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

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Are you ready for Spring Break? These Montreat Students are. From left to right: Trent, Danny, and Andrew

Lady Cavaliers Advance to NAIA Nationals

By Jonathon Loss

Montreat sent two teams this past weekend to the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament held at Freedom Hall in Johnson City, Tennessee. The men's team entered the tournament as the #5 seed, basically in the same position they held last year when they went on to win the tourney and advance to the national tournament. The women's team entered as the favored #1 seed already having clinched a berth in the national tournament.

The men had to face 4th seeded King College in the first round: a team that featured both the conference player of the year and the conference freshman of the year. Montreat found themselves trailing at the half by nine, but they used a 53% shooting performance in the second half to send the game into overtime where they out scored King 19-9 to win the game by a final of 84-74.

In the semifinals, Montreat faced the #1 seed, Milligan College, a team that Montreat had been unable to beat earlier this year, losing both at Milligan and at home in a close thriller. This game was tight the whole way, but Milligan was unable to overcome the incredible shooting of the Cavs: Montreat shot 58% (14/24) from 3-point range and 54% overall for the game to achieve a 103-99 victory in what may have been the Cavs best game of the season. The scoring barrage was led by junior Jesse Gardner who scored a career high 39 points and made seven 3-pointers. The Cavaliers also received strong showings from their seniors: Will Dodd had 23 points and Chris Hughes scored 12 while Kyle Edney hit a key 3-pointer in the second half to put Montreat up by 14, a lead they would never relinquish.

In the finals, Montreat was met by #2 Brevard College, another team that the Cavs had been unable to beat all year. Brevard used their height advantage on the inside to gain the upper hand on Montreat and led by five at the half. Brevard extended their lead to as much as 11 points in the second half, but Montreat was able to bring it back to within two points with only eight seconds left on the clock. Sopho-

more guard Frankie Cantadore had a chance to tie the game on a layup at the buzzer, but it rolled over the back side of the rim and junior Rondell Clark's put-back was too late to count. Brevard won 84-82.

The men's team finished the season 20-15 overall: their second consecutive 20-win season. The team overcame a lot of hardship and difficulties to finish strong, coming up only one win shy of going to the national tournament again in Branson, Missouri.

In the women's half of the tournament, the Lady Cavs entered with high expectations hoping to improve their seeding in the national tournament by winning the AAC tourney. They had already gained entrance into the NAIA Division II national tournament by finishing first in the regular season, and so entered the conference tournament seeded #1. In the first round, the Lady Cavs promptly dispatched the #8 seed, Bluefield College, by a score of 74-64.

Montreat's women faced #5, Virginia Intermont College, in the semifinals. VI led the whole first half until the final two minutes,

as Montreat went into the locker room up by five points. VI never again regained the lead as Montreat extended it to as much as 14 points in the second half behind 31 points from senior captain Leigh Jones. Jones made an amazing 20 of 24 free throws in the game and shot 5/13 from the field. Jennifer Brooks and Carla Brannock also respectively contributed 14 and 12 points.

In the finals, the Lady Cavs were upset by the #3, seed Tennessee Wesleyan College. The Ladies could not overcome a 30% shooting effort in which only two of Montreat's players scored in double digits: Penny Dowell had 15 points and Brooks finished with 11. Montreat never had the lead in the second half and lost by a final of 56-64.

Montreat's women will travel to Sioux Falls, Iowa, over spring break to play in the NAIA national tournament. The Lady Cavs currently hold a record of 24-9 for the season and hope to improve on that at the single elimination national tournament.

Choir to Present Diverse Program

By Karen Neal

Departing Saturday, March 3, the Montreat College Choir will travel over 1,500 miles to present their annual tour during their Spring Break. They plan to make their first appearance in Raleigh at Oakland Baptist Church on Monday, March 5, in King George, Va. From Virginia, the tour will travel to Washington D.C., where they will give their second performance at the National Cathedral on Wednesday, March 7. The choir will leave the capital city and give a concert on Thursday, March 8, at the Second Presbyterian Church, in Roanoke, Va. Friday, March 9, will welcome another presentation at the First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Va. While at the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, in Mechanicsville, Va., the choir will give their final performance on Sunday, March 11. The Montreat College Choir will return to campus Monday evening, March 12.

Renee Pittman, a music major, expects the tour to help the students "grow together as a choir." She also commented that, in comparison to choir tours in the past, this 2001 tour is expected to have "...more free time which makes for a less stressful and more enjoyable tour." In addition to their musical presentations, the choir will have free time to visit the Capitol, Mount Vernon, possibly historical Williamsburg and other places of interest. Jennifer Albertson expressed her hopes for

the tour that "...we can get past the worry of the notes and turn our hearts and minds towards a reflection on the Lord."

Ministry has played a key role in the choir's aspirations for the tour. Although their program is primarily American instead of sacred music, they hope to convey the message of the Gospel in their programs.

