

School and State

Presidential Candidates' Stance on the Issues

	CIVIL RIGHTS	DEFENSE	ENVIRON-MENT	HEALTH CARE	HOMELAND SECURITY	INTERNAT'L POLICY	SOCIAL ISSUES	TAXES & SPENDING
GEORGE W. BUSH	-Banks constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage -Has opposed and supported affirmative action -Opposes gay adoptions	-Has ordered limited NMD (National Missile Defense) system deployed by 2004 -Would increase military spending 4.2 percent	-Propose \$1.7 billion to develop hydrogen-powered fuel cells -Favors opening refuge for gas and oil exploration -Supports solution to improve air quality and mpg increase for SUVs	-Supports reducing drug costs for low-income patients and adding drug benefit to Medicare -Would place limits on patient lawsuits against HMOs	-Supports Patriot Act -Propose increasing budget to enforce immigration laws	-Authorized war to oust Saddam Hussein regime -More than \$1 billion proposed to reconstruct Afghanistan	-Opposes abortion except for rape, incest, or life of the mother -Supports death penalty -Signed No Child Left Behind (NCLB)	-Signed two tax cut bills -Reduce deficit by holding spending increases to 4 percent -Supports investing some Social Security in stocks
JOHN KERRY	-Against same-sex marriage, backs benefits, rights -Supports affirmative action -Supports gay adoption	-Opposes NMD -Invest in new equipment, technology; offer better pay, benefits for service people	-Promotes renewable fuel resources, especially ethanol -Opposes oil exploration in Arctic -Push new gas requirements, hybrid cars, hydrogen fuel	-Financial incentives to lower drug cost -Fund all health care by overturning tax cuts -Allow patients to sue HMOs	-Banks letting Patriot Act expire -Speed immigration process, border patrols	-Supported war, later said Bush misled nation -More international involvement to beat al Qaeda, secure peace	-Supports abortion -Opposes death penalty -Funds No Child Left Behind	-Repeal tax cuts for wealthy -Reduce deficit by watching corporate loopholes -Opposes privatizing S.S.

Chart adapted from CNN.com

Look for opinion pieces on Kerry, Bush, Nader and the undecided platform in the October 29 issue. If you are interested in writing in support of Kerry or Nader please contact us.

SGA Vice President On Strategic Planning

by Tony Moreau

Dr. Struble noted in his inaugural address that developing a strategic plan for the college was a high priority. In developing this plan, it is very important to first understand what we are to become, to envision the future, document it, and then develop strategies and initiatives to transform our present circumstances into that future condition.

Your SGA would like input from each of you on what the future looks like. Envision yourself in 2015 and write down what you observe by completing the phrase, "I see..." Describe the students in terms of their interests, family history, goals and objectives. What does the academic program look like? What is the composition of the faculty? What do students do when they

graduate: what is their impact on society? What does the campus look like? What is the relationship of the college to the greater Asheville area, the church, local business and ministries? Answers to these questions, will provide true insight into our values and the direction we need to seek.

Please send your Campus 2015 observationstoSGA@montreat.edu. All suggestions are forwarded to the Strategic Planning Committee. We also encourage you to register on the Strategic Planning Committee Web page and actively participate in the discussions and surveys.

Alumni and friends can also register and participate in the Strategic Planning process at www.montreat.edu/mymontreat.

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Letter from the Editor

by Kortney Blythe

Every year we send out at least one issue of *The Whetstone* to Montreat affiliates (alumni, parents, friends, board members, etc.), and every year people ask why. Current students (SPAS and SAS) and the Black Mountain community see every issue of the paper. But alumni and friends of the college often times miss out on what's happening from a student's perspective. I know that when I graduate I want to read *The Whetstone* along with *Class Notes* and *Reflections*, because a student newspaper puts a different slant on things and covers a wider range of topics and issues. However, one thing that's lacking in our publication is alumni input and involvement. If you are interested in writing about any number of things, from current events and news from abroad to book reviews

and opinion pieces, please e-mail whetstone@montreat.edu. And if something delights you, displeases you, or perplexes you about any aspect of *The Whetstone* please, please give us a call or e-mail or letter. We are constantly striving to improve *The Whetstone* and include in it what the students want to know and read. We push for excellence in everything because we are to glorify God in all we do; and what would it say if we praised Him with the "just get it done" junk that already permeates our society? In closing, thank you for taking the time to look over the paper and I hope that seeing Montreat news through students' eyes is refreshing and enjoyable!

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