

BOV Attends Annual Meetings

by April Heyward

The Montreat College Board of Visitors plans to gather for their annual meetings from Friday, October 31 to Saturday, November 1.

The responsibilities of the Board of Visitors include representing the college with prospective students and prospective donors and giving occasional advice to the president. The board members are also asked to provide financial support to the college.

The weekend schedule will be busy

for the board members. "They are here for less than 24 hours so we try to do everything in our power to show them what Montreat is all about," says weekend coordinator, Anita Sayles.

The members are scheduled to attend a campus showcase, discussing the Discovery program, the Adult Studies Program, and the Bell Library's 30th anniversary. Tours of Montreat and Black Mountain Campus, a seminar about Gettysburg with Dr. William

Forstchen and Mr. Robert Boer, and a business session are also included in their schedule.

To become part of the Board of Visitors one must be nominated by someone from the college or by another board member. "The best thing we can do is to get people who not only are going to help what we need them to help with financially but are in a position to talk to teenagers," says Sayles.

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think that will be the height of the leaf season and everything is booked for the middle of the month."

Located in downtown East State Street, the building offers newcomers ideas of things to do around town by providing brochures, flyers, and other advertisement of businesses in the area. Volunteers are also on hand to greet and assist visitors or give directions if necessary. The Visitor Center staffs fifty-two volunteers, one full-time, and one part-time employee. Two volunteers work four-hour shifts that accommodate their schedule.

"The volunteers are well educated and do a good job helping visitors and answering their questions," comments

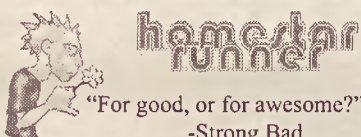
McMurray.

The visitor center represents part of the Black Mountain Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce, a 300-member business organization that promotes local economic development.

Throughout the year the chamber of commerce organizes such events as the Christmas Parade, Sourwood Festival, and the Taste of Black Mountain.

The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Black Mountain are not connected, but work together on special projects. "We'll meet with the board of directors a couple times a year to see if there are things we ask them to do, or they would like us to do," says McMurray. The Chamber tries to "encourage the town to do certain projects like trails, green ways, beautification projects, and things that would enhance the town," he continues. The chamber also has an economic development committee in which some members of town staff par-

ticipate. The current project for the committee is the development of an interchange off I-40 down on Blue Ridge Road. Plans have been in the works for five years. McMurray hopes that it will, "help take some of the traffic congestion out of the downtown and help develop the east side of town more economically."



"For good, or for awesome?"

-Strong Bad

"More like, YOU write a book about comeback jokes...NERD!"

-Strong Bad

Packin' It Up Whetstone and SGA soon to have new home

by Brittany Anderson

The Student Government Association and The Whetstone are moving.

Both organizations will now be on second floor Belk in the Prayer Room. This location will provide these groups better advertisement, and access for the students.

Dean Lance of Student Services suggested this location for use by the SGA and the student newspaper.

"The prayer room was in the middle of student activity and currently not being used for productive reasons." Commented Tim Tyson, editor for the Whetstone.

The two student organizations hope that the new location will get the student body more involved with the newspaper, and campus cares or concerns. The room will provide a place where students feel comfortable

bringing up issues or submitting their work.

On October 27 the SGA and Whetstone were given the "go ahead" to start moving in. The Prayer Room still lacks a lock on the door, Internet access, and phone access. This in turn hinders the move for these organizations. These organizations hope to be well established in their new office by mid-November.

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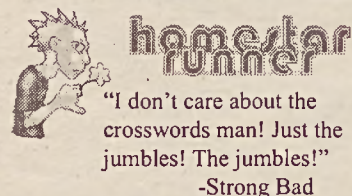
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SGA To Sponsor Thrift Store Prom

by April Heyward

SGA is planning a Thrift Store Prom for Saturday, November 15 from 8 to 12 at night. It's just a dance (a replacement to the Christmas dance) and it will be held at the Black Mountain Campus.



"I don't care about the crosswords man! Just the jumbles! The jumbles!"

-Strong Bad

Living Water

by Johanna Wright

Who is my Neighbor?

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:15-17

In the gospel of Luke (10:25-37), Jesus tells a parable on being neighborly. In the parable Jesus makes a Samaritan the good guy as he addresses an audience of Jewish religious teachers. In Jesus' day Jews and Samaritans thoroughly despised one another. They were rivals living in the same land, and this parable must have infuriated members of the Jewish audience as Jesus spoke of the 'good' Samaritan.

The point of the parable is that each of us is required to be loving and neighborly to all people. 'Neighbor' is not referring to spatial location or simply to people we call friends, but to those that we would despise in our hearts. In faith we are to reach out to those in need. As James puts it, our faith means nothing if it is not evident in the way that we treat others around us.

I think of the recent Warren Wilson fire that left many of our neighbors with absolutely nothing, and the way that Montreat responded. For years there has been sort of a barrier between Montreat students and Warren Wilson students. We have acted similarly to the Jews and Samaritans of Jesus' day, making no attempts to build relationships with our neighbors. In much the same way that the tragedy in the parable brought the Samaritan and the Jew together, the fire has enabled us to build bridges and reach out to our neighbors.

As we seek to follow Christ and respond to him, let us continue to seek ways to be neighborly as we minister to the needs of those at Warren Wilson and elsewhere.

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