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Verse of the Week

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

By Tim Tyson

On Monday January 21, Montreat and the rest of the country celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

A holiday that was celebrated as "a day on not a day off" as was expressed in an E-mail sent out from President Hurt.

In observance of the holiday, the Student Government held a panel discussion, emceed by Anderson Rep. Sarah Ennis. The panel consisted of 3 speakers who outlined the ways that M.L.K. Jr. has affected their lives.

Among the panelists were Professor Rob Anderson, Chaplain Bill Cain, and Father Gerard Freeman of the "Church of the Incarnation."

Through these panelists' discussions, a wide variety of experiences were reflected in the lives of

these three men. However, the same over arching theme was that they were, in the words of Father Freeman, "glad recipients of the fruit of another man's work."

In regard to the convo, President Hurt commented, "This was great and spontaneous, in the sense that it came from the students. It was a privilege to be a part of it."

The SGA has spent much time discussing the holiday and

how it should be celebrated at this school. After taking a poll of interested students, it was decided that a convo dedicated to the life and impact of MLK, Jr.'s life would be the best option.

SGA President Adam Schultz expressed that this was "so much better than taking the day off."

For many years, Montreat did not



The Cannon Foundation Grant

Montreat College received a grant earlier this fall of \$100,000 from The Cannon Foundation of Concord, North Carolina. The grant will be used to expand its new Black Mountain campus, In the Oaks. Speaking for The Cannon Foundation, Executive Director Frank Davis said: "The Foundation is aware of the fine work being done by Montreat College, and we are glad to have a part in supporting its program."

Montreat College recently purchased the 70-acre In The Oaks estate, which includes the Manor House of the late Franklin S. Terry. Classes are already being held in the Manor House's restored rooms.

Montreat College President, William W. Hurt, revealed that: "It is our dream to eventually restore the Manor House, a national treasure, to pristine condition." On behalf of the entire Montreat College community, Hurt expressed to

We Look Like Men of War

Dr. Bill Forstchen, professor of history at Montreat College, did his doctoral thesis on the 28th U.S. Colored Troops who fought during the Civil War. Dr. Forstchen's book, *We Look Like Men of War*, arrived in bookstores in November.

officially recognize this day but it was not the only one according to student Susan Powers. "No other school I have been to has done anything for MLK, Jr. Day and this was really awesome."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Blood Drive



By Linda Thompson

Hi Everyone! Well, believe it or not, it's time for another blood drive! TUESDAY FEB. 5TH 11AM- 4PM BLOODMOBILE in Gaither parking lot. Please call ext 5003 or E-mail lthompson@montreat.edu for a time slot. Think of your donation as an early Valentine's gift for someone!! Thanks & God Bless!

The Cannon Foundation and its Board of Directors his "sincerest and heartfelt appreciation . . . for their interest and support of this project which is so vital to the future of Montreat College."

Forstchen, well known in the community, is also the author of best-selling Science Fiction Civil War series *The Lost Regiment*. He was Newt Gingrich's coauthor on the best-selling alternate history novel *1945* and was coeditor of the nonfiction anthology *It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time*.