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\$50 Dinner, McKechnie Concert to Benefit Arts

by Amy Buckner

On Thursday April 11, Bill and Mary Eleanor Hurt will host the first annual President's dinner in Gaither Hall to benefit the Performing and Visual Arts Department of the College.

All proceeds from the dinner and the special concert by Linda McKechnie will provide money for the Performing and Visual Arts Department to purchase practice pianos, an electric kiln, and a video editing suite.

"Linda McKechnie is giving us the concert and Aramark is funding the dinner, so most of the proceeds will go directly to the college," related Mary Eleanor Hurt.

The dinner will be a gala event featuring valet parking and a four-course menu. The dress is optional black tie.

Invitation to the dinner will be by table hosts. For a minimum gift of \$300, hosts may reserve a round table for six guests. Alternatively, they may invite their guests to give a \$50 donation to the college.

Dinner guests will enjoy reserved seating for a concert by Linda McKechnie

to follow the meal. For more than 30 weeks, McKechnie has been the number one Christian instrumental recording artist in the country.

McKechnie has performed twice before at Montreat, each performance growing dramatically in attendance as word of the quality of her work spreads.

A native of Houston, Texas, McKechnie interweaves classical piano with hymns and inspirational music, arranging all of her performance pieces.

Tickets for the concert are limited and will cost \$10. McKechnie's recordings will be sold following the concert.

Lighting designer for the drama team Andrea Curry remarked, "The money is really needed. This is a great thing."

"We just feel like it's a wonderful time for the college because nothing like this has ever been done. It is a great opportunity to benefit the three disciplines of music, art, and drama at the College," exclaimed Hurt.

Alpha Chi to Travel to Regional Conference

Boyer, Griffin, McMahan to Give Presentations

by Christi Waddell

The Region III Alpha Chi Convention will be held at the Government House Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 11-13.

Attendees may present scholarly work at regional and national conventions. This year three students will present in Charlotte. Senior Karis Boyer will present a photographic exhibit called *The Essence of Man*, junior Zola Griffin will be presenting a paper titled, "The Evolution of a Christian 'Ethnic Group' Within Evangelical Circles," and senior Carol McMahan, will present a paper which she prepared last summer at the Pew Younger Scholars experience at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

Other Alpha Chi members attending will be junior Jeff Sheets and seniors Aron Gabriel and Jonathan Bennett. Sponsor Charles Risher, Associate professor of history/political science, will accompany the group.

Sheets is very excited about the convention, "I'm looking forward to the intellectual

stimulation and a chance to spend the night with Risher."

President of the Montreat chapter Gabriel mouthed, "Alpha Chi is not for the faint of heart it takes guts to be a brain."

"I agree with my fellow intellectual god and I would like to add that pure brilliance is only found in a select few on this campus," spouted Bennett.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction.

As a general honor society, Alpha Chi admits to membership students from all academic disciplines.

A member institution, which must be a regionally accredited, baccalaureate degree-granting college or university, may invite to membership no more than the top 10 percent of the junior and senior classes.

Montreat Nine Give Bluefield the Blues

by Christian Malone

Last weekend, the Cavalier baseball squad (11-12, 5-0 in the TVAC) pounded Bluefield 11-0 and 2-0 in a doubleheader, providing an up-note to a week in which bad weather caused several games to be postponed.

In the first game, Shane Hatcher (4-3) 4-hit the opposition, and the Cavalier bats, cold over Spring Break, woke up to send 11 runs across the plate, exploding for 6 runs in the 6th. 2B J.J. Altizer went 3x4 with a run and an RBI, CF Joe Snyder was 2x2 with the game-winning RBI, and SS Chris Hoyle was 2x3 with 2 runs scored.

In the second game, Jamie Jessee (3-0) scattered only four hits and fanned seven in extending his school-record winning streak to nine. 3B Mitch Glenn scored the winning run on an error in the first after doubling and going to third on a passed ball. Pinch-runner Paul Murdoch scored an insurance run on a bases-loaded walk to Snyder in the fifth. Hatcher came on to pick up the save. Glenn and 2B Daryl Bryant were both 2x3.

Outfielder Eddy Carty said, "Our pitching was outstanding. That's why we're 5-0 in the conference," alluding to the Cavalier pitching staff's 0.50 era in conference play.

Flowers, Broome Lead Victory Over Lady Bulldogs

by Christian Malone

The softball team followed losses to Lenoir-Rhyne and North Greenville with a doubleheader sweep at Tennessee Wesleyan.

In the first game against Tennessee Wesleyan, flamethrower Kelly Flowers threw well at the plate going 2-5, scoring two runs, as the Lady Cavs crushed the Lady Bulldogs 14-4. Flowers was aided by the muscle of CF Erin Broome, who homered twice, including a grand slam, driving in 7 runs. Angie Beck, Becca Wineka, Shellie Bowser, Lisa Brooks, and Elisha Perkins also helped with the lumber. In Game Two, Mary Custer had another strong outing, winning 5-2.

Flowers exclaimed, "We played like we should. We kicked butt."

Against Lenoir-Rhyne, the Lady Cavs fell 5-2 and 7-2. Broome, Perkins, and Brooks hit well, but it wasn't enough.

Next, they were shellacked 10-2 and 10-0 by North Greenville. "An off-day," claimed Coach Heather Everhart.

Two weeks ago, Flowers was named TVAC Player of the Week, batting .714, scoring 5 runs and driving in four, and picking up a win and a save. She is hitting .400 and is among the leaders in wins, saves, average, runs, and on-base percentage.

Broome is currently hitting .316 with 3 homers, Brooks is batting .278, and Custer is 2-3 with a 1.46 era.

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