

## SGA Minutes

-Staff Reports  
February 24, 2003

### Members present:

Jonathan Bennett, Lindsay King, Nathan Swift, Tim Tyson, Adam Combs, Ashley Presson, Lucas Fisher, Kelly Cleveland, Graham Ottley  
Lindsay King opened with prayer at 7:06 p.m.

### Club Budgets:

Whetstone and FCA Budgets approved

### Hands and Feet agenda:

H & F will be April 5. It is a local wide area project involving many

students from this campus volunteering free labor for a day. There were a 100 people last year.

Ashley, Kelley and Kaylin volunteered to join the committee. The SGA will need to advertise H & F to students and create a volunteer form.

### SGA Elections:

Need help with facilitating them March 18 and 25 during convocation. Executive elections will be March 18, and legislative March 25. Dorm representatives will be elected in dorm lobbies, the evening of March 25.

## Pepsi Wins

March 1st will mark Pepsi's new exclusive contract with Montreat College. Coke products will no longer be available at the cafeteria, bookstore, or vending machines.

The college asked both Coke and Pepsi to offer contract proposals and according to Dirk Wilmoth, Vice President of Finance and Technology "Pepsi had a better offer."

The deal includes athletic sign sponsorship, increased promotional giveaways for students.

So far reactions have been mixed. Statistics show that in Montreat the 70% of students are Pepsi drinkers. This aided Cokes decision to back out.



## Student Catacombs

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tahs in Christ," says Jeff Walker.

Cyndy Fike and Drew Stewart teamed with Jeff Walker to fire up Catacombs. Aimee Schimpf and Jackie Raffa, Will Tosch, Matt Jones add their musical talents to the mix and invite others to join.

Drew Stewart explains, "We do what we do for the glory of God and not ours."

Catacombs worship integrates music from a variety of sources, but some of the favorites come from the Passion CD, Waterdeep, and classic hymns. Students also suggest what-

ever they want to sing. Musicians beat drums, strum guitar, and play flute and piano together, to lead the group.

"I think the vision for Catacombs is for the student body at Montreat to seek the truth of Christ with an honest heart. We all mess up; but we need to come back to the Father. We

want Catacombs to be used by God for that return," says Walker.

Walker explains, "We are growing and learning about leading worship each week and day. We talked about possibly incorporating a Bible study in it, but for now, it's a time to worship God honestly."

## Letters to the Editor

This is a letter to the person who felt it was necessary to silence the voice of millions of civilians, to shut out the opinions of others and who thought it was no longer proper to love your enemy. First, I want to apologize for any feelings that were offended due to the signs asking for donations to aid Iraqi civilians. I understand that as a controversial issue, people will disagree, which is FINE. However, I will not apologize for posting the signs.

Secondly, I wish to address some assumptions I felt were made after reading these signs. Please read carefully. This is what the signs DO NOT say. They do not state that Iraq was innocent. They do not say that we do not support America. They do not say we didn't mourn over September 11. They do not advertise anything that goes against Jesus' teachings. Please understand that.

By aiding those in need, be they your neighbor or someone around the world whom you will never meet, you are doing two things: loving your enemies and being an example of Christ's love.

I'm not sure I understand the

disrespect that was displayed by tearing down the poster in the Student Center. When it was defaced, that was blatant disregard for the Bible. Matthew 6:42-48 demands compassion; we merely asked for spare toiletries. You do not have to help others, but don't rob your peers of the joy of giving to those less fortunate. Jesus himself commands us to do so; "For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink..." The righteous will then ask when did we see you? Jesus, the King of all Kings will reply, "I assure you, when you did it to the least of these my brothers, you were doing it to me." (Matthew 25:35-)

In closing, I want to thank you. In doing the selfish act of destroying that poster, you enabled me to write this despite the anger and disgust that I feel. I feel compelled to show God's love through understanding your motives and respecting you; it is difficult, however, to reciprocate something such as respect when it was not presented to me in the first place.

-Beth Rush

## Living Water

By Johanna Wright

### To Sin or Not to Sin? Exploring Temptations

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Hebrews 4: 14-16

In a world riddled with sin and evil, temptation is an ever-present reality for us all. Culture emphasizes our 'right' to indulge our every desire as we 'live-it-up' and make the most of our one shot at life. We may not be able to avoid temptation, even Jesus faced temptations, but because of Christ's victory over temptation we have the ability to overcome it through the power of the Holy Spirit. We do not have to let temptation turn into sin.

We have assurance that though we face temptations, we do not do it alone! Jesus Christ knows our weaknesses and is able to not only sympathize with us, but to enable us to overcome our struggles. Friends, we will fail in the face of temptation every single time if we are not seeking our Lord and drawing on his strength. I urge you to deprive Satan of his foothold in your life wherever it may be, and allow Christ to deliver you from sin through his abundant grace and mercy.

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