

# Dust in the Corner

# Are students responsible?

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"I'm Not Crazy, I'm Not a Fool and I don't think we're in High School"

This year we have faced a lot of decisions as young adults: the referendum on smoking (that long last dead subject), and who will represent us on the Honor Council and in Student Government.

Sometimes I feel we are not in college but in high school at a private boarding school.

The other day someone was watching T.V. and a monkey came on T.V. acting funny which started several people laughing. It just so happened that it was after study hours, but that person was confronted and told to restrain himself.

I think some people when they have a job they overlook the human element and take their job too far.

Last issue Corner published a cartoon on punishing a dog too much inasmuch as the dog bites back. If a person who is supposed to keep order in the dorm keeps bugging people on every least little thing instead of making friends, he will lose.

This is not a radical editorial. I'm not cutting down anyone in particular. But a warning to the wise will be sufficient.

I hate to bring up the smoking issue. But it is my

baby because I chaired a committee that studied it. I wanted the students to vote on this issue as a referendum (meaning we had the final say). There was a vote from the SGA and now we only have an opinion to be put to people (administration) who will take care of it.

I even heard one student say, "I DON'T BELIEVE THE STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO HANDLE THIS."

Do you think you are not responsible? I don't. I have faith in the Montreat-Anderson College student body. I feel you will always make the right decisions. You are adults in a community. You are one in a body.

You Bad, You Cool  
I Have Faith in My School.  
Merry Christmas  
See you Jan. 12, 1976.



R. B. WILKINS and his twin brother Donald.

## Library or Romper Room?

by Robert Heeth

Campus controversies at Montreat seem to generate a lot of heat but die quickly, leaving the wood relatively unscorched. I remember last year when a blunt comment by an administrator to a student inspired a few silly petitions demanding that the administrator apologize or resign, be fired, drawn and quartered, boiled in oil, etc. Faced with fierce and unrelenting apathy, this controversy sizzled and died.

This semester's burning issue (no pun intended) seems to have gone the same route, though no official action has killed it yet. I'm speaking of course of the proposals to limit smoking in indoor public places. This issue also generated some thoughtless comment, including suggestions that smokers may find it difficult to gain admission through the pearly gates. Reactions by smokers were equally ridiculous, including one assertion that smokers have a "constitutional right" to smoke wherever and whenever they please. There is no such right, of course. Smoking may be limited wherever the authorities wish to limit it, with smokers given the option to extinguish their tobacco or move to a more hospitable location.

Mrs. Massey is to be commended for at least bringing to our attention a medical and moral question which is being debated at colleges around the country. Students and faculty at Chapel Hill recently voted to ban smoking in classrooms by a 4-1 and 6-1 margin respectively. The proposals never really had a chance, though. Most non-smokers at M-A C simply don't see cigarette smoke as being that much of a problem.

Meanwhile, one of the most potentially fiery campus issues has been left untouched. I'm referring to the problem of excessive noise in the library. It is almost impossible for many of us to study well in the library, especially in the evenings. Though no one is making any loud noise, the cumulative effect

of all the whispering, laughing and blaring records is as disturbing as a leaky faucet or a rat gnawing at your bedposts.

Normally, the main area of the library should be kept quiet for studying, with the area downstairs and the rooms reserved for conversation. Yet the people who want to study flee to the rooms (sometimes with cotton in their ears) while the quiet areas are engulfed in noise. The librarians, who keep a list of noisemakers, say that many of the worst offenders are student leaders, such as SGA members and hall counselors.

This should not be a question of rules and punishments, but a simple matter of respect for others' needs. Many of us desperately need to do well on our final exams. If we are bothered by someone's noise, we should not be afraid to ask them to be quiet. We should avoid all conversation, lest our whispering offend others (all of us have been at fault in this matter).

If the noisemakers ignore repeated requests to be quiet, they should be ejected from the library and prevented from returning until the matter is straightened out in a joint conference with the head librarian and the Dear of Students.

### A "Pity Party"

"My son, keep sound wisdom and discretion," and never again try to publish a special edition around final exam time. At this writing I don't know what this edition is going to look like, but enough of my staff have come to me complaining of their work load to dampen my hopes.

Moose and Judy tell me that they haven't received much response from our student poets about the creative edition. This is about what I expected. I also expect some joker to tell me that there were too many poems and stories by members of our staff and not enough by other students. At which point I will probably reveal my Mr. Hyde personality with a subhuman snarl.

All "pity partying" aside, we sincerely hope you enjoy our creative edition. As every edition, it took a lot of love and dedication to produce.

As you would know if you read the SGA minutes regularly, we received permission from the SGA several weeks ago to sell ads to defray the expenses that our budget of \$1095 doesn't cover. We figured that instead of trying to get more student activities money out of the SGA, which could be used to get better movies or music groups, we would use the avenues of money-raising that are available to us. So next semester we will begin to sell advertising to local businesses.

Meanwhile, may God bless you with an merry Christmas and an enjoyable - and sober - New Year!

## Letter to the editor

Dear Students,

Since we are nearing the half-way point of this year and entering final examinations, I think a few remarks are appropriate. Without hesitation, I can readily state that this is the best year to date for Montreat-Anderson College. Cooperation and support from both faculty and students have been outstanding. The way everyone came back in August with a positive and enthusiastic attitude was so encouraging. The incoming students seemed to catch the friendly spirit of the student counselors and officers.

Aside from relatively few problems, student - student relationships and student-faculty relationships have grown in a real and meaningful way. I see students and faculty interchanging all over campus both on academic and informal matters. Very little complaining has been done by either faculty or students about conditions or issues. This mutual respect and

positive attitude leads to greater achievement and a happier daily life.

Every employee of Montreat-Anderson College is here to serve the students within a Christian fellowship. This servitude goal is not to be confused, however, with lowliness or deference. Nor is superiority a matter of status, rank, academic degree, position, age, etc. Our goal should be to serve God and others by making the best of our own individual talents and abilities.

Let me encourage both students and faculty to strive hard through exam time to help one another, love one another, and particularly to love the Lord with all your hearts. With this attitude and effort, final exams and Christmas will certainly have real meaning. May this Christmas be a blessing to you so upon your return in January, you will be fully refreshed and optimistic about the future.

Most cordially,  
Dean Wilson

## Congratulations to Virginia Meldahl

Congratulations are due to Virginia Meldahl, a M A C freshman, who was recently notified that a poem of hers, "Untitled," will be included in the Bi-annual Anthology of College Student's Poetry, published by National Poetry Press.

Virginia, who does the artwork for *Dust In The Corner*,

is not sure which of her poems was selected. "I never title my work, and I sent in so many. I've narrowed it down to two poems, but then again it could be something entirely different."

Anyway, Virginia will find out when the book is published. Samples of her work are in this Christmas edition of the *Corner*.

