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## Should smoking be banned?

the thousands and thousands of years America and the rest of the world have had to put up with cigarette smoke. Here at Montreat-Anderson people smoke pipes, cigars and mostly cigarettes.

A proposal before the SGA has sought to discourage smoking. This proposal includes the following provisions:

1.Remove all cigarette machines from all lobbies. 2. Ban all smoking in Gaither Lobby.

3. Remove all ashtrays from dorm lobbies.

4. Forbid smoking in the cafeteria except in a specially designated section.

The snonsmokers argue that smoke harms nonsmokers who have rights to breathe clean air. If these people succeed with their plans, the Montreat-Anderson student body will be split. We don't need another split in our student body. It is so unfortunate that a thing as trivial as smoking can and will cause dissension.

If the National Nonsmoking Organization sought to destroy smoking and outlaw cigarettes and succeeded, in following my home town of Winston-Salem and in the State of North Carolina people will lose their jobs. Farmers will be poor because they will be unable to sell their tobaccoe. Between 30 and 40 per cent of Winston-Salem citizens work in Reynolds Tobacco Company. This would touch off a chain of events that would eventually close down my town.

> These are the long term effects of the nonsmoking campaign. Is it worth all this?

> "I'm a man, I'm not a fool, Go out and get me a pack of Kools."

## Letter to the editor

Death of a duck

Dearest Editor: Upon arriving on the Montreat-Anderson College

# The ethics of griping

### by Robert Heeth

"You know, I've heard a lot of complaints that the newspaper is turnig into a gripe sheet."

"Oh really?" I said.

"Yeah, three-fourths of the last issue was gripes." I reflected for a moment, and came to the conclusion that my friend needed to brush up on on his grade-school math. The sum total of official griping was done by me in one innocent editorial, which Louisa May Alcott could not have written more mildly. Our second page also contained a satirical letter to the editor (I trust no one will criticize us for printing letters to the editor), an article on a legitimate news item-a petition against the Honor Council-which gave equal space to statements from both sides, and an editorial by R. B. Wilkins, which was uncontroversial except for the inclusion of the word-"change", which has been generally acknowleged throughout the ages as being an extremely radical term.

We realize that many students who are firm Christians do not believe that we have any business criticizing students or faculty, especially by name, for this disrupts unity, disturbs the Christian atmosphere on the campus and hurts the feelings. of the persons concerned. Without seeming to be too harsh or callous, we must reply that we are sorry for offending anyone, but our words cannot help but sting it they have a point. we have an obligation to examine, scrutinize, and (in editorials, which by their nature reflect a single point of view) evaluate the performance of our faculty and student leaders in fulfilling their special obligations as members of a community which is publicized and marketed as Christian. OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO CRITICIZE from an ivory tower perch but to act as sounding board for student and faculty opinion. We do not subscribe to the view that griping is basically evil. We believe the opposite-that arguments and dissensions brought out into the open heal and unify a society. I personally have found that trying to write down a complaint helps me to evaluate the logic-or illogic-or my arguments. In the end I will have either cheerfully abandoned a weak position or come away better equipped to defend it.

to the editor. Present the facts in an irreproachable manner, and try to stick to subjects which have deeper moral and philosophic meanings than just your own hurt feelings. Be aware that you may suffer for what you say with insults, lost friendships or lowered grades, but also remember that if you have a clear conscience nothing can hurt you.

#### **OOPS!**

Our attention has been brought to two factual errors which appeared in the last issue of **Dust in the Corner**. On the first page, in a story entitled "Freshmen to elect officer," we implied that freshmen, though as you know all students had a chance to vote.

On page three, in "College counselor guides students," we said that: "In other areas, the results showed potential computer salesmen, chemists, physicists and accountants among the M A C freshman class." This was a mistake of the editor. Actually the results showed that freshmen were significantly lacking in interest in those fields, as instructors McDuffie, Morris and Cope probably already know.

uck campus, I remember that the and to first thing that caught my eye door

was the overwhelming beauty of its surroundings. During the first week or so of school, someone mentioned to me the fact that there was a conservation club and that its main duties were to preserve the beauty of the campus and its facilities. "Wow! that's great," I thought, but there was no way for me to work it into my schedule. I heard later that the club was to clean trash from a nearby lake, but again it was impossible for me to work it into my busy day.

Four weeks ago I heard that the Conservation Club was planning on removing the ducks from our pond because of some problems they were causing for the pond and sleeping students in Howerton. I thought for awhile on this matter and decided that if anyone would know what to do with this problem, the Conservation Club would, so I let it go at that.

Well last Tuesday night I wandered into Davis dorm and made my usual journey from the first floor lobby to my forever cluttered room. I was almost to my door when a strange yet distinct odor slapped me in the face, and and towards the kitchen. The door was shut, but still the fragrant aroma was pouring from under like smoke from a burning house. I cracked the door and peeked in and much to my surprise, there stood Jim Bridgeman perched over what could have well been Thanksgiving dinner! For those of you who don't know, Jim is the president of our Conservation Club!

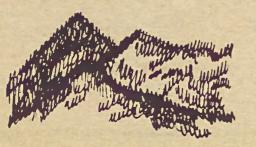
Well I gathered some more information from reliable sources and the facts were startling. First of all, Jim was cooking one of our ducks from the pond that night. From what I understand he slipped into the night, with his bow and arrow, and like an African Pygmy, or something of that nature, sent an arrow through the heart of a duck, producing a one man sheesh-ka-bob.

Needless to say I was enraged! The cruelty of this matter is something to be reviewed by the Honor Council as this "was not becoming of a Montreat-Anderson College student" (student handbook, page 35, paragraph three). Something must be done, as that these guys are so cruel they'd probably kill Bambi! I think the name Conservation Club is too much of an exaggeration; how about the Cannibal Club? eh?

"To Smoke or Not to Smoke -That Is NOT The Question"

As long as the beginning of time people have smoked something or another. Since the beginning of time people have smoked something or another. Across

For those of you who can think and write logically, we welcome you to express your opinions on any subject in a letter



lured my body down the hall

Moose Wall

There's a thing called punishing the dog to such an extent that he bites back— Greg Stewart

Some people would even shoot the dog- Dean Wilson

