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Lindberg Discusses Vision for Future



Dr. John S. Lindberg, Montreat College's sixth president, will be sworn in at an inaugural service to be held in Montreat on April 24, 2003

Interview Conducted
by Lindsay Mayer

Dr. John S. Lindberg will be sworn in as the sixth President of Montreat College on April 24, 2003. He has been actively pursuing his vision for Montreat College since assuming his duties in July of 2002. I recently had the opportunity to sit down and talk to Dr. Lindberg and he shared his thoughts on several topics and his vision for Montreat College.

Q: What is the significance of your April 24th inauguration?

A: It is a celebration. It is the time when the president is officially installed by the board [of trustees] in a way of high ceremony, and responds to the board and the gathered community, saying, 'I accept this role, and let me tell you how I see the future of this institution.'

Q: Why has the ceremony been scheduled for April, a semester and a half into your presidency?

A: There are two customary times that colleges inaugurate their presidents. It's usually done in October, and sometimes it's done in April. Montreat has a history of April inaugurations; Mr. Hurt was inaugurated in April of his first year. We're following that tradition.

Q: Has your vision for Montreat changed since first learning you were to assume the presidency?

A: In large measure it has not. Being in Christian higher education - theological education - for the last 18 years, I've known of Montreat. When you're in education, you do more than just say 'I know of the school.' You start to try to understand the differences and unique aspects of each school. So I've known of Montreat and what makes it special, for the last 15-plus years.

When we went through the search process, I did more study, trying to understand the potential future of Montreat. [In conversation with the board,] I initially had to create the type of dialogue where we could talk about vision for the future to make sure that what I was seeing, and the potential that might be there, was consistent with where the board was. It is important that as we move together in a partnership, it will be a consistent vision. What has developed is a clearer strategy to see that vision come to pass.

Q: What is your five year projected plan for student growth?

A: This is the art and joy of
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Roxy Hines Memorial Softball Park Opens to the Public

By Alex Miller, Director of College Advancement

Montreat College will dedicate a new softball park April 5. Charlotte businessman Morris Warino named the field for his late wife Roxy Hines, a Montreat College student in the School of Professional and Adult Studies in Charlotte, NC, who died from injuries in a car accident on November 18, 1999.

The Lady Cavalier Softball program will unveil its new home field as the Roxy Hines Memorial Softball Park opens its gates for the first time to the public, Saturday April 5. Opening ceremonies will immediately precede the Lady Cavs playing host to Milligan College in a big Appalachian Athletic Conference doubleheader.

The new facility is located on Montreat College's Black Mountain campus on the site of

the Terry Estate know as In The Oaks off Vance Avenue in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

The day's activities will include comments from both Dr. John S. Lindberg, president of Montreat College and John Sullivan, Director of Athletics. Michael Begley, mayor of Black Mountain, will throw the ceremonial first pitch.

Family and friends of Morris and Roxy will attend ceremonies hosted by President Lindberg. "The naming gift for our new softball park was a significant part of a successful \$5 million capital campaign to purchase our Black Mountain Campus," says

Lindberg. "We are pleased and grateful for the generosity of Mr. Warino and

the many others who helped make this possible."

John Sullivan, Director of Athletics beams, "We've come a long way! When I became the Director of Athletics in 1997, we were play-

ing softball at the Black Mountain Primary School and soccer on our baseball field in Montreat. That year, we built a competition softball field on land loaned to us by the Presbyterian Children's Home in Black Mountain."

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Admissions Rise as College Seeks 100-Student Increase

By Tim Tyson and Becca Snyder

Admissions have jumped up from last year's record-breaking new-student surge. As of the first week in March, the college boasts a 15% increase in applications, a 28% boost in acceptances, and a 300% swell in deposits.

According to college president, Dr. John S. Lindberg, "We are not a financially healthy institution at the size we are." He hopes for an increase of 100 students in the next few years, which would enable the cabinet to evaluate plans for institutional growth in the future.

The Admissions and Financial Aid offices work together to encourage students to make Montreat College their first choice, and deposit early. In the recent past the college has approached this task from two starkly different angles.

Last year, the college offered

a residential rebate, which took the form of a financial agreement between incoming students and the college that if the student stays on campus for their four years the college would "refund" their room and board. This arrangement totaled \$2,500

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Verse of the Week:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6
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