

Dear Students...

I hope you are off to a great school year. By now you have probably had your first series of quizzes, tests, papers, and lab assignments. Of course, I know you are also fully engaged in friendships, small groups, athletic events, and just getting to know each other. Treasure these days. Get to know as many people as you can, experience the natural beauty of this area, and grow in your knowledge of Christ. College days are unique and have a charm you will yearn for in later years.

As you move through college, I encourage you to find a writer you can read for the rest of your life. It doesn't really matter whether the writer is well known to the rest of the world. All that matters is he or she "speaks" to you. Try to read everything you can by that person. In my own case, I have gone through periods when my "writer" was Edgar Allan Poe, Arthur Conan Doyle (author of the Sherlock Holmes detective stories), William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, and e. e. cummings. Later, after becoming a teacher, I found myself drawn to the great writers of world literature, including Homer, Virgil, Dante, Tolstoy, and Dostoyevsky as well as the giants of English literature such as Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Austen, the Brontës, Dickens, Browning, Tennyson, Joyce, Lawrence, and Yeats.

However, the one writer I always come back to is C. S. Lewis. If you don't know him, I urge you to pick up one of his *Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, or one of the three books in his Ransom space trilogy—*Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, and *That Hideous Strength*.

Lewis is definitely a writer you can read all your life, particularly if you are looking for someone who combines literary excellence, hard-nosed thinking, and a winsome faith in Christ. It is no exaggeration to say he was the most articulate Christian writer of the 20th century, especially in his appeal to readers across denominational lines. Although I never met him, through his books he became my greatest teacher and most influential mentor.

Look for that person who can become your "writer for life." You will never regret it, and I predict you will return to him or her year after year for aesthetic delight, intellectual stimulation, and spiritual insight.

Don W. King



1974 – first year as English professor at Montreat-Anderson College
 1981 – tenured
 1986-88 – Chairman, Humanities Division
 1988-92 – Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
 1993-2000 – Vice President, Dean of Academics and Associate Professor of English
 1999 – became Editor of *Christian Scholar's Review*
 2000-2001 – Professor of English
 2003 – appointed Interim President of Montreat College

Women's United Soccer Association Under Fire

Lyndsay Mayer

The 2003 U.S. Women's World Cup team began defending their title by crushing Sweden 3-1 on September 21. They must also contend with defending the existence of the WUSA, which was formed after the U.S. won the World Cup in 1999.

On Monday, September 15, the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) Board of Governors announced all operations would cease, effective immediately. Chairman of the Board John Hendricks cited "a shortfall in sponsorship revenue and insufficient revenue from other core areas of the business" as grounds for the league's collapse. (Credit: WUSA)

A committee was formed to investigate potential investors for the league's salvation. There currently exists \$100 million in the WUSA budget, but the decision to close operations was based on the contingency of severance packages to be paid from the \$100 million. An additional \$30 million to \$35 million is needed to keep the league up and running through the 2003-2004 season.

Montreat women's soccer team member Michelle Convey of Coventry, England, currently plays for the Asheville Splash, a semi-pro soccer

team that feeds into WUSA teams. Convey, a sophomore and Environmental Studies major, says, "we don't know how it will affect us [Splash players] but we play with the aim of progressing to the next level, being WUSA. If it's gone, there's nowhere to go."

Convey is doubtful that the WUSA will regain establishment, and forecasts the future of American women's professional soccer as bleak at best. "It seems like a waste of talent," says Convey, "and you're probably going to lose players to the European leagues, if they ever get formed."

U.S. team captain Julie Foudy is optimistic about the opportunity the team will have to receive press coverage throughout the duration of the World Cup. "I think it's a great rallying point," says Foudy, "I look at this team and our attitude is 'Bring it on. You think we're going to go down?'" (Credit: USA Today).

Several investors, previously unaware of the league's dire straits, have come forward to offer their sponsorship. The remainder of the money needed to sustain the league is expected to come from ticket and WUSA merchandise sales.

There are eight teams in the league, including the Carolina Courage based out of Cary, NC.

Cross Country Races in Brevard

Jenn Ramsey

Cavalier Cross-Country completed their third race of the season at the Land-O-Sky Invitational, held at Brevard College this Saturday, August 20.

The Lady Cavaliers finished in 9th place out of 11 teams, although hampered by the loss of freshman Katie Totten due to injury. With a flat 5-kilometer course and clear skies, the women's team ran their best times of the season.

In a race that featured 71 runners, Jenn Ramsey finished 18th in 22:35, Marina Ilminska (53rd) in 26:05, and Annie Garrett (56th) in 26:27. Garrett was followed closely by Kirsten Wynne, who ran a time of 26:32 to place 57th. Rounding out the team were Helen Tate, finishing with a vicious sprint to gain 63rd place with a time of 27:28, and Mary Jane Shafer, charging across the line to be 68th in 29:19.



Men's XC Team left to right Darrell Frick (SO), Jeremiah Weston (FR), Tarbell Patten (JR), Ben Brisben (FR), Adam Ripley (SO)

Due to an automobile accident suffered the day before by sophomores Adam Ripley and Darrell Frick, the men's team was unable to field a full squad, thus making them ineligible

for team competition. Ben Brisben also did not run, due to shin splints incurred during training.

Ripley had severe bruising and what he thought might be a cracked rib due to the accident, and watched the race from the sidelines.

Frick came in first for Montreat in the men's race, coming in 41st in 32:32 over the 8-kilometer course. Freshman Jeremy Weston came in 64th with a time of 38:11 and junior Tarbell Patton finished in 40:54 to score 70th.

Milligan College won both the overall men's and women's competitions.

The Cavaliers journey next to the Lees-McRae Invitational held at Lees-McRae College on October 4. Coach McMahaill encourages all those interested in running cross-country to contact him at extension 3409.



Women's XC Team left to right Jenn Ramsey (FR), Mary Jane Shafer (SO), Katie Totten (FR), Kirsten Wynne (SO), Annie Garrett (SO), Helen Tate (SO), Marina Ilminska (SO) (not pictured)



Movie Quotes

"I don't want to sell anything, buy anything, or process anything as a career. I don't want to sell anything bought or processed, or buy anything sold or processed, or process anything sold, bought, or processed, or repair anything sold, bought, or processed. You know, as a career, I don't want to do that." John Cusack as Lloyd Dobler *Say Anything*

- Submitted by Kortney Blythe

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