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New Faculty and Staff Join College Family

From Staff Reports

Montreat College is pleased to announce new faculty and staff members. **Duane Gardner** has joined our staff in the position of director of institutional research. Duane holds an M.S. in Educational Psychology and Research from Memphis State University and is near candidacy status in a Ph.D. program at the University of Memphis. He has previously served as a research evaluator for the Memphis City Schools. He worked in the health care industry for many years as an administrator and has also taught at the college level in respiratory therapy, which was his primary field in health care before his career change to institutional research. Duane's wife will be joining him here in western NC after their move. His office will be located in the Academic Affairs suite of Belk. Duane will be joining us February 1 to begin his new responsibilities.

Emory Underwood began employment Tuesday, January 2, as technology resources team leader. He will report directly to Dirk Wilmoth and will be responsible for overseeing computer systems and supervising the technology staff. Emory comes to Montreat with fifteen years of experience developing computer networks for the Alabama Forestry Commission. He brings extensive experience as a programmer and a technology resource manager.

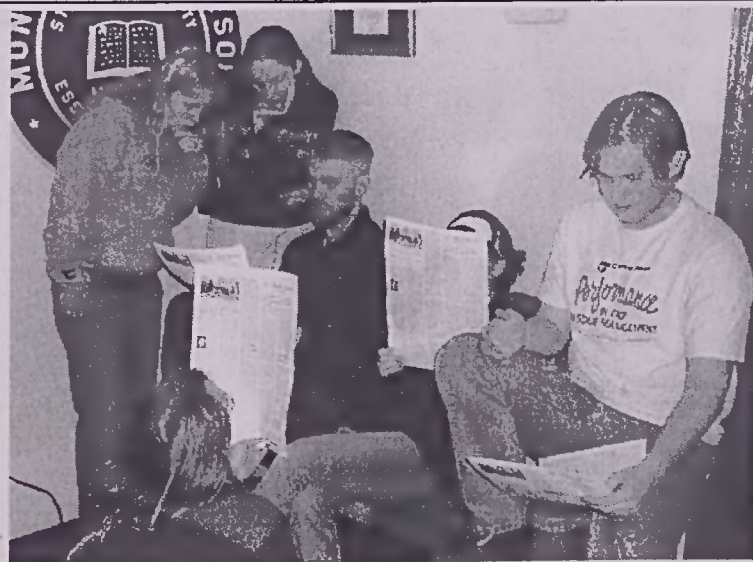
He earned master degrees in computer information systems at Troy State University and in math at Wake Forest University, and completed all of the coursework requirements for a Ph.D. in math from Auburn. For six years, he was assistant professor of mathematics at Huntington College and taught Computer Information Systems and math at Troy State for nine years. Emory taught math last semester as an adjunct at Warren Wilson and will be teaching a math course this semester for Lloyd Davis.

Leander Blevins, son of the late Armon Blevins, has agreed to join the Montreat College Campus Police Department on a full-time basis. Leander has been a reserve officer for Montreat while serving as a sworn officer and juvenile counselor with the NC Department of Human Resources. We will miss Armon greatly, but we are very thankful to have Leander with us.

Betty Ferrell has graciously and willingly agreed to rejoin our staff as a temporary administrative assistant in the Academic Affairs Office for the next few weeks until Kim Collin's permanent replacement begins. Betty is a familiar face to many as she worked for Montreat College as the administrative assistant to the dean until she retired in 1995. Dr. Doriani will make the sixth dean that Betty has worked for!

Please join the library staff in welcoming three new library staff members: **Don Talley**, **Martha Maude**, and **Sue Diehl**. Sue is our new reference librarian/media coordinator. She will be the primary library liaison with students and faculty in our SPAS program as well as with the adults in our graduate education classes. Sue begins her duties February 15. She is moving from Oak Ridge, TN, where she has served for a number of years as a reference librarian and has worked

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Nature Shock 101

by Tim Tyson

Culture Shock is a sense of loss and confusion due to unfamiliar signs and symbols of social interaction in a different culture. There are two responses within this type of shock. Either a person becomes empathetic, accepts the culture and begins to identify with it. Or, someone falls into complete shock, rejects the foreign culture and begins "recovery." I have found, however, that when someone enters into a new "culture," culture is not the only area in which shock can occur. I have been a first hand witness to this other form of shock. I have deemed it-nature shock. Montreat, North Carolina isn't a completely different culture from Beaverton, Oregon, though I sometimes wonder about Asheville. However, it has produced nature shock for this Oregonian. The nature scene is quite the anomaly. It

has been my experience that trees are green year round with a somewhat pointed leaf either in clusters or closely packed on a branch. We call these little splinters of green "needles" and depending on what particular tree you are looking at they can be called either pine needles or fir needles. As an Oregonian even if you do not look at the trees you will always know that you are in a pine forest because of the satisfying crunch of the dry needles under your boots. 'Pine trees lose their "leaves" year round'; this along with other pine tree facts composed a good deal of my nature comfort zone. However, when I traversed the 2,500 odd miles to this little neck of the woods I discovered that the "trees" here have a type of shrub like leaf, and most of them are flat and wide. Also, these "trees" tend to lose their leaves

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The students above auditioned Tuesday night for the upcoming production of *Voice of the Prairie*. Results will be posted today and available in next week's newspaper.

