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Montreat College's Student Voice

King of Hearts

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The Thursday before Valentine's Day each February sees four men compete in the annual King of Hearts competition, Montreat's longest running student activity. No one knows the exact origins of this magnificent display of Montreat's greatest examples of manhood. Some say Chaplain Steve's arrival on campus



This year's gladiatorial competition for the hearts of Montreat's female populace consisted of

Freshman Seth McCleary, Sophomore Brock Gudeman, Junior Daniel Dunn and Senior Daniel

Lattimore. Before the night afforded these legitimate contenders the opportunity to introduce themselves, campus pariahs Patrick Connelly, Don Shepson and Steve Woodworth hijacked the proceedings. Their querulous video showed the students exactly why faculty remain judges and not participants. In stunning costume, Doris Day, Axl Rose, Bono, and Chaplain Steve presided; skeptical, seasoned judges.

Immediately, Daniel Dunn separated himself

from the rest in a risky introduction that lacked the standard video. The risk paid off and Dunn's persona as 'The Most Interesting Man in the World' set the stage for his eventual crowning. The videos included a



broad range of campus characters, including Hub Powell's interesting eulogy of Seth McCleary and Dottie Schuman's mad accordion skills (wildly inadequate for Brock's high standards).



The playing field leveled during the talent competition. Each potential king put his best foot forward, highlighted by the night's only standing

ovation; Joo Weon Kim's panoply of Judo skills. Brock's musician ego enabled his amazing rendition of Flight of the Conchord's 'Most Beautiful Woman'. Daniel Lattimore's unmatched yo-yo skills emerged, once again, impressing the crowd and Imari Scarborough.



The Question & Answer time, always a point of stress for the contestants and a highlight for those reveling in socially awkward moments, delivered. Q&A standout, Daniel Lattimore, brought an interpreter, Nathan Adams, culminating in an image of Nathan and Bill Forstchen spending an afternoon together shopping; high comedy, to say the least.

effort by the four contestants. This year's King of Hearts showcased Montreat's uniquely diverse and talented students in an impressive venue. Each contestant's hard work bore fruit in the wildly entertaining evening. Finally, it is fun to see our community have fun in an appropriate manner, avoiding the cheap and easy jokes of vulgarity.

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inaugurated the event as a means to display such Davidic features. Others contend Montreat's ladies demanded the first class of male students to undergo an initiation of public Q&A sessions. Widespread abasement ensued. Still others say the torpor of cold February winters simply demands some gambol to arouse the lethargic.



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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses."

Matthew 18:15-16