

W H E T S T O N E

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

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Where's the Blood?

By Jenny Miller

Pulling into the Gaither Chapel parking lot mid-morning this past Wednesday, the Blood Mobile parked in the drizzling rain and opened its doors. About sixty faculty, staff and students came out to donate blood for those who needed it- and as you will discover the need is great. While the Carolinas are the number one region in the nation in regard to donor participation we are still experiencing an emergency status on four different blood types. Emergency status is assigned to a blood type when the level of collected blood drops below the necessary amount to supply the region for one day. At this point in time, O negative, O positive, B negative and B positive all hold this troubling status. The Red Cross representative for our region, Trina Wilkerson, commented that it would only take one major accident to create a situation where a health supplier simply did not have enough blood for those who needed it.

You might ask 'why are we experiencing such a shortage, surely the Red Cross prepares for annual

increases? Several factors are regularly taken into account each year. The growing number of surgeries performed is something which the Red Cross figures into its yearly estimation of needed blood, accounting for a four to six percent increase annually. The winter weather, and holiday season also often cause a drop off in donation around this time of year, however the supply usually climbs again after the first of January, but this year that has not been the case. The unusually brutal flu season, and the resurgence of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease) in Europe are two factors which have exacerbated the shortage during a season when supplies are already low. Do not think that your donation will do little to help this shortage. One unit/pint of blood, which is the typical amount taken during a donation can save the lives of up to three people.

When asked why they had chosen to give their blood most students replied that they had come because of the shortage (Elizabeth Braswell, Laura Crumpton, Ben Fort) Faculty

and Staff had several different reasons for donating, Coach Hagan pointed out that Jesus had shed His blood for us, and it seemed appropriate to give some of ours away as well. If you did not make it out to donate this past Wednesday and would like to, call Linda Thompson at ext. 5003, or the Red Cross at 258-3888. It will be several days until the Red Cross informs the College of the total amount of blood collected this Wednesday, however we'll post the "results" in next week's issue.



Some of our Montreat ladies waiting for their chance to help put an end to the Carolina Blood Shortage.

Montreat is Short Changing Itself

Editor's Note: Kim McMurtry encouraged her English class to sharpen their problem solving skills by addressing perceived problems at Montreat in one of their recent assignments. The following is one such essay.

By Clay Hanna

Billy May is writing a paper late one night in his dorm room when he discovers that he does not have any clothes to wear tomorrow. Well, he decides, he has to do some laundry so he will have something to wear. He runs down to the washers and driers in Davis Hall. Once he gets down there, he fumbles through his pockets and wallet for some loose change. He comes up with two quarters and a couple of dollar bills. He disgustedly thinks to himself, "This is just not enough change to do my laundry." He now has to walk all the way down to Belk Campus Center in his pajamas to get change.

Has this tragedy ever happened to you? This seems to be a reoccurring dilemma at Montreat College. There is a shortage of change, and we need to do something. Presently there are around 400 students attending Montreat College, and there is only one change machine on campus. This lonely change machine is located in the Belk Campus Center inside the game room, yet the change machine is not even owned by the college; the company that is in possession of all the games owns the machine as well. The college leases the games, and the change machine just came in the deal. Any one that needs change has to go to that one par-

ticular machine. Once that change machine runs out or if it breaks, we are out of a machine until the company comes to refill it. This is a serious problem and inconvenience, which needs to be addressed and fixed.

I asked Mark Neil, the director of auxiliary services for Montreat College, why there was only one change machine on campus. He answered, "One machine came with the games that we lease from a gaming company." The change machine that we have is not even designated to be used as a laundry change machine; it is just there for the use of the games. The machine does not hold a large amount of money, about \$300 dollars' worth of quarters, which is not enough to supply 400 college students running laundry machines 7 day a week.

A solution to this problem is to put change machines in all four dorms here on campus: Howerton, Davis, Anderson, and McGregor. The college could buy a change machine that will change a dollar into quarter, dimes, or nickels for under \$500 (Venco). The over all price would be about \$2,000, but the machines would easily pay off themselves because they make the washer and drier facilities more convenient, which in turn will make more people use them.

There needs to be action taken to fix this crisis, and it need to start now. This will make the dorms a more comfortable and convenient place to live. If the students are happy, then every-one is happy. All it takes is a little bit of money and the time to solve the problem. To fix up this college, it is going to start with little things, like having change. I am sure Billy May will prefer not having to run up and down the side walk in front of Gaither, cursing under his breath, in his pajamas any-more.

Editor's Little Corner

By Tory Albertson

This semester has flown by. How in the world are we college students supposed to get everything done if there is no time to do so? Life simply continues to speed up, thus making it necessary for us to prioritize our time. I would like to challenge you to not forget

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SGA Minutes

SGA Meeting
Sunday, February 18, 2001
Belk Conference Room

Members Present: Jason Bryant, Jeff Bryson, Donovan Campbell, Laura Crumpton, Jason Isler, Sam Ivey, Katie Learned, Sharla McCormick, Keith Piper, Josh Peeler, Christy Tolliver, Bonnie Whitworth (Jonathan Bennett and Tory Albertson were also in attendance along with Tim Tyson as Newspaper Rep.). Excused: Jennifer Brooks, Adam Schultz

Old Business:

Constitution Revision Committee Report: *Sam Ivey, Sharla McCormick, Katie Learned, Josh Peeler* Sharla McCormick reported that Adam Schultz had completed a rough draft of the new constitution. Goal is to have draft to SGA Body by Sat/Sun morning to read before meeting.

