

From The Editors Corner

Trusted with Little

By Tim Tyson

As a student here at Montreat, I have seen many positive and negative things occur as far as student life is concerned. There have been many attempts to build a student community here and many meetings and sidewalk chats to try and create a better life for students. Lately there have been many complaints as to the rights and limitations that students enjoy here at school.

In an anonymous attempt to improve life in a guy's dorm, a prayer map appeared in the hallway of third floor Howerton. However, it appears to have been met with vulgar opposition. The world prayer map and a highlighter appeared a few weeks ago. Next to the map was a request for passers-by to highlight a city and pray for it. For about a week and a half it appeared that cities began to be highlighted and more than likely prayed for.

This concept seems appropriate for a Christian environment, does it not? I think it even reflects a sense of mature students wanting to reach out in a Christ-like way. However, the current condition of the map seems to reflect a different light on the character of some aspects of a guy's dorm. The map has now turned into an eye sore with profanity written on it and a Zorro "Z" slashed in it. It has also turned into a place for little notes to be left for various individuals. Senior Jonathan Loss commented "I think it's sad that they would deface something good that someone tried to do."

Rather than continue on as a benefit to the hall, it has turned into an embarrassment for anyone that passes by. In response to the situation, RA Jeremy Burnett comments that he is "Disappointed but not surprised...I knew it was a matter of time, but I didn't expect the cursing." Jeremy has plans to put up another map to show that this is not a one-time thing. Hopefully, it will remain in the spirit with which it is offered and not become yet another reason why "nice things" do not belong in guy's dorms.

If students wish to discuss serious social change with the administration to have them stop treating them like children, then it is imperative that students stop giving them excuses. There are many opportunities for great improvements at this school but if there is no trusting the general population with little, then there is no way that they can be trusted with much.

Students can send their Letters to the Editor at Whetstone@montreat.edu



A big thanks to over 50 student volunteers who participated in this year's Keystone Scholarship Fund phonathon! Because of their willingness we surpassed our goal of \$55,000! So, for all of you students who receive scholarships, if you see someone walking around with a 'Got Money' t-shirt on be sure to give them your personal thanks! These volunteers raised some of the money that puts you through school!

Spiritual Munchies...

By Jennifer Albertson

"Bible and Religion majors have it the hardest..."

The Bible and Religion majors have it the hardest... I am not talking about schoolwork, profession, or anything like that. Instead, I am talking about our calling, not only as Bible majors but also as Christians.

The Pharisees and scribes of Jesus' time probably knew the Word of God better than all the people that pass through Montreat. They spent their entire life pouring over the scriptures, memorizing, reciting, rewriting, etc. Yet, Jesus calls them hypocrites! He tells them that they take too much pleasure in being acknowledged before men. They are told that they are following the laws, but not seeking God in their heart and life. So, basically these were honest men who sought to do right before God, and yet Jesus tells them that they are not walking the walk! (Refer to Matthew 23.)

So, what do Pharisees have to do with Bible majors and all other Christians? It is a humbling message of truth telling us that it is not about knowing the Scriptures; it is about knowing Jesus! It is not about doing good works; it is about Jesus. It is not about being acknowledged before men; it is about being a servant of Jesus Christ. Jesus says that He is the "way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Being a Bible and Religion major, I have seen the humbling reality of this truth. I know that people watch Christians closely, and they especially watch the Bible and Religion majors. Do not let the inside of your cup be rotten while the outside is sparkly white. People see through to your heart and are influenced by the way in which you live your life. In fact, though it is harsh, I know of people that have actually walked away from the Lord because of OUR hypocrisy as a proclaiming Christian. Folks, this is real! Your life, as a Christian, will influence others.

Seek Jesus. You are not perfect; He is! Seek to know your shortcomings in light of the surpassing greatness and power of our God! My prayer is that we would all seek to serve and to love God, growing in His hope, wisdom, and grace. Continue each day to ask Jesus to be the Lord over all aspects of your life! He will mold you into a great and humble servant!

More Than Just a Belly Button?

By Sarah Wolfe

The words "belly dancing" usually bring to mind images of ultra skinny women with flat stomachs and long dark hair, flaunting their scantily clad bodies about. And, well, that is quite an accurate picture! However, there is much more to this art form than its stereotype suggests!

No one is quite sure where belly dancing first originated, but it is found in the history of many countries, like Egypt, Turkey, and the Middle East. Historically, belly dancing was first used during childbirth. Dancing helped women during labor to let their body flow along with a contraction, to help

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