

Sharpening Each Other



by Becca Snyder
soon to be Former Assistant Editor

After three years of fun, homework, and late nights in the Whetstone office, I'm packing up my books and three-ring binders to go explore the world outside of the cove. I'm ready.

I know that I will miss our community here, especially lunch table conversations with George White and chapels with Aaron Gies, Matt Cheezem, Ben Coleman and Nathan Thomas. I'll miss Monday wing night with the 4th floor Anderson girls. And I'll miss giant late-night tea parties, and spontaneous hikes up Lookout. I'll miss being challenged to think about theater, journalism, and my worldview.

If it were not for this community, I would not be prepared to explore the life that lies ahead of me. According to Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another," and this has been true of my time here. Montreat is full of people who have sharpened me – pushed me to grow.

I am stronger today because of people here who have stood by me, prayed for me, challenged me past the point of aggravation, and encouraged me to personally surrender to Jesus every step of the way. This is what Montreat is about.

I encourage you to let yourself be challenged. Take the time to make good friendships. Find ways to work hard with others towards a common goal – like through The Whetstone, SGA, sports, chapel band, or EtC. Get involved with residence life. It takes being willing to throw yourself into your time here. Invest in your college experience and in the lives of those around you. Don't hold back.

I don't have any regrets. And I would do it all over again. College can be a difficult time, with lots of stress and no sleep. But if you get the most out of it while you can, you won't be sorry.

I have loved my time with the Whetstone. I think I've learned more professional skills through working with this organization than through any class. I've had the chance to meet people in the college I didn't even know worked here, and I've had a few chances to see the gears of what makes Montreat run.

I have been encouraged to discover that the people who make Montreat operate love the school and the students. They are committed to creating an environment where people can sharpen each other and get ready for their future. Thank you everyone for what you give to this community. It has changed my life.

Community, Propriety, and Goodbye

by Tim Tyson
Soon to be Former Editor in Chief

"We can do this Tim, we can get a paper started here, we can help to really build community," my former boss, current friend and Montreat Alum Tory Albertson told me over three and a half years ago.

It sounded exciting, it sounded like a huge challenge and this nebulous benefit known as community sounded pretty "tite."

Oh, if I only knew that "huge challenge" meant explosive amounts of work, in condensed doses coupled with very little sleep and extreme behind the scenes work. Nothing, of course, is inherently bad with any of that. Consumed over the course of years however, can make for a very tiring experience.

Looking on it though, there is nothing, no nothing in the world that I would trade for it. I look back on my college career and I don't think I just sucked the marrow out of life, I feel like I scratched the bone clear clean until there wasn't a single scrap of marrow left and still came up starving for more.

I am leaving still starving. But I am most definitely leaving ready to leave and prepared to leave. My toolbox has some excellent tools in it ready and

polished and I am eager to use them when the time is right.

Everything in its proper place and everything at its proper time. And yes, in my time at Montreat I have learned that there is a proper time for everything. I am 100% convinced that God brought me here, just like I 100% believe that he brought all of my fellow SASers here. It constantly amazes me that he takes so much time and effort to care for the littlest things in our lives.

As a side note with proper comes a provider said proper timing which is the creation of propriety and a predisposition to propriety which indicates a pre-ordained design which means, if anything, that I have convinced myself that I am at think I begin to understand what reformed theology may contain.

As far as my thoughts on the 'Treat are concerned, being of a masculine persuasion, of course, I am completely and irrevocably removed from any and all emotions. However, if I were to have emotions they could be said to be torn.

My time here at Montreat, and especially my time at the Whetstone has been incredibly blessed and I am amazed and humbled at the fact that God chose me to, in some part, be used, because I know I got so much more out of it than I ever gave.



N. Thomas

I guess my take home message is that at the end of the day I am exceedingly joyful that I was able to spend four years here at the 'Treat but it is just so hard to leave all the goomers at the Whetstone. I suppose I can console myself with this question I leave you all.

Ever seen a barn dance?

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chemistry minor to the curriculum, and faculty tenure and retention. The faculty have not received a pay raise in over four years and this year the tuition increase from 2003 will provide an enhancement of their cost of living allowance. Four new faculty members have been hired, and interviews are currently underway for three more positions to be filled. The board

recognizes that faculty tenure is an important aspect of the college's vitality.

In between lengthy and detailed reports on various committees, a more buoyant topic was discussed. Secretary Andy Andrews delighted in revealing the 18-foot wooden canoe handmade by a Montreat College Special Topics class. The money for the project was given

by an anonymous donor, and the boat will be auctioned off in the hopes of raising enough money to pay for another class in the fall. The class will participate in a launching ceremony on May 4, to ceremoniously steam-bend the stem of the next canoe to pass on to the next class.

The board recognized the president's secretary, Anne Ownbey,

who will retire in June after 25 years of dedicated service. "I never thought I'd spend more than a few years here," joked Ownbey, "and if you told me I'd be standing here before the board of trustees in 2004, I'd have drowned you out with my laughter." Ownbey looks forward to spending time with her husband and family.

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