

Editorial: Commentary

Conservation

FUN FOR ALL

One not infrequent complaint heard at Montreat is boredom. This strains credibility. There is a wide variety of amusement here for enterprising students. One should never lack something to do. As we see it, the only problem is selecting the proper activity. In order to make your choice easier, we thought it wise briefly to discuss inexpensive, popular diversions at our school.

Rock-hopping is something suggested for the health-minded. Necessary equipment includes a tattered pair of tennis shoes, sturdy ankles, and reckless daring. It is in particular favor in the spring. Still, as rock-hopping is excellent insurance against thick blood, and other infirmities of advancing age, such sport is appropriate for the entire school year. A caution to would-be participants: Avoid misses, since wet clothing leads eventually to the infirmary.

Unfortunately, the above exercise involves only half the limbs. The rest may be taken care of in Howerton Cafeteria. We mean, of course, food-throwing. This is a perennial favorite among students. Necessarily, the hurler must have a strong, accurate arm as well as a healthy disregard for Amy Vanderbilt. Discretion is an item best left out.

A milder activity and an uncommon one, is petting dead cats. So far as we know, such pleasure is a rarity. The necessary equipment should be cold and stiff. Further, it should be appropriately placed below the steps at Gaither. To participate you need to be an early riser. The essential commodity is usually found only before eight o'clock classes.

Perhaps animal lovers wish to seek more vicarious excitement. As you wish. Car owners have an unexcelled chance for great fun. Racing over speed breakers affords much bracing refreshment. However, it contributes to the chiropractor's livelihood and should not be done in excess. Nevertheless, one should not discount its social value. Conversations with Pete Post and his associates are always informative.

Talk brings us to more sedentary pastimes. Lying gives the creative hobbyist reward for his carefully cultivated talent. An appearance before Honor Court is truly something to write home about; though the chances are you will be able to tell the folks in person. It all depends on the liar's level of attainment in his craft. Montreat-Anderson lacks appreciative judges of skillful fabrications. Therefore, it is best to air one's falsehoods off campus.

Another less ambitious skill that can be practiced repeatedly is coughing. Competition is fierce and matches are regularly scheduled for 9:50 A. M. on Fridays. To make the best showing, those included should be as near the front of Gaither as possible. Remember, your best critic is the man speaking.

We realize some students lack the phlegm or audacity for vocal amusement. You have not been neglected. Certainly, the least demanding and possibly the most tranquil recreation is watching the leaves change colors. In this way, the eager scholar is able to avoid weariness while dispelling confusion. By gazing at nature's handiwork, the relaxed student returns to his studies able to judge that Nero had a distaste for Christians. And that brings us to our final area of entertainment. Yes, studying is an exacting activity. While not on a par with Honor Court offenses, it offers smug satisfaction to the faddists who make it a practice.

Memo -- "Shut up," he explained. -- from Ring Lardner.

Montreat-Anderson's Conservation Club is beginning a new season and will bring "life" to the MAC campus on dull weekends. The club features many exciting activities. The most publicized activity is the club's annual bear hunt. This involves a delicious, off campus, breakfast before dawn. Then the club heads for the woods armed for action as the dogs seek a trail. Throughout the year, turkey shoots and skeet shoots provide the sportsman with enjoyment. Canoeing trips and hikes are also sponsored by the club. And of course there is the hayride.



Last year's club

Community service is rendered through beautification work projects. Also the stocking of Lake Susan with hundreds of fighting trout is the club's idea of enjoyable work. Club members form a FIRE FIGHTING UNIT, recognized officially by the Catawba District of the U. S. Forest Service.

It is obvious that the club has an active purpose. Representative Roy Taylor, Chairman of National Parks and Recreation subcommittee, has commended the club for its efforts. Also the club was featured in a two page spread on the 1967 May issue of "Wildlife" in North Carolina. It fulfills its purpose of "enjoying to the fullest the natural resources of streams and woodlands and wildlife."

All students, especially girls, are invited to join and participate in club activities.

