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Chapel Band Packs Up to Rock SYATP Rally

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Early on September 17, 2003 several million middle and high school students from around the world circled their school's flagpole for the 14th annual See You at the Pole - National Day of Student Prayer (SYATP).

That evening Black Mountain area church youth groups hosted the 3rd after-the-event rally at Lake Tomahawk to press the importance of "really changing the next day at school and not going back to the way things were," according to Scott Davis, youth pastor for First Baptist

Church.

Members of the chapel band jammed with their new portable equipment for about 75 kids and adults from the area. This was just the type of outreach the new equipment was purchased for, according to Nathan Thomas, leader of the chapel band.

Thomas boasts that the new speakers, monitors, sound board, and microphones, "enhance the worship experience with a crisp and clear sound and allow for easy transportation."

"I wish our sound equipment was this good," admits David Tranthan,

senior at Owen High School and member of First Baptist youth group.

Chaplain Dr. Bill Cain bought the equipment from Hames Music in Gaffney, SC with money from the Chaplain fund. Throughout the last several years various churches have made donations to supplement the \$8,000 yearly budget, and the money from their giving provided for the extra purchase. Cain clarifies, "There is no way we could have purchased [the equipment] without the gifts from the churches."

In the past the chapel band and Montreat Presbyterian Church shared equipment. Thomas commented, "now we don't have to ask for permission to use it for any event."

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Van Brocklins Say Aloha to Montreat

April Heyward

Dr. Gary and Marlene Van Brocklin will relinquish their teaching positions in the Bible and Religion Department this December to join the pastoral staff at First Presbyterian Church in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In January, Dr. Van Brocklin will



-D. Stewart

gives us a chance to do that again."

The move will be a way to "continue the call of cross-cultural work," says Mrs. Van Brocklin. The couple worked in the mission fields of Latin America for 17 years. They have lived in Lima, Peru, La Paz, Bolivia, and Miami, Florida.

Senior Candace Kohli thinks Dr. Van Brocklin "brings in his view of the world from being a missionary in Bolivia and Peru. He teaches in light of that, and opens people's eyes to the fact that there is something other than white middle class suburbia."

To Dr. Van Brocklin, relocating to the island enables him to reunite with his past. "My childhood years were spent in Honolulu," he explains. When preaching at the church as part of the interviewing process, he was able to see high school and college classmates as well as old family members. "Some people I hadn't seen in forty years," he said.

For the eight years they have worked at Montreat, the Van Brocklins both strived to teach students "a concern for the larger world." They taught many classes for the Cross-Cultural concentration of the Bible and Religion Department, and incorporated past missionary experiences in their lectures.

Sophomore Stephanie Kates considers Dr. Van Brocklin's Foundations of Cross-Cultural Ministry class one

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Community Stands Strong During Presidential Search

Lyndsay Mayer

Former Montreat College president John S. Lindberg resigned his position in May 2003. The Asheville Citizen-Times linked Lindberg with allegations of an Internet scandal in association with a female minor, although official charges have yet to be filed.

The Board of Trustees unanimously elected Montreat College professor Dr. Don King as interim president until another president is appointed.

The presidential search committee continues to wade through a stack of applicants in the quest for finding the man or woman who will lead Montreat into the future. The com-

mittee's ideal president is someone able to demonstrate Christ-centered servant leadership with experience in fund raising and student recruitment, preferably in higher education.

Board of Trustees Chairman Bob Wynne reports record enrollment and retention at Montreat, as well as tremendous support from the community. The college received a \$50,000 anonymous contribution over the summer, in addition to a \$1000 gift from a Black Mountain schoolteacher who told interim president King she wished it could have been "ten times as much."

Wynne praises King for "doing an outstanding job in the healing process." Another faculty member

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"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

- Isaiah 55:12

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