Those itinerant on the tour are the following choir members: Women: Jennifer Albertson, Leah Anderson, Marina Bassalina, Jennifer Coad, Krystie Compton, Breana DeLoach, Johanna Gledhill, Sarah Hicks, Amy Hunnicut, Alison Jones, Lindsay King, Megan Matthews, Hyoung-Mi Moon, Jennifer Phillips, Renee Pittman, Jennifer Sifford and Bonnie Whitworth. Men: Tory Albertson, John Anderson, Fred Dillingham, Aaron Gies, John Follett, John Payne, David Teague and Nathaniel Wright. Accompanying the choir will be Dr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, Kathryn Hilliard and Bob Graham.

SCA

The Student Christian Association is reawakening! At this time we are in a state of prayer and rebuilding. Our purpose is to, by God's grace, help Montreat become a unified community in the Lord. Please pray with us about our direction. Lord willing there will be a time of corporate prayer seeking the face of our God.

Spiritual Munchies...

By Jennifer Albertson

I have heard it said from many people that during their time here at Montreat they felt as if they lived in a 'bubble'. In brief, the Montreat College mission statement aims at rising up Christian leaders with the ability to discern and communicate truth "as agents of renewal and reconciliation in the world."* So, in light of this goal, if the 'bubble' is an intense time of training to prepare us for the world- it is helpful. On the other hand, if the 'bubble' is a perspective that is blind past the realm of our own life, like that of most American's in the 21st Century, it is very dangerous. Unfortunately, Montreat's 'Christian bubble' can be much more treacherous than the self-consumed perspective of

the average American. The life of Judas Iscariot sheds light on this truth. As most of us know, Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples that spent approximately three years walking with Jesus on earth 2000 years ago. Stopping a moment for reiteration, we must remember that Jesus was not any old guy. Judas walked, talked, listened, and lived day and night with the ALMIGHTY GOD in human form. Yet, somehow, he managed to close his ears to the truth and chose to be the instigator for the death of Jesus Christ! It does not make sense to any believer how Judas could turn on Jesus. Jesus loved Judas just as He loved the rest of His disciples. We see one example of the evidence for his love in John 13 when he washed all of the disci-

ples' feet, including Judas, knowing that Judas was going to betray Him. Judas' 'bubble' seemed to blind him from the truth and life that Jesus offered.

How many Judas' walk, talk, listen and live on this campus in a 'Christian bubble' as if they know Jesus Christ? How many of us are more like Judas than we realize? The Lord desires a relationship with each one of us, not just head knowledge of Him. Be honest. Live what it is you proclaim that you believe. People are watching and unfortunately making their decision for their eternal destiny based on the way in which professing Christians live.

*Entire mission statement can be found in 2000-2001 Montreat College Catalog pg.5

Letters to The Whetstone

After having received several issues of *The Whetstone*, I want to express my personal appreciation to all the staff who have made this remarkable publication happen. I know something like this requires extraordinary commitment and effort from many to succeed. Few things are more important at a small college than communication. Communication that originates from students has special credibility and great capacity for positive influence on the student body as well as on the faculty and staff. Warmest regards,

-William W. Hurt
President

Operation Tidybowl

By Donovan Campbell

I'll bet your toilet seems a lot more appealing than it did last Wednesday. That evening members of our SGA were roaming the halls with buckets of cleaning supplies and cool shades. Operation Tidy Bowl seems to have been a great success.

SGA members collected student signatures on the "Statement of Student Concerns." This was a letter to the administration and trustees spelling out major concerns of Montreat students. The concerns included computer lab hours, class scheduling, teachers' office hours, and more.

Let us make sure we support the SGA in their efforts to strengthen our college and community. They are definitely making themselves known; their dedication and influence will pave the way for a stronger SGA in the future.

SGA Minutes

Things continued to look good with the SGA when they met on Sunday night. All but two of the members were present; absent were Bonnie Whitworth and Katie Learned. Tory Albertson and Jonathon Bennett were present for help and support and Tim Tyson attended to discuss the forming of the SCA. Josh Peeler opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

The Constitution Committee reported that they are very close to finishing the revisions and rewrites to the constitution. They're set to meet Wed., Feb 28, at 5:00 for dinner in the private dining hall to finish this task and have the new constitution ready for revision before Spring Break.

Tim Tyson's short briefing on the SCA outlined their purpose and philosophy. He stressed that their main thesis is that they will be grounded in prayer. He also identified the group's three specific goals: prayer, study of the Word, and service and unity with the school body.

At last week's meeting President Jason Isler established a committee to draft a formal apology to the town of Montreat addressing any specific offences students of the college might have committed. This committee is designed to open and stimulate relations between students and the town as well as residents of Montreat. Sunday, the committee reported that they are still working on this and are specifically looking to identify actions warranting an apology.

The SGA then turned to the matters addressed in the Statement of Student Concerns, which was presented to students during Operation Tidy Bowl last week. Jason Isler is to talk to the Cabinet and see about flying the American flag on
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