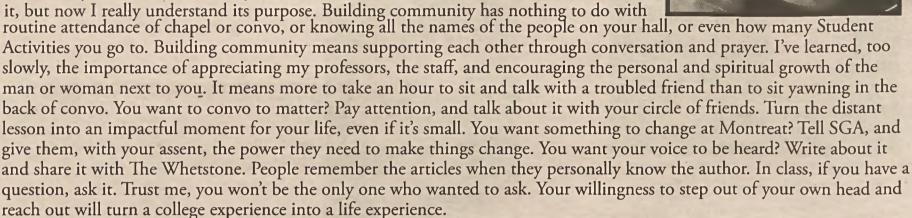
## FROM THE EDITOR

How on earth did four years go by so quickly? I feel like it was just August of 2006, and I had just pranced onto campus with my mom and brother. With a roommate I wasn't quite sure I would like, and intentions for an American Studies degree, I had no idea where my college career would take me. My first two years here were pretty rough, on a personal front, but now here I am—and I've somehow ended up with some of the best memories of my life.

Just last night, I turned in my senior thesis, and I've never been more proud of myself. Why did God do this to me? Why is He so intent on blessing me with such abundance? I've spent three years working with the newspaper and its awesome staff, I'm living in a great big house with my two best friends—we end up talking every night, and weeping

together about the goodness of the Lord—and my future seems so bright.

I never thought I would become such a Montreat cliché! I talk about building community all the time. Seriously. I made fun of it for months when I first heard about it, but now I really understand its purpose. Building community has nothing to do with routine attendance of chapel or convo, or knowing all the names of the people on your h

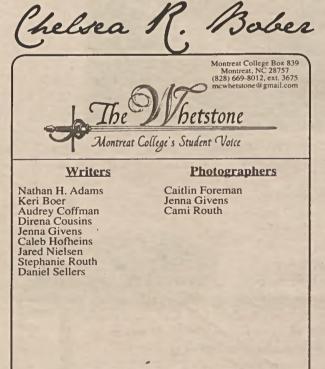


I can't believe I'm graduating in just a few short days. I've tried on my cap and gown twice, and each time, I find myself more staring into the mirror, wondering who that grown-up lady is. In these last years, my life and my heart have changed almost as often as my hair color, and I wish I had more space here to speak to the people who have walked with me.

To my great pleasure, I'd like to announce my formidable successor to the crown of The Whetstone, Arilicia Adkins. She's proved to be a great asset to the newspaper, and I'm glad to call her my friend. I'm confident that The Whetstone will

continue along an exciting path with Arilicia at the helm.

To Amanda, Arilicia, and Jared—I leave The Whetstone in your capable hands. Above everything else, I have felt so incredibly accepted and loved in your company. Thank you for letting me lead you in haphazard circles that somehow resulted in a newspaper every month.



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"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17



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