

Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another.  
Proverbs 27:17

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Brian Bartlett, with parents Barbara and Donald, proudly displays his diploma Saturday.

## Winter Graduates Honored

by Carolyn Sanders

Thirty-two Montreat College students attended a Winter Graduate Recognition Ceremony and Reception in their honor on Saturday, February 3rd in the Chapel of the Prodigal on the Montreat Campus. This annual event, hosted by President and Mrs. William Hurt and the Alumni Association, was an opportunity for those students completing their degrees since last May, to be recognized and receive their diplomas. Eight traditional students from the Montreat Campus and twenty-four nontraditional students from the Montreat School of Professional and Adult Studies (S.P.A.S.) in Charlotte



Robby and Jesse Francis

and Asheville were awarded their diplomas in a brief informal ceremony. Academic Dean Beth Doriani and Dr. Isaac Owolabi presented the graduates with their diplomas, including six students earning Master of Business Administration degrees. Over two hundred family members, friends, and professors wishing them well joined the graduates. Many of these graduates will return in May to participate in the formal commencement activities.

A sad, yet poignant highlight of the ceremony was a special presentation given by Debra Wright, Director of the Charlotte Campus. Roxanna M. Hines (S.P.A.S. BAC-36) was killed in an automobile accident last April and would have graduated with her cohort in December. Roxie's husband accepted a Certificate of Achievement Diploma in her honor, and attendees were shown a remembrance plaque that will be placed on a lectern at the Charlotte Campus. Mrs. Hines was loved and admired by students and faculty, and they wanted to remember her in this way. We congratulate all August and December graduates and welcome them as official Montreat College alumni.

## New SGA Holds First Meeting

Minutes from February 5, 2001  
Belk Prayer Room

Members Present: Jennifer Brooks, Jason Bryant, Jeff Bryson, Laura Crumpton, Issac Edwards, Jason Isler, Sam Ivey, Katie Learned, Sharla McCormick, Keith Piper, Josh Peeler, Adam Schultz, Christy Tulliver, Bonnie Whitworth. Donovan Campbell was present as newspaper representative. Tory Albertson and Jonathan Bennett also were in attendance. Devotion and prayer were held by Tory Albertson. Explanation of Elections: Responsibilities of president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer/ and judicial Chair were discussed. Self-nomination process began for each office. Candidates for each office were as follows: PRESIDENT: Jason Isler, Keith Piper, and Issac Edwards VICE-PRESIDENT: Josh Peeler, Adam Schultz, Keith Piper SECRETARY/TREASURER:

by Timothy Tyson

Lately there have been some questions in regard to what is happening in Montreat's search for a new chaplain. Over the last few weeks, I have investigated the issue and this is what I have found.

Montreat College sought out applications for a new Chaplain early last fall, with aspirations to have a new Chaplain at the beginning of this semester. Before Ed Bonner left, a Search Committee consisting of seven faculty, two staff and two students were appointed by President Hurt to investigate and obtain someone to fill this position. Finding a new Chaplain is not something that can be rushed into. Committee chairman Lloyd Davis comments, "the committee knows how important the Chaplain is and is being purposefully deliberate. We firmly believe God has the right person. We

are trying to discern who that person is."

While the school is without a Chaplain, the Spiritual Life Committee has stepped in to fulfill the office obligations. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Spiritual Life Committee - its members and purposes, here is a brief summary. The Committee is composed of four faculty members and two students, including Jay Guffey serving as the Chair, Jim Shores, Jim Southerland, and Carmen Copenhagen as faculty representatives, and students Allison Andrews and Jason Bryant.

The customary purpose of the Spiritual Life Committee is "to work with the Chaplain in planning and evaluating the Staley Lecture Series, Spiritual Emphasis Week, the Chapel programs, and to advise the Student Christian Association." When the

new Chaplain is decided upon and brought to Montreat, the committee will also assist him or her in adjusting. As with any change of office one can expect that various adjustments are inevitable. According to Jay Guffey, the committee recognizes that there will undoubtedly be some structural changes to how the office functions in the future with the new Chaplain.



Old Chaplain

Of roughly twenty-five applicants, the search committee has interviewed two. They will interview one more candidate during the first weeks of this month, and possibly another at a later date. Currently the goal is to have a composite recommendation for President Hurt by late February from the Search Committee, the Dean of Academics, and the Christian Ministries Division (Bible and Religion Dept.) From that recommendation, depending on President Hurt's decision, there could be a new Chaplain as early as the end of March. As this issue unfolds, we will be sure to keep you posted.

## Spiritual Munchies...

by Jennifer Albertson

The apostle Paul writes in his letters to the Romans, "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one..." (Romans 3:10-12) The reality of our sins, as Christians, is extremely humbling to swallow. Yet, with this full reality of man's sin, "there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men" (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

So, the question then becomes, how do we keep a balanced understanding of our sin and a right understanding of God's incred-

ible gift of righteousness and life to all who believe? Jennifer Knapp writes in her latest CD, "I sit here and question why my God loves me though I have never done a good thing or a righteous deed. Though I am rich, I claim that I am poor...now I never claimed to be anymore than I am, anymore than I seem; in fact, I bill myself so much less than I am, so much less than He sees."

Humbly, we are called to give every area of our life completely to the Lord because he lovingly gave us *all* of his! Thus, may we shout from the rooftops that Jesus is Lord, but "may we never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:15).

## Letters to The Whetstone

I just wanted to let you know that you're doing a great job on the paper. Keep up the good work!

-Erik Iverson

Nice job on *The Whetstone*! I've enjoyed reading each issue.

- Don King

Although I like the [Whetstone] content better than other newsletters the school puts out, I dislike the format so much I won't read it in the future. It takes up too much room on my desk just to set it down, and it's impossible to read for someone with trifocals without laying it down and moving it around. What is wrong with 8 1/2 X 11 folded in half? Is there some reason for that format other than someone just thought it looked cool? - Kitty Sundahl

Thanks for your comments. We work hard to be a newspaper for the campus not a newsletter. Our format is the same as most newspapers. Reading *The Whetstone* on-line allows you to increase the print size and you will find other helpful info. - Editor

by Tory Albertson

From Prayer that asks that I may be Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee, From fearing when I should aspire, From faltering when I should climb higher, From silken self, O Captain, free Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From subtle love of softening things, From easy choices, weakenings, Not thus are spirits fortified, Not this way went the Crucified, From all that dims Thy Calvary, O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the love that leads the way, The faith that nothing can dismay, The hope no disappointments tire, The passion that will burn like fire, Let me not sink to be a clod: Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

- Amy Carmichael

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if we never got tired? If, when we got an idea or a dream, that we would see it through to fruition? It is so easy to catch sight of a dream and then lose it. Then slide even farther and get tired of dreaming completely, or never truly believe that one of your dreams could actualize.

It seems that the majority of people these days have become

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## Dr. Gweeto Has Answers

THE QUESTION:

Dear Dr. Gweeto, I have a great relationship with my mom, but lately she's been playing these weird pranks on me. Like last night she put oysters in my shoes, and today while I was at work, she reset all the clocks in my apartment to different times. I love my mom and I try to have a sense of humor about these things, but enough is enough! What should I do???

Morose in Montreat

THE ANSWER:

Dear Morose, My response to situations like this is 'it is better to give than to receive.' I say you should go to your mother's house and return the oysters into her shoes, and reset all her clocks to different times. Oh, and it is always nice to give a little extra... get some condiments out of her fridge and put them in her shower. Hope it works. Good Luck!! Dr. Gweeto  
Send your questions to DrGweeto@hotmail.com

## The Activity Schedule!

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00pm Free Movie and Drink Asheville Pizza & Brewing Co. (Brew & View)  
Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 pm SGA Meeting Belk Prayer Room

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm King of Hearts Pageant Gaither Chapel  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm W's Basketball v. Bluefield  
7:30 pm M's Basketball v. Bluefield

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
All Day VALENTINE'S DAY  
8:00 pm Praise and Worship  
9:00 pm Whetstone meeting for all interested in the Alumni Office  
Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 pm Coffee House Gaither Fellowship Hall