

Students Save During Tax-Free Holiday

by April Heyward

North Carolina will hold its annual Tax-Free Weekend August 5-7, withholding state and local taxes for school related items. Students can benefit from the weekend if they purchase textbooks for under \$100 each.

Anyone interested in participating in the holiday can purchase their books at the Montreat bookstore during this weekend. They can reserve books by talking to Mark Neil and filling out a book reservation form before leaving school. Those filling out a reservation form must present credit card information.

Neil says students who take part in this event can save money they would have paid on taxes. Students also have a better chance of getting used textbooks because they are buying books before school starts.

This marks the third year Montreat has advertised the tax-free weekend to students. Last year students saved over \$2,400 by curtailing the sales tax.

For more information contact Mark Neil at 669-8012 ext. 3602

It's been wonderful to work with you Kortney! Congratulations on your graduation. We wish you every happiness. You will be greatly missed.

Love Always,
The Whetstone Staff



Kortney Blythe, c/o 2005

Editor in Chief

Hands and Feet Leaves Imprints in the Community

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Over 100 students volunteered their Saturday morning on April 16 to help paint, rake, and reorganize at the fourth annual Hands and Feet.

The day of service started at 9am when students congregated for breakfast in Howerton Dining Hall and received their work assignments.

"Over 100 people in the community are glad to know that people from Montreat College will go out in the community to help," Chaplain and Hands and Feet organizer Bill Cain told students during breakfast.

Sophomore Grant Metcalf spent his Saturday working at Camp Rockmont with a group of six students. "We spent the whole time in the office building moving furniture from the top floor to the

middle floor," Metcalf says. "We got to chuck couches from the second story window."

Many students, including members of the men's soccer team, worked at the Black Mountain Pool located at Lake Tomahawk. The group joined with other volunteers from the Black Mountain community to make repairs on the pool concrete walkway.

"[The city was] getting the area around the pool sorted," junior Keeva Watson said. "They were excited to see a big group of people willing to help and give their time."

Although community service is an important focus of Hands and Feet, Cain also encourages students to get to know the people they are helping. "It's a lot more than doing work for people. It's

about extending relationships."

Senior Kortney Blythe says she participated in Hands in Feet three times since being at Montreat. "A friend and I did yard work, raking around 10 garbage bags full of leaves and potting some plants for two elderly couples in Montreat. One of the men worked for Billy Graham and told the most amazing stories," Blythe said. "He told me about his travels, and most recently he was in Rome during the death of the pope."

She added: "Every time I've done Hands and Feet it's has been a great experience to meet people in the community and help them with things they can't do on their own."

Saturday dinner was held on Welsh Field to wrap up the day of community service.

Want your mail this summer?

E-mail your summer address to Mark Neil
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SGA Announcement

The Tuesday, April 5 convocation set-aside for SGA elections was postponed until the Fall 2005 semester. SGA is currently in the process of restructuring. To make suggestions, for more information or to participate, please contact Jeremy Burnett (box 828), Carizma Chapman (box 156) or Jeb Berkeley (box 22).

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