Spiritual Munchies...

by Jennifer Albertson

Beginning as a "tumultuous Alpine stream churning through deep gorges" the Rhine River is one of the principal rivers in all of Western Europe. Rising in eastern Switzerland and traveling northwest through Austria, Liechtenstein, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, its mouth pours into the North Sea with an average "area of 220,000sq km (85,000 sq mi), larger than North Carolina and South Carolina combined."* Yet, as powerful and as large as this river may be, Tauler is quoted in the preface of the book, *Theologia Germanica*, saying "if a man truly loves God and has no will but to do God's will, the whole force of the Rhine river may run at him and will not disturb him or break his peace."

In all reality, we know that Tauler is speaking metaphorically; yet, the truth in this statement is absolutely mind boggling and sobering to a man or woman that is walking with the Lord. We have a God that says about Himself that He is the Great "I Am" all-knowing and all-powerful; yet, this same God loves us so much that He lowered himself to become fully man, to walk, live, and breathe as we do everyday on this earth. So, why is it that we, as Christians, if we profess and believe in this same God, are affected so tremendously by everyday things that come at us? Be encouraged. Jesus said in the gospel of John, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). Jesus is our peace. This is truth. We can stand on it!

*Geographical Information about the Rhine River can be found on-line with Encarta Reference (Encarta.msn.com)

What's in a Name?

If I may, I'd like to say, **The Agapé Yearbook has arrived!** This year's Agapé Staff have been racking and tweaking their brains, in excruciating ways to bring you, our fellows of Montreatian Academia, a chronicling of this school year in a new form that will be delivered to your door or mailbox week! To say the least, we're excited and hope that you will take advantage of having us here. Our purpose is to provide a fun, thought provoking and newsy avenue through which all of us, the entire student body, can join ranks and put down in ink what has happened in our lives during our sojourn in this special place we call Montreat.

It is our goal to cover all aspects of this year as well as we can; however, we are going to need your help. After all there are only a few of us on staff, all born human and limited in our omniscience, therefore inhibited in our ability to accomplish those goals. If you want to respond to an article, would like to submit your own, have a joke you'd like to tell us, or have a deep thought, please

visit our website, www.montreat.edu/agape. there you will find instructions on how to submit your literary works!

Do check out Agapé Online, we have made it a center of information, updates, links you may be interested in, and most importantly a PICTURE archive! The archive is looking good and be assured we will be adding to it on a weekly basis. Here again we need your help, please send us the pictures you've taken this year. I promise, if you send your pictures to mcbx 838 (the Agapé mailbox) in an envelope with your mcbx number inside we will return them to you in a very timely manner. It is also the pledge of the Agapé staff that we will treat your pictures with the utmost care and respect.

One last important item, you may have noticed that we have no name! And due to the fact that this is your newspaper, we are giving you the honors of naming this most magnificent periodical!!! The prize will be twenty five dollars to the winner! For details visit www.montreat.edu/agape.

Inauguration 2001

by Donovan Campbell and Jenny Miller

This Saturday, January 20, George W. Bush will be inaugurated as our 43rd President. Edmund Burke, the



great English statesman, once stated "The only necessary thing for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Christians are commanded to "be

in subjection to the government authorities" in Romans 13:1, and as citizens of a republic, we are given the honor and responsibility of being involved in the very system, which governs our country. Do not think that in doing the seemingly small task of educating yourself on the happenings of America, you are wasting your time, for we will cease to be students; however, we will most likely live our entire lives under the rule which our government provides. Here are some of Bush's proposed reforms with a schedule of events in this year's inauguration. The information below is based on various articles found at: www.georgewbush.com.

Governor Bush's main proposed reforms center around public schools, broad tax cuts, social security, defense, and Medicare. In the

public schools Bush is pushing for higher standards in education, a closing of the achievement gap, the promotion of character development, and school safety. **Broad tax cuts** are proposed, as Gov. Bush believes that "roughly one quarter of the surplus should be returned to the people who earned it." Other various effects of the proposed cuts will be a doubling of the child credit, elimination of the death tax, and a reduction of the marriage penalty. Encouragingly, the "largest percentage of the cuts will go to the lowest income earners. As a result, 6 million families will no longer pay federal income tax." Bush has promised that he will not change **Social Security** benefits for those who are currently on Social Security or are very close to retirement. In the future, Bush hopes to give citizens more choice in the handling of their retirement funds, perhaps "giving individuals the option of investing a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in personal retirement accounts." Believing in a "strong, capable, and modern military", Bush holds that to maintain the peace that we enjoy today, respect and support for the military is vital, as well as a renewed bond between the President and the military, and an effective national missile defense. Finally, on the subject of Medicare, Bush hopes to

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Montreat used its superior quickness to overcome a much taller North Greenville team to run to a 86-68 non-conference win on Tuesday in McAllister Gym. The Cavs ran off to a 16-4 lead and the Mounties made several runs, but could never get closer than seven points. Rondell Clark took charge again for the Cavaliers with 19 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Cook and Jesse Gardner each added 17 while Frankie Cantadore hit for 14. North Greenville was led by Lavar Youmans with 12 points. Montreat out shot the Mounties 46% to 34 % from the field.