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## NC Governor Calls For Gas Conservation

by Joseph Chilton

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, North Carolina Governor Mike Easley issued a statement calling for all state residents to do their best to conserve fuel.

Ninety percent of North Carolina's gasoline comes from pipelines that run through the storm-ravaged states of Louisiana and Mississippi, causing a shortage of gasoline as well as high gas prices.

For many college students already on a tight budget, rising gas prices are putting a dent into

their wallets. According to Jazz Cathcart, "gas prices are really hurting me. I've had to raise the prices of the haircuts I give just to pay for gas." (For those concerned, "Jazz-E-Cuts" are now \$6.50 instead of last year's price of \$5.)

The cost to fill up has risen dramatically in the last few weeks, since several gas stations throughout the state have run out of gas, and other stations are driving up prices in response to consumers' scampering to find fuel. This situation has caused

gas to rise to an average of over three dollars per gallon, up from an average of \$2.24 per gallon just a month ago.

Because of the fuel shortage, Governor Mike Easley is asking that all state residents conserve fuel by limiting all non-essential driving. The governor urges citizens to make "smart choices such as carpooling when possible, taking the shortest travel routes, and using fuel efficient vehicles."

Public transportation is another feasible alternative to driving.

Mountain Mobility buses provide public transportation from the Montreat campus to Black Mountain. The loop costs fifty cents and picks up passengers eight times daily at Assembly Drive on the Montreat College campus. The Mountain Mobility buses run to the Black Mountain Bus Depot, where passengers can transfer onto buses running into downtown Asheville. These buses run five times a day and have a fare of one dollar.

President Bush has opened up the nation's oil reserves and

many of the pipelines through the gulf region are being repaired, so gas prices should begin to fall in the immediate future. The pipelines that run to North Carolina are currently running at 25 to 35 percent of their capacities. Until these pipelines are back to 100 percent, however, it is important that people limit unnecessary fuel use until North Carolina's fuel supply has stabilized and gas prices have begun to drop to a reasonable level.

## S.A.L.T. 2005

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In the evenings, the group will hold outdoor worship services for the community, and they will attend the Sunday morning service, showing their commitment to the body of Christ with the Ocean Springs congregation before heading home to Montreat on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Cain anticipates that this will be the first of several relief trips to the devastated areas on the

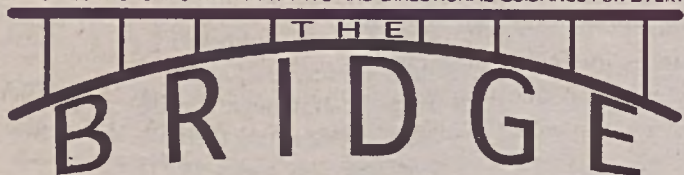
gulf coast.

Those not able to attend S.A.L.T. 2005 are encouraged to make the commitment to volunteer in the community. Below are a list of the majority of places and contact information that Montreat was scheduled to serve during S.A.L.T. 2005.

In the words of Dr. Cain, "roll up your sleeves and show the love and compassion of Christ."

## SGA to The BRIDGE

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Student Government has been transformed into what is now known as The BRIDGE (Building Relationships with Initiative and Directional Guidance for Everyone). The organization creates the pathway for students to communicate their needs through the correct and efficient venues. They are also a link for students that want to start new clubs on campus. The BRIDGE

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**Hub Powell**  
Business professor teaching Servant Leadership, Introduction to Business and Organizational Behavior. "The thing I like the most about Montreat is the delightful nature of the students."



**Cindy Powell**  
English professor in Asheville Cherokee SPAS earned a Ph. D from Kentucky. Powell, is most looking forward to, "Working with fabulous faculty, students, and staff."



**Andrew Bobilya**  
Assistant Professor in the Outdoor Education Department. Bobilya says he is, "excited about the Christ-Centered focus, smaller classes and relationships with students."

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