

Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another.

Proverbs 27:17

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## S.A.L.T.

By Breena DeLoach

What was S.A.L.T. all about anyway?? S.A.L.T. (Servant and Leadership Training) was a retreat for Montreat students that occurred over this past weekend. It was a time of learning how to serve like Jesus taught us while having fun as well! Dr. Gary Van Brocklin described S.A.L.T. as "a unique opportunity in the academic year at Montreat College to make a major contribution towards the accomplishment of the mission of the college."

All of the "S.A.L.T.ers" (about 35) met in the cafeteria to pray before departing for the First Baptist Church of Asheville. Upon arrival, students played several games, including basketball, and then moved on to a group mixer which brought the students together. It even brought out a side of Beau Mofatt that we have never seen, during the Nuclear Waste Game! On a more serious note, Adam Boyd spoke to us on the importance of service in order to fulfill the promise of God to us. He reminded us of the reason we were on the retreat, which was to bring nothing but ourselves to serve God in the way that He had called us.

Saturday morning, after being awakened by "The King of the Congo" played by Erik Iverson, we prepared to face the day of service and servanthood. Those who helped



Montreat students gather for S.A.L.T. retreat at the Rescue Mission.

at Manna food bank had many fun adventures including: labeling beets and green beans, cutting the tags off of donated baby clothes, and taking breaks to drink lots of orange juice.

Those who helped the Rescue Mission were in charge of cleaning out a garage. From what I hear, they had fun times as well, especially for Jen Keiser who was sandwiched between two mattresses by Erik Iverson and Ansel Talbert.

Other students chose to serve with Mountain Housing. This group had the opportunity to serve an elderly man with a broken hip and his wife by building a ramp and replacing their mailbox.

The group that went to ABCCM served by painting the mission's basement, and stairs. Paint fights ran

rampant and did not exclude professors, a fact to which Dr. Van Brocklin and Tim Tyson will quickly attest.

Saturday night offered a time of reflection and debriefing. The weekend was finished up with a wake up call at 5 am on Sunday morning so that the group could prepare breakfast for the ABCCM and the Rescue Mission. We were able to fellowship with the residents and share with them about Christ, and His love for them.

Ansel Talbert said his experience was "a great opportunity to serve others and act as Christ would." Talbert encourages those who haven't participated in S.A.L.T. to make time in their schedule to do so next year.



Amy Schimpf and Tara Jacobsen

## Siler's Bald Lives Message

By Benjamin D. Fort

On Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in Gaither Chapel, *Siler's Bald* put on one of the best shows since I began going to concerts many years ago. Six exceptional musicians, all in their early twenties, visited Montreat with pure excitement to play music. If the joy they had were an illness, Gaither would have been infected.

The members of *Siler's Bald*, from Columbia, South Carolina, grew up knowing each other; some as siblings, others as close friends.

Playing well over 200 dates per

Only after the concert sitting at Denny's (never the Huddle House for *Siler's Bald*), did I gain a more holistic perspective on the musical events of the day. I realized the truth in the statement made by Warren Bazemore, lead guitarist, that being on stage does nothing to elevate them beyond the reach of life's struggles. They shared some frustrations and simple pleasures and, for a brief while, I got to know a few more Christians who want to become more like Christ in everything that they do.



Siler's Bald plays Gaither.

year, *Siler's Bald* relies on music as their primary source of income. Multi-talented Marcus Myers accredits every success of the band to their united passion for music and for God.

Perhaps the best part of the concert was actually not the music. *Siler's Bald* was very in tune with the audience and themselves, hearing and watching what was said and done.

Having raved on the fun, the music must not be considered secondary in any way. The band played a number of original tunes as well as covers from artists including *Rich Mullins*, *Deep Blue Something*, *Poison*, *Brian Adams*, *Backstreet Boys*, *Jackpierce*, and *Vertical Horizon*.

## Experience the French Quarter Café

By Jenny Miller

Editor's Note: As Valentine's Day and Spring Formal approach, *The Whetstone* staff want to advise you of the best places to romance your sweetie. Here is the first in a six week series.

Walking into the main dining room with its dark green walls, and amber wooded floors the restaurant certainly seemed to promise a good meal to be enjoyed in a nice atmosphere. The menu includes a fair number of dishes, serving Louisiana fare with a definitely sophisticated touch. If you are still inclined to order an appetizer after your complementary combread with mild jalapenos, you can begin your meal with appetizers which range from hushpuppies to stuffed mushrooms and generally cost around seven dollars. If you enjoy seafood this is a place to visit. Crawfish, shrimp, oysters, salmon, and crab are prepared in a variety of ways from BBQ oysters to Crawfish Lafitte. If you do not enjoy seafood, the menu is

much more limited, Blackened chicken, steak (filet, ribeye or sirloin) or a vegetarian dish are really your only choices. Most of the entrées include a dinner salad, vegetable of the day, and baked potato or fries, and these range in cost from



twelve to eighteen dollars with the median falling just around thirteen. I highly recommend the blackened chicken for excellent flavor and moist tenderness, and even the normally bland side of corn you receive at most restaurants was well seasoned and included several herbs and spices. Save room for dessert which this week includes

fresh strawberries in semisweet and white chocolate, English toffee or Snicker bar pie, or the famous Louisiana beignet- a deep fried donut. Offering a nice ambience and unique dishes, without serving meals you can't recognize, the French Quarter offers a big city taste to a small town.

The French Quarter Cafe, located at 203 East State Street, Black Mountain. Phone: 669.1989

### Review at a Glance

On a scale of one to ten

Cleanliness	8
Speed of Service	7
Ambience	8
Staff friendliness	7
Food Quality	9
Value for money	8
Staff Attentiveness	7

The French Quarter Accepts: Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover.

Office. The first person to send an email to Whetstone@montreat.edu after 11:00 am Thursday Feb. 2nd wins a pair of movie tickets! Keep looking for hidden prizes and clues!

## The Editor's Little Corner of the Page

By Tory Albertson

When I look out into this world I see incredible things. I see the flow of information progressively speeding up at a rate that is in some ways very alarming. I also see a society that is incredibly anxious to jump on to this modern bandwagon of technological advances without even looking at the direction it is heading. If individuals do look and grasp the magnitude of what could be happening within the next fifty years, I will assume most feel that it is a good thing. The advances in the areas of genetics, nanotechnology, and electrical technology are mind boggling. I can see the potential for enormous amounts of good coming from them. There are, of course, the draw backs, the ethical issues such as cloning and the manipulation of the human DNA. There are also those issues that are pertinent to us right now, such as, abortion, AIDS, violence in television programs, along with incredible amounts of crime, not to mention watching our countries political environment. All of these are things of enormous magnitude and must be faced.

However, there is something deeper, something that goes straight to the core of who we are. The American people have had the luxury of comfortable, easy lives, which has lulled them into a state of delirium. We are a college, a state, a country, and a people asleep and while we have been sleeping we have been tied hand and foot. We have lost sight of the life Jesus Christ Continued on Page 2

## The Activity Schedule!

Saturday, February 3rd

Winter Graduation Reception 2:00, W's Basketball vs. Bryan 2:00, M's Basketball vs. Bryan 4:00

Monday, February 5th

SGA Meeting for new members 9pm in Prayer Room

Tuesday, February 6th

W's Basketball vs. Milligan 6:30, M's Basketball vs. Milligan 7:30

Wednesday, February 7th

Praise and Worship 8:00 pm Whetstone Newspaper meeting for all interested 9:00pm in the Alumni