

# Dust in the Corner

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## Should smoking be banned?



"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

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 in-  
cludes 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 nonsmokers argue  
that smoke harms non-  
smokers 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 un-  
fortunate 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  
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 Com-  
pany. 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

campus, I remember that the  
first thing that caught my eye  
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 con-  
servation 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 Hower-  
ton. I thought for awhile on  
this matter and decided that if  
anyone would know what to do  
with this problem, the Con-  
servation 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  
lured my body down the hall

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?

Moose Wall

## 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 acknowledged 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 if 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.

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

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 im-  
plied 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.

*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

