaureate degrees.

The change is being taken into consideration because the new name would offer simplicity and easy recognition.

According to Academic Dean Don King, hyphenated names are often associated with junior colleges and this would eliminate the confusion that has frequently plagued Montreat-Anderson.

Mixed feelings are circulating around campus regarding the name change. Freshman M-A Hall resident Allison Roberts stated, "The money used to change the name of the college could be better utilized elsewhere on the campus."

King responded, "Cost is a concern, but this project will not be any more significant than other projects the college has undertaken."

Dean of Students Charlie Lance expressed, "As a graduate of the college, I feel it would have been appropriate to return to

'Montreat College' when the college retained its status as a 4 year school. I feel the change now is a positive, appropriate move. The name is a tie to the past and I feel that it would bring the college up to the present."

Freshman Julie Parsley countered, "I don't think the change is good, because it just sounds better to say Montreat-Anderson College. It will be a big hassle."

Senior day student Anne Ozanne expressed, "I feel it makes the college appear unstable and it will be confusing when I try to get a job because I will have to explain why there is not a Montreat-Anderson college."

Admissions Office Manager Barbara Orr retorted, "I think it will be a positive change. Montreat is the name everyone recognizes and associates the town with. We will no longer be confused with Anderson College in South Carolina. Also, we will continue to use our brochure stock on hand before we begin using the new stock."

If approved by the Board of Trustees, the name change would take place in the fall of 1995.

President Hurt will hold an open forum in early April to allow the students to voice their concerns and opinions regarding this issue.

Lassiter to Link Scientific and Theological Communities

by Zola M. Griffin

Associate Professor Mark Lassiter has recently written grant proposals to obtain money from organizations to establish Montreat as the host of large conferences serving the southern Christian Coalition schools linking environmental and Christian concerns within both the scientific and the theological communities.

The grants, if allotted, will enable Montreat to serve as a site for Au Sable Institute, which is a Christian Environmental Society seeking to apply a Biblical basis for environmental concern and involvement. Planning with Au Sable to establish the framework for the development of such endeavors and the arranging of conferences for the 95-96 school year may begin this semester.

The plans for the next five years would include the renovation of the Science building and the construction of a new Chapel building, as well as the addition of a Chairperson to further develop and extend the Institute's efforts. Within ten years, the campus Center would expand to the establishment of a campus-affiliated program, including the use of computer and video instruction, requiring these students to be on campus for labs and hands-on instruction sessions. Lassiter hopes that Christian Societies and Institutions concerned with global stewardship will be attracted to Montreat as a resident office site.

If granted, these proposals promise to take Montreat into the 21st century.

Bowers Leads Third Housing Reform

SGA Approves Off-Campus Housing Policy

by Christian Malone

On February 21, Student Government Association passed an amendment to the college's off-campus policy during their monthly meeting. If enacted, the new policy will enable more students to live off-campus and commute to the school.

The current policy states that all students under 21 must register as resident students unless they are living at home or with a legal guardian, are married, or have made arrangements with Student Services. Students turning 21 before midterm can live off campus as well.

The amendment, proposed by Davis Hall resident Scott Bowers, will allow upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) with good disciplinary records and a "good academic performance" (defined at the meeting as a 2.5 GPA) to live off

campus regardless of their age. Senior Class President Jeff Reardon says, "There are a number of juniors and seniors here who aren't 21 yet who deserve the chance to live off-campus if they want to; age shouldn't make a difference. I'm definitely in favor of the new off-campus policy."

The reform comes about because several students want to live off-campus but can't under the current rules. Freshman Terrance Johnson, who was born on July 7, 1976, agrees with them, stating, "I won't be 21 until after my junior year. I shouldn't be made to stay here [in a dorm] if I don't want to."

The amendment passed SGA with little discussion. Now it will go to the executive board, where it will be voted on. If they give it a thumbs up, it will become official.

nities" and "multimedia instruction and computer resources" exclaims Jac Whatley. He continues to say that there will be new maps, charts and Bible translations to take the place of the older ones now used in Gaither Chapel. The new classrooms and offices will also be very necessary if enrollment continues to rise.

Ground-breaking is tentatively scheduled for this spring, but will not begin until more fundraising is done. According to Knox Bridges of the Advancement department, "Construction of the Chapel/Christian Ministries Center, like

other capital projects (i.e. Sports Facility) will begin when the majority of the funding for the project is in place." Jac Whatley states that "somewhere in the neighborhood of 47 percent" has been raised presently and that it has been decided that no construction will take place until 90 percent of the fund-raising is in place.

According to Maury Hurt, resident architect, he will not be designing the new chapel. He states, "the money was donated by someone who used to be an architect, so his company will probably design it."

New Chapel Planned for Campus

by M. Janie King

Fund-raising is currently underway for a new Chapel/Christian Studies Center. According to Jac Whatley, vice-president for Advancement and Strategic Planning, the new facility will be at the corner of Appalachian Way and Lookout Road where the Admissions/Financial Aid building currently stands. The whole building of Whitehaven will be moved to a different location on campus with the current proposal being between McGregor Dorm and President and Mrs. Hurt's house.

One of the reasons this location was chosen for the new chapel is because it is one of the first college buildings that is seen as someone drives on campus. It will be much more of an eye-catcher than Whitehaven currently is and exclaims Whatley, it "will be the cornerstone of campus beautification."

The funding which is presently held for this building is from an independent donor, with the specifications that the money must be used for a chapel only. Along with the chapel, there would be classrooms and offices built, including "Twenty-first century educational opportu-