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

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Legalization of Drugs is a Smart, Logical Choice

By Chris Bailey

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You see and hear it on the news every day: someone has been arrested or convicted for the possession of illegal drugs. To some, America is winning the war on drugs. But look and listen closely to what is actually taking place. People are being arrested, people are being charged, and people are being convicted. The war on drugs isn't about cutting down on the amount and availability of illegal drugs, it is war on human beings for getting involved with them. The truth is that America is losing the war on drugs, and something needs to be done. The solution is not more cops and stricter laws, for once again, that is war against human beings. The solution is legalizing these drugs, and once and for all ending this costly and ineffective war.

William J. Olson, who wrote an article titled "The Legalization of Drugs Would Be Harmful to Society," says that "...one would expect to see a corresponding number of lives cut short and other consequences" if drugs were legalized. For two reasons, this argument is not valid. For one, the availability of drugs has never been a problem. It is common knowledge that one can easily obtain most any drug of their choosing if they have the money. The legalization of drugs would not suddenly free-up millions of vials of crack for anyone and everyone to use. There would be a method to legalizing these drugs. If they were a marketable product, there would be

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Cannon, Cavalry, and the Civil War

By Donovan Campbell

The southern states united into the Confederate States of America and declared secession from the United States. President Lincoln determined that he wouldn't let that happen. These two cultures met on the battlefield and a new page was written into American history. At Antietam 23,100 men died, and an astounding 51,000 more were lost at Gettysburg. Sherman cut a cruel and calculated path of destruction through the south. Lee and Grant matched intellect and military prowess. In the end a riddled nation mourned the loss of some 600,000 beloved men and set to rebuild a drastically torn government and nation.

But what was it like on these battlefields? As the canons billowed forth pellets of death and thick smoke curled and whipped through the cool fall breeze, how strong was the panic in these young boys hearts? How unbearably would your head pound with that thunderous roar bouncing off your eardrums?

Thousands of people across the

country gather several times a year to discover what it was like to fight in these Civil War battles. Advent reenactors don the uncomfortable garb of the time, snatch up muskets and organize to do battle, once again, like it was done a hundred and fifty years ago.

Dr. Forstchen invites Montreat College to enjoy the opportunity of a glimpse into the Civil War. This Saturday, April 7, battle comes to Camp Rockmont. Many of you saw a similar demonstration last year. The 1st Tennessee Artillery group returns this year - with a whole lot more. The three-canon demonstration of last year proved such a success that Forstchen decided to do it again this year. However, the event has drastically escalated. Our Tennessee friends bring four canons with them this time. For an even more realistic touch, a group of about 60 infantry and four mounted soldiers will demonstrate the typical 19th century soldier. "Also participating," boasts Dr. Forstchen, "is an accomplished sniper with an original Whitworth rifle." Dr. Forstchen has lined up some special guests and speakers like Prof. Dennis Showalter, one of the world's leading experts on 19th century military technology. With a glitter in his eyes, Forstchen anticipates at least 1,000 spectators eager to witness the destructive power of the Civil War weaponry. It all starts at 1:00 pm and lasts until 6:00. Dinner will be provided to all students and lunch and dinner will be made possible for all.

Howerton, Room 105

By Donovan Campbell

The key turned slowly in the lock and then the door swung open. A startled older gentleman caught the eye of an embarrassed tour guide. There before him stood 9 jr. high students hoping to get a look at the typical Montreat College dorm room. Rather than be put out, he took the time to meet and talk with all 9 of the students. Then the exact same thing happened just about thirty minutes later. Of course he responded the same as earlier and met 9 more jr. high visitors. As a matter of fact, guest speaker and performer George Fischhoff claims, "those 18 jr. high students were the highlight of my day."

That's the kind of guy George is. George is quickly becoming known on college campuses throughout the nation as the listener. Setting an astounding record amongst his contemporaries, George grows close to the end of his 55-campus tour, and they will have all been visited in just 60 months!

A composer by trade, George Fischhoff travels the country both as a Staley lecturer and a musical performer. A few decades ago he made a name for himself in rock music. His two biggest hits, "98.6" and "Lazy Day", both climbed the charts to become top five hits in their time. He wrote songs for some 40 to 50 top albums and his music has been sung by big names like The Monkees. He also boasts great musical play success. In 1970 he was the youngest person on Broadway with his short-lived musical "Gorgy", which he currently works on reviving. George also

wrote the music for James Michener's "Sayonara" which proved a smash hit in New York's Paper Mill Playhouse.

Today George spends most of his time speaking to colleges. He enjoys performing his one man musical "Shepherd". Running for over eight years now, this show been very well received on all campuses. Last night George delivered an intense performance to a crowd of Montreat students and guests. Presenting a rather unique narrative on the life of King David, George challenges his listener's minds. As sophomore Josh Peeler put it, "He said 'I'll give you something to think about; I'm still thinking.'" George's gleeful eyes, balding head, and warm smile all glistened with passion as he spoke, sang, and

enlivened the piano in Gaither Chapel.

