

The Whetstone

Montreat College's Student Voice

Spring Has Sprung

From The Editor

Hope everyone has been enjoying the Whetstone this year. We have had lots of fun getting each issue out for all to read. If you have an idea for an article or wish to write one, go for it! Email it to someone on staff and we will try to get it in the next issue. Hope to hear from you!

-Nic Gerstrung

It's About That Time

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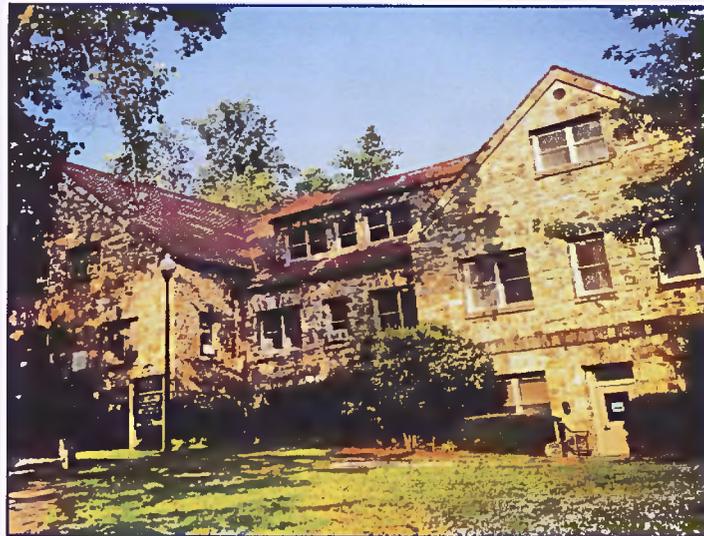


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In the 1940's, legendary boxer Joe Louis responded to his approaching brawl with the light heavyweight champion Billy Conn with the famous quote, "You can run, but you can't hide." What history doesn't tell us is that he was actually referring to a seasonal epidemic that we will soon embark upon: Spring Fever. Before I go on, let's review what an epidemic is so that we can fully appreciate and grasp it's meaning.

Spring Fever is an infectious and undesirable disease more severe than the flu or your average cold. It preys like the hungry lion preparing to pounce on the innocent gazelle. We are the gazelles. There is no way of knowing when

Spring Fever is going to attack or who will be the first victim; no one is safe. Although it is not fatal, once you are infected, it will not quit until it has abolished your time management skills, diminished your academic ambitions, and magnified your singleness.

You know you're on the radar when you find yourself staring out the window during your

Stats class dreaming of soft, green fur cushioned under your toes

while you're taking your sweetheart of three weeks on a dreamy stroll to discuss future plans and wedding arrangements. If the sudden urge to exit the friend zone comes upon you, re-evalu-

ate your exit strategy because there is no escaping. Delete your Taylor Swift station on Pandora before

your girlfriend finds out and wonders why her voice isn't enough for you.

Spring Fever is very real. It is upon us. At the first sign of contamination, know that admitting you're a gazelle is the first step to being criticized, ridiculed, and shunned by your roommate, friends, professors, and mother. Now that every hopelessly romantic Montreatian is aware of the truth behind this epidemic, there is no denying the affect it has on us. May you all prance in the sunlight while plucking pink pedals and shamefully whispering to yourself, "He loves me. He loves me not." You can run, but you can't hide.

ep-i-dem-ic
noun

a widespread occurrence of an infectious, undesirable disease in a community at a particular time

Synonyms: outbreak, plague, pandemic, craze