

# Spiritual Munchies...

By Jennifer Albertson

"Mankind was created different..."

In Tolkien's, *Lord of The Rings*, the Elves of Middle Earth seem to be the favorite characters of most fans. This is not without reason; the Elves have a light walk, keen ears, swift shot, surpassing depth of wisdom, and immortal life.

Unlike the Elves, the race of men does not seem quite as magnificent. But, I would beg to differ. There is something different about the race of men that one will not necessarily learn by just watching the movie. The Elves were created to have immortal life on earth. They could die only if they wished to die or if they were killed. But, after they died, they were still confined to earth. On the other hand, when a man died his soul left the earth.

There is something special about the race of men, not only in the story, *Lord of the Rings*, but also in another story. This second story is ours.

We were created to be different from any other created thing; we learn this in the first chapter of the book of Genesis. We had a special relationship with God. But, when the first man and woman sinned against the God of the Universe, the relationship was broken. In fact, the people of the Old Testament were charged in Deuteronomy that "each one shall be put to death for his own sin" (24:16).

Knowing this charge against man, the angels in heaven must have watched in wonder when this same God of the Universe became a baby boy who was born in a manger. Imagine their reaction to Him being born in a dirty manger from the womb of a woman! Then, at the end of His life, He was arrested, questioned, falsely accused, persecuted, beaten, stripped, and then nailed to a cross. I am sure that the angels were all anxious to come and smite the men and women who were doing this to their God. They would have come if only Jesus would have muttered the words. But, He never called on them to come; instead, He died, bearing the sins of all mankind. Not only this, but He, who was completely without sin and therefore not condemned to death, chose to die in our place. This fulfilled the charge against mankind in Deuteronomy 24:16.

We are created different from all other created things. Even the angels that encompass the throne of God will never experience or understand the love that God has for man.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."—John 3:16.

# Jesus South of the Border

By Tim Tyson

This Spring Break, Chaplain Bill Cain will take a group of 15 to 20 students to the Bahamas for a week long mission trip. This will be from Thursday, March 21 to Friday, March 29.

Once in the Bahamas, the mission will take place at the Adventure Learning Centre (ALC) located in Nassau. Here, it is expected that they will participate in repair work, painting, and cleaning. It is also estimated that there will be a significant amount of time spent with the children of the camp. But most of all, there will be a whole week of sharing God's Love to people in

another country.

The ALC is a camp in the Bahamas open to all elementary children. Its website calls it "An outdoor education experience designed to bring the wonders of God's creation together with the curiosity of kids!" More information on the camp is available at [www.alcbahamas.org](http://www.alcbahamas.org)

Overall, the trip is estimated to cost from \$650-690.00. However, some of the students interested are trying to develop fundraising events to help defray the cost of the trip. As of Monday, there are about 13 Montretians interested in going on the trip.

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# Madrigal Dinner

By Holly Sherrer

The Montreat College Choir Madrigal Dinner, a Music Department sponsored event, will take place in Gaither Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8. The Madrigal is an enchanting celebration of the late medieval and early renaissance period that combines authentic foods with first-class entertainment.

Imitating a medieval feast, the lords and ladies of the manor, played by faculty and their spouses (including the Van Brocklins, Forstchens, and Sullivans), will enter the hall in elaborate costumes. During the dinner, which features a variety

of medieval foods, members of the Montreat Choir and other students will give performances. Some characters include Tarbell Patten as a monk, Tory Albertson as the court jester, and Earnest Wince as a minstrel.

The price for the event is \$25 per person, and proceeds from the event will help fund future tours of the Montreat College Choir. If the dinner is not filled, Montreat students will be offered a first come, first serve 50% discount from the ticketed price. For more information, call the Music Department at 669-8012 extension 3771.

# Academia Goes to War?

By Dr. William R. Forstchen

America is gearing up for war and where does academia fit in?

We who teach in the universities and colleges of America once had a proud tradition when our nation faced times of peril. It was the great intellectuals of this country who helped frame the moral and political arguments of our fight for Independence. During the Civil War, on both sides, entire university classes filled the ranks and college professors won undying glory for their heroism and self sacrifice. In both World Wars campuses trained officers, did crucial research, and above all else were centers of intellectual support for our national effort.

So what about today?

The answer, in short. . . gutless silence, or worse, borderline treason.

It's the new tradition in American academia to demonstrate, at best, a cool disdain for military action and our government in times of military crisis, or to display outright hostility which quickly escalates to open hatred of America, its armed forces, and any who dare to voice support for that military effort.

I've heard a lot in the last month about the need to respect freedom of speech on college campuses, no matter how loathsome and heinous the statements, such as the barbaric spewings of women's studies professor Thobani from the University of British Columbia who, at a

conference in Ottawa, expressed a fervent wish for our complete and utter defeat and received a standing ovation from her peers.

Freedom of Speech? Don't kid yourself, there is no such thing as freedom of speech in today's academic world. For thirty years college campuses have been dominated by a Leftist Thought Police that would have been the envy of McCarthy or Hitler. The wreckage left in its wake, careers terminated, careers which never

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