

Meet Montreat

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We've selected a few students to share their spring break experiences. Here are just a few tales of adventure and extraordinary happenings.



- D. Stewart

Freshman basketball player Anna Shaver shares. "I went to Vancouver, Canada to visit my brother and hang out with friends. Although it rained the whole time, I went shopping, ate sushi, and got to catch up with my brother. It was a great trip and good to get away from Montreat. I also saw Carol McMahan in the airport and that was really cool, she went to Vancouver



- D. Eberhardt

Freshman Erin McGuire "went to a local Pee Dee Pride hockey game in Florence, SC. During one intermission, the teams held a Port a-potty race for the fans. The object was to see which group of contestants could get dressed in full hockey gear the quickest. Many were falling on the ice trying to get the gear on before the buzzer went off. It was hilarious to watch."



- File Photo

Sophomore Vince Norfleet didn't have as much fun as some during break: "My lower right and lower left molars had cavities in them so one morning at 9am I had to go to the dentist. First they filled the two molars and then cleaned my teeth. I had my mouth propped open for two solid hours. The next day I was back at 8am for more dental fun. They filled the other two molars, and now my teeth are nice and healthy. My next dental appointment is May 16th at 1 p.m."



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Freshman Jeb Berkeley spent his whole vacation rock climbing in Tennessee with Douglas Swords and Graham Ottley. "We climbed from 9 a.m. to sunset and ate tons of food! Pizza one night, spicy chili the next, chili night was interesting. Our tents smelled so nasty the next morning. Also, we didn't take a shower for 7 days. But we met a lot of people from all over - Canada, New Hampshire, Alabama, Iowa, and Georgia."

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on the stones that will eventually restore the gate. Sawyer has laid cement for many Montreat projects, including some of the parking lots. He admits, "I am trying my best to match it with the surrounding stone and make it rough looking. We have more solid, good quality cement than they did 80 years ago."

According to Pam Snipes, Montreat town administrator, "all state [financial] support stops at the gate. The roads in Montreat

are not maintained by state funds from the Department of Transportation [DOT]. However, once a year the Powell Fund, money from gasoline tax, contributes around \$42,000 dollars to the town's roads. It is my understanding that if the gate were not there, the DOT would take over Montreat roads."

The Montreat gate belongs to the Conference Center, and although there have been past accidents and repairs involving the gate, Rachel Miller, public

relations manager, asserts, "it is a symbolic structure for Montreat residents, conferees, and countless others. We have never considered removing the Gate."

An engineer for City of Asheville adds, "The gate is old and cracking. Eventually it will have to be rebuilt, maybe in 15-20 years, maybe more. However, in order for it to be redone by the state's minimum standards, with steel and triple-A concrete, would cost around \$70,000."



A long-time symbol of Montreat, the gate is currently undergoing repairs from a recent accident. Repairs should be complete by April 1, 2003

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threats or attacks.

"I think that this area is pretty safe," says freshman Jessica Muller. "It's Montreat, and nothing happens in Montreat."

In case of any threat, Homeland Security instructs citizens to safeguard themselves through compiling a family emergency plan, storing enough food for three days for each member of the family, and educating themselves about the various types of threats that could occur.

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