In fact, the performer grew so lively that O.E. major Daniel Lee, sitting in the front row, thought, "The man is going to have a heart attack and I'm going to have to give him CPR on stage." Fortunately George held out through the entire powerful performance.

But George asserts that all these appearances are about the students themselves. "The most important thing to me now is when I

talk about the Bible, not the show," George explains. He continues with his self-definition, "I am the guy who wants to help students. I'm available any time of the day." He encourages everyone here at Montreat to call him with any questions or problems. George will be here all weekend and can be reached at 7105, room 105 in Howerton. He longs to talk with you, and believe me he is great for both stories and advice.



George Fischhoff gives a teaser for "The Shepherd"

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Spiritual Munchies...

By Jennifer Albertson

What is our most normal and natural reaction when something happens that makes us mad, upset, or frustrated (whatever you want to call it)?... Obviously, our normal reaction is to talk to someone about it.

Naturally, the next question is, who is the first person that you turn to? Or maybe the question should be worded, who should be the first person that we turn to?

Moses had to deal with this issue throughout his entire life. For example, the people that he was called to lead were constantly complaining and being upset with Moses. They complained to him when they were in Egypt, and Pharaoh ordered the slave drivers to work the Israelites harder. So, Moses turned his complaints to God. Then, after that problem was over and they were delivered from Egypt, they arrived at the Red Sea. With Pharaoh's army fiercely approaching, the people complained to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die?..." (Ex. 14:11) Moses reassured them that God would deliver them and then turned his complaints to God.

Although this is a common occurrence in Moses' life, we begin to see a pattern in his reaction. Moses does not first turn to his brother Aaron, sister Miriam or even to his wife. Instead, Moses first turned to God.

We can really learn valuable lessons from Moses and the way he reacted to things that upset him. I know that it is a "Sunday School" answer, but we must turn to God FIRST! We, being a small school, seem to especially have a problem with complaining and gossip. It is so easy to find "the dirt" on someone else or complain to the first person that we see about something else that is going on. The Bible warns us against gossip, complaining and all other slanderous talk.

God knows the heart, and He knows the words of our mouths before we speak. We each have a problem with controlling our tongues (James 3). But, I plead with the LORD that He will teach each of us at that moment, when every ounce of our being desires to let that bit of non-edifying talk jump out and latch on to the nearest ear, how to tame our tongues and turn to Him FIRST with every request, complaint, thought and deed. God is so good, and He desires that we love Him with everything that we are; don't be afraid to turn to Him FIRST!

Letters to The Whetstone

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your editorials. Simply e-mail them to us at whetstone@montreat.edu

Government by the politicians, for the politicians and of the politicians must now come to an end. The barbaric wars of intervention, the extortionary taxes, the eloquent lies, the shakedown of businesses for campaign contributions as well as the perpetual manipulation of the American people by the amoral politicians and their hidden special interest sponsors has become intolerable. Wars are initiated by presidential politicians to enhance their historical image and poll numbers, c.f. Operation Desert Storm or the unconstitutional war against Yugoslavia. Fictional threats to national security are invoked by the purchased politicians to justify foreign military actions and the continued development of the immoral chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass annihilation.

Trillions of tax dollars are channeled to create a non-Christian New World Order where God is cast aside as He already is in public education and at the United Nations. Terrible moral crimes such as abortion are legislatively sanctioned by the compromised politicians, facilitated by

SGA Suggestion Convo

By Tim Tyson

In a major play to get students involved with the inner workings of the school; the SGA has set up a series of question and answer convos. This past Tuesday's was the first in a four-week session. The main purpose of which, was to have a question and comment time for most of the convo on Admissions and Financial Aid.

The new brochure going out to prospective students was first on the docket. Lisa Lankford stressed the fact that Montreat College does not want to sell a lie, and opened up the floor to feedback. A sample of the pamphlet was passed out to those present to read and comment on.

Following that was a little spat over financial aid. Some students voiced concerns over the stability of the scholarship packages. Also a request

was made to look into a room with scholarship information where students could go and look up outside scholarships even though the school already has many books with scholarship information already in the Library.

All in all there were many mixed emotions about the productivity of the hour. Some students walked away with a better understanding of Montreat College, some walked away offended by an off comment, and some walked away with another punch in their chapel card.

There will be three more meetings on other aspects of the college. This is your chance as the student body to participate in a very active and powerful way. Come out with your questions and your comments. The school needs to hear from you.

Activity Schedule!

Friday, April 6

1:00 pm Open Student meeting time with George Fischhoff in Cafeteria

Saturday, April 7

1-6:00 pm Civil War Symposium and Live Fire Demonstrations at Camp Rockmont

Sunday, April 8

1:30 pm Tennis v. Newberry

Tuesday, April 10

11:00 am SGA Suggestion Meeting, Gaither
1:30 pm Baseball v. Limestone

1:30 pm Tennis v. Limestone

9:00 pm Talent Show

Wednesday, April 11

2:00 pm Baseball v. South Wesleyan University