

Recycling "Falling Through the Cracks" *Fortson, Daniel Seek Consistency*

by Amy Buckner

The absence of a consistent recycling program on campus has raised eyebrows and angered student and faculty alike this year.

According to Ben Fortson, associate professor of outdoor education, several students started a recycling program two years ago as a part of his Environmental Theory and Law class. The following year, the Outdoor Education Department continued the program, this time as the responsibility of one paid work study student.

This year, the OE Department was told by the Business Office that the laws regarding recycling had changed and they would have to discontinue their recycling program. Certain types of containers were required and the OE Department did not have the proper equipment.

"We were told that the maintenance staff would be responsible for the program and I am clueless as to what has happened to it. It has probably fallen through the cracks. I am

sure that the maintenance staff have the best intentions and those guys have a lot to do," Fortson related.

Vice-president for business Dirk Wilmoth explained, "Dan Hensley and I have discussed the matter and I have been told that the bottom fell out of the market for recyclables. Until we are certain that the materials we separate are being recycled, we will not put the containers in the dorms."

Associate professor of environmental studies and outdoor education Brad Daniel attributes the problem to a lack of continuity.

"The program fades in and out with the various students. I would like to see two work study positions specifically for recycling. When it is done on a volunteer basis, it just doesn't last," Daniel commented.

The town of Montreat adopted a new recycling policy in January of 1995 that requires residents to purchase blue plastic bags (\$1.30 for 10 bags-13 gallon size minimum recommended) to place their recyclables in. The materials must

be separated by glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastics, and paper. If the residents refuse to cooperate with this program, the town will not pick up their garbage.

Off campus student Aron Gabriel muttered, "It is a pain to separate everything and buy those blue bags. If they see anything sticking out of the normal trash that is recyclable, they will not take it and it starts to pile up."

When concerns were raised regarding the college's obedience to the new town policy, Mayor George Morrison expressed, "I have not heard of any problems, but I am not sure. The solid waste contractors would not pick up the trash from the college otherwise."

Dean of Students Charlie Lance stated, "Because there is a law that mandates the separation of recyclables, we would like to put a three section container on each hall of the dorms, but we are still waiting."

"We (the OE Department) would be glad to start the program back up again," Fortson concluded.

\$2 Million Structure Excites Montreat Pres. Church

by Shazette Davis

Montreat Presbyterian Church is having a Christian Education building, called the Henry building, built behind Gaither.

The building is specifically for all church operations. It will house church offices, Sunday school, and provide room for Montreat morning school.

When the building is finished the church will no longer have to use college facilities to carry out certain operations.

The church began raising funds for the building in 1994, and construction started this year.

Church Secretary Charlene Woods commented, "This is something that we've been talking about for a while. The church has been looking for several years to expand," adding, "Our youth program is really growing, the building will help us better accommodate the youth within the community and the church."

Reverend Richard White expressed, "We're grateful to the Lord. This has come through a vision of the elders. We have a growing youth population; therefore, we need better facili-

ties. We feel that God has blessed us to raise the money," adding, "We made a covenant with God to lead and teach his people and we see this building as a tool to teach the people-especially the youth."

Looking back on the conditions of the old building White lamented, "The old building was mildewy and horribly inadequate for meeting the needs of the church. It was basically an old house, unsafe and unhealthy. We've been using college facilities for years for our youth, but when you have young children sitting in a college desk it is very difficult and uncomfortable for them. The new building is going to be designed with classrooms with different age groups in mind."

Woods concludes, "We do appreciate the use of college buildings for some of our operations, we wish to have these facilities so that we won't have to continue to use college facilities."

The new building is expected to be finished within a year, but there is no exact date. The building cost approximately 2 million dollars which the church itself raised.

Crosby-Adams Scholarship

Beginning next Fall, a new music scholarship will be available to a music major. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by competitive audition.

The scholarship has been named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby-Adams, longtime music instructors and Montreat residents. The scholarship will be awarded annually. This scholarship is under the direction of the Development Office.