Chaplain Committee:

New possibility coming Wednesday, Jason Bryant will eat lunch with prospective chaplain.

SCA Recognition Report: *Jason Bryant and Adam Schultz*

Jason Bryant says to keep praying because they are still investigating. Tim Tyson claims that the new SCA is looking into hopes of corporate prayer for the campus.

Issue of Special Concern:

There is a Statement of Student Concerns being drafted that will outline general concerns of the Montreat College Campus. There will be a student signature section at bottom. Will be presented to Committee. In conjunction with Board of Trustees, Jeff and Keith will work with Jason Bryant on revisions. There is a possibility of Tiffany Armstrong conducting a workshop on SGA parliamentary

procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order.

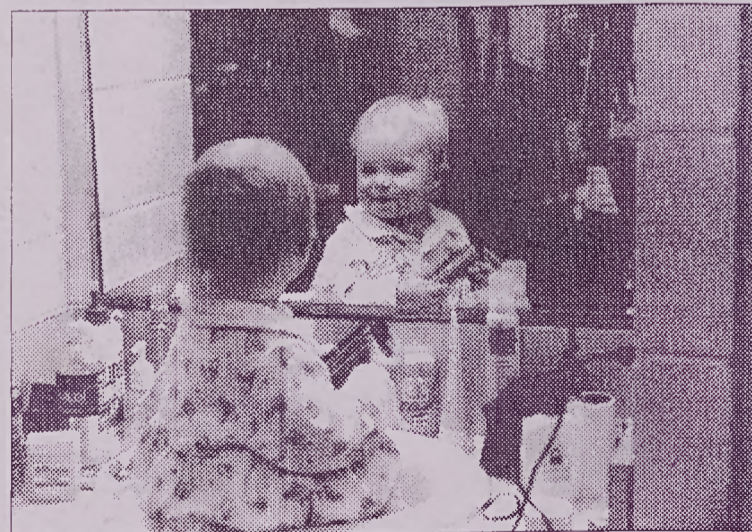
New Business:

Set date of Constitution Revision: Sat/Sun before next meeting. Appointment of SGA members to Faculty and Board of Trustees Committees: Retention Committee Keith Piper, Admissions Committee Katie, Jeff was interested in Board of Trustees Finance Committee.

Relationship renewal with Montreat Township: Committee made up of Sam, Donovan, Josh and Jason I. to present letter for students to sign. Tory suggested getting SCA involved with this as well.

Flying of Flag in front of Gaither: Constitution Committee. Will create position for Bearer of Arms to take care of flag. Jason Bryant will speak with Dean Lance on specifics.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 25, 2001 @ 9:00 p.m. in Belk Conference Room.



The Little Lady on campus, Hannah White, models for Becky Hart one of this semester's photography students.

Friday, February 23rd

Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh, PA begins. TBA Conference Basketball Tournament

Saturday, February 24th

TBA Conference Basketball Tournament continues.

Sunday, February 25th

TBA Conference Basketball Tournament
Jubilee Conference attendees return

Monday, February 26th 4:45-6:00

Music Seminar in Chapel of the Prodigal.

Wednesday, February 28th

Midterm Last day to withdraw from a Class with a grade of "W". 8:00pm Praise and Worship

Friday, March 2nd SPRING

BREAK Begins after your last class. Dorms close @ 5pm

Spiritual Munchies...

By Jennifer Albertson

A few years back here at Montreat a speaker by the name of Joe Nouveson lit a spark that has begun a fire in many hearts. He challenged the congregation to understand the heritage that we, as Christians, have. He stated that our heritage does not start with our grandparents (or even great-grandparents for that matter); instead, "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... then God said let us make man in our image, in our likeness... so God created man in his own image... God blessed them... [then] God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Gn. 1:1,26a,27a,31a). God has been for his beloved since the beginning of time.

As history progresses we see God continuing to bless his people. It is written, "the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to with his friend" (Ex. 33:11). The LORD also gives the young King David "a heart after His [God's] own heart" (1Sam. 13:14). Then, even in the midst of God's wrath and judgment, he continues to give of himself to his beloved. For example, in approximately 750-722BC, just before

the fall of Samaria [the capital of the Northern Kingdom/ Israel] the prophet Hosea prophesied the utter destruction and ruin of Israel because the spirit of prostitution [idol worship] has led them away and they are no longer faithful to their God. Yet, we see God's heart in the eleventh chapter breaking while he explains that "when Israel was a child I loved him... it was I who taught Ephraim to walk by taking him under the arms;... I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them..." (Hosea 11:1,3,4)

Although all of mankind possess in their heart this same spirit of prostitution that God hates, for some reason God decided to give all of himself so we may live! Thus, Jesus is the fulfillment of all of history. Therefore, Mr. Nouveson's claim is true. When we, as Christians, look back on our heritage we see a whole line of people passing the baton of faith from generation to generation and it has now landed in our hands. The question then becomes, what are we going to do with it?

Activity
Schedule!