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## Verse of the Week

O Lord, my heart is not proud,  
nor my eyes haughty; Nor do I  
involve myself in great matters,  
Or in things too difficult for  
me. Surely I have composed and  
quieted my soul... (Psalms 131:  
1-2a)

## Schultz, SGA Open Dorms

By Donovan Campbell

On Tuesday night S.G.A. approved President Adam Schultz' policy that grants 84 hours of visitation each week. This proposal requests that visitation be allowed between the hours of 12pm and 12am.

The current policy allots only 20 hours of visitation between the hours of 6-11 pm weekdays and 2-11 pm weekends. Rival CCCU member King College allows slightly more visitation time with a total of 36 hours. On the other extreme, Milligan College permits only a few hours every other weekend. "We've found that most of our students don't want more visitation. They like their privacy and space," claims Director of Student Life Julie Ray.

One requirement of Montreat residents demands "doors to be opened approximately 45 degrees when members of the opposite sex are visiting." The Residence Life staff support R.D. Kathy Wince in asserting, "The doors are left open not because we want to be strict, but in case there's a safety problem. That way we can get in without the door being shut and locked." Davis R.A. Rob Breinich feels differently, "They're making choices for us. You learn from making your own choices."

Another requirement states that desk sitters must be present to sign guests in and out. The S.G.A. proposal makes this requirement obsolete. Rob Breinich supports the S.G.A. proposal, "If the R.A.s are really doing their jobs, then we

don't need desk sitters." But, Dean of Students Charlie Lance advocates, "Visitation is the safest time in the dorms because the desk sitters are there."

Dean Lance admits, "We aren't happy with what we have. We want to rethink it with the students." Kathy Wince continues his thought, "But we need to listen to the students and find what they want. We need to add hours when they'll actually be used." The S.G.A. proposal provides both sides a starting point from which to reach a final decision. "It's a negotiation process. We're just hoping to give the students as much freedom as possible," explains S.G.A. Vice-President Woody Quinn.

*For a portion of the SGA proposal, please turn to page 7.*

## Changes in the O. E. Department

By Karen A. Neal

The Outdoor Education Department proposed fewer required courses in the major, which may become effective within the next academic year. Students, faculty, and The Program Review from 2001 contributed helpful suggestions for future changes in the OE program.

The OE majors, who make up 10% of the Montreat College student body, may see reduced course hours expected for their major requirements.

Because of the level of coursework required, the current OE program discourages students from pursuing minors within their interests other than Environmental Studies. The goals for the changes were

to increase flexibility within the major and to allow minors such as Business, History, and English.



Aimee, Betsy, and Danny, just a few of the OE students at Montreat.

Krystal Braidwood, the student representative for the major, explained that The Program Review from 2001 primarily influenced the motion to make changes in the department. Two professionals in the OE field outside Montreat visited the college last year and completed this thorough review of the

OE major. Braidwood assures students that the OE Department is the same program, but will emerge next year with improved curriculum.

Braidwood expressed excitement for the new students in the major and declared that potential changes will be "giving students options in what direction they want to pursue." After the Academic Affairs finalize the plans for the OE major, Department Coordinator, Professor Dottie Shuman states, "It will go before the faculty Wednesday, March 6."

## SGA Minutes

By Renee Pittman

The meeting was called to order at 9:10, and Adam opened with prayer.

There was a motion by Tim and seconded by Vince, that George White be voted in as Howerton Dorm Representative. The